St Asaph City Council

Summary of Meeting

Date of meeting;	13th April 2022
Meeting:	Full Council Meeting of St Asaph City Council
Members Present:	Cllr Peter Scott (Mayor) Cllr Joanne Ellison Cllr Michael Gedd Cllr Leanne Groves Cllr Linda Griffiths Cllr Colin Hardie Cllr Peter Morton Cllr Barbara Rust Cllr Barry Townsend
Apologies for Absence:	Cllr John Roberts Cllr Rosalind Williams Cllr Andrew Thomas Cllr Leanne Groves gave apologies as she was unable to join until later due to technical difficulties.
NOTE	A number of councillors experienced technical difficulties during the meeting.
Declarations of Interest	13 Cllr Scott as Treasurer of the Bowling Club.

Resolutions (Decisions) Made

Agenda Item	Subject	Resolution:
2.	Declarations of Interest	To appoint Cllr Hardie as Chair for item 13 in the absence of the Mayor and Deputy mayor.
4.	North Wales Police	To instruct the Clerk to arrange a meeting with the Police, Denbighshire Enforcement Team and Members of the Public.
7.	Minutes	To receive and approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th March 2022.
9.	Finance	a) To approve the payments schedule, total value £11467.39. b) To receive and approve the finance report;

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		To approve the Clerk's attendance at the Wales Training Seminar. To approve the release of cheque number 4573. c) To approve the schedule of direct debit payments for 2022-2023. d) To approve the cancellation of invoice number 2021.003 £25.
10.	Planning	**a) Application 46/2022/0228** **Re: Erection of extension and alterations to dwelling** Hendre Glascoed Road, St Asaph **Application 46/2022/0229** **Listed Building application re the above** That the Clerk is to advise Planning Department the City Council has no objections to this application. **b) Application 46/2022/0315** **Re: Erection of a single storey extension to dwelling** **The Croft Upper Denbigh Road, St Asaph** That the Clerk is to advise Planning department the City Council has no objections to this application. **c) 46/2021/1161** **Re: Erection of 113 dwellings, construction of new vehicular access and associated works** **Land off upper Denbigh Road, St Asaph** That the Clerk is to advise Planning Department that the City Council objects for the following reasons: 1. The land is entirely unsuitable for development, further development at this site constitutes over development and intensification at the site; 2. Priority should be given to developing brown field sites, in line with this Government's Levelling Up agenda. Note there are already plans to

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10.	Planning	redevelop the Denbigh North Wales Hospital (which will put further pressure on the A525 and local services, schools and infrastructure); 3. The proposed entrance/exit location onto the A525 is dangerous. It is on a dip and bend, prone to flooding, and remains wet for long periods during winter months due to foliage; 4. The proposed development is unsustainable. The A525 through St Asaph from Upper Denbigh Road to the A55 junction already suffers from chronic congestion heightened at peak times. The High Street is a bottleneck and does not allow large vehicles (buses, vans and HGV's) to pass both ways. At times the traffic stretches onto the A55 roundabout. Building more houses will only exacerbate the problem and impair the quality of life and safety for those who live along this route; 5. There has already been significant development in St Asaph (HM Stanley) and Denbigh (Cae Topyn and Cae Felin), which is adding pressure on local services and infrastructure. The national media has reported on long delays waiting for GP surgeries, ambulances and receiving hospital treatment, including A&E, at local hospitals; 6. Pure have yet to finish developing the HM Stanley site. There remains doubt over whether a partner will be found for the assisted living site at the centre of the development. If a partner cannot be found, then alternative housing should be built on this brown field site. There are still former hospital buildings standing empty, and unsold dwellings on the site; 7. St Asaph has already provided new additional housing at HM Stanley;

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10.	Planning	8. The proposed development threatens to change forever the character of St Asaph; 9. There is a need to have an environmental assessment completed at a more appropriate time of year (Spring/Summer) when more species are evident; 10. The cycleway access to join the main road presents safety concerns; 11. There is a need to clarify that negotiations with St Kentigern have been resolved to the satisfaction of the hospice re: the view and noise concerns for patients receiving end of life care; 12. Noise levels during the construction of the site, especially for St Kentigern patients; 13. Concerns that addressing flooding in the fields off Upper Denbigh Road is contingent upon the application being approved; 14. The lack of safe pavements on Upper Denbigh presents safety concerns for pedestrians from the new housing.
12.	Delegated Decisions	To approve and ratify the following decisions made by the Clerk, in consultation with the Mayor and deputy Mayor: • To fly the national flag of Ukraine on the Council's flagpole; • To allow Woodland Classroom Ltd to use Roe Plas weekly for Babi Actif sessions, subject to conditions; • To make a grant application for £9000 to the National Lottery Awards for All scheme for Jubilee events.
13.	Bowling Club	Cllr Scott entered the waiting room and Cllr Hardie chaired this item. The Council were unable to consider the matter until a written application, including costings is received.

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14.	St Asaph City Flag	To instruct the Clerk to write to the Bishop requesting details of the significance of the features of the proposals in terms of heraldry and report back to Council.
15.	Internal Control	To receive and approve Cllr Scott's report following his recent Internal control check.
16	Platinum Jubilee and Tenth Anniversary of City status	To instruct the Clerk to arrange an Events meeting to explore this matter.
17.	Mayor and Deputy Mayor 2022-2023	• To nominate Cllr Hardie as Mayor for 2022-2023; • To nominate Cllr Scott as deputy mayor for 2022-2023.
18.	**Correspondence:**	
a)	Letter from Kids Cancer Charity re: funding	Received
b)	E-mail from Benthyg re: Library of Things	Received;
c)	e-mail from a resident re: Natural Flood Management	Received
d)	Letter from Co-Options Ltd re: Letter of Thanks	Received
e)	e-mail from a resident re: Riverbank area	The Clerk is to invite the resident to the forthcoming meeting with the Police and Denbighshire.
f)	e-mail from a resident re: MUGA	To refuse permission for the resident to use the MUGA to hold classes on a regular basis.
g)	Letter from NALC re: Salary Award 2021/2022	To note and approve the new rate of pay for the Clerk with effect from 1st April 2021.
h)	e-mail from a resident re: HM Stanley text	The Clerk is to reply thanking the resident for her contribution to the amended information board and confirming that Council approved the revised text at its meeting in January 2022.

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i)	e-mail from Denbighshire re: Lighting Column St Asaph High Street	Resolved to grant permission for Denbighshire to excavate on City Council land to facilitate the repairs to the street lighting columns.