Cyngor Dinas Llanelwy St Asaph City Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of St Asaph City Council held on Wednesday 13th April 2022 at 7.00 pm with remote attendance via Zoom.

Present: Cllrs J Ellison, M Gedd, L Griffiths, L Groves, C A Hardie, P G Morton, B Rust, P Scott (Mayor) and B Townsend.

2022/071 Apologies for Absence

- Apologies were received from Cllrs Roberts, Thomas and Williams.
- Apologies were received from Cllr Groves who was late arriving at the meeting, due to technical difficulties.
- Technical Difficulties were experienced intermittently by some of the Councillors present.

2022/072 Declarations of Interest

- Cllr Scott declared an interest in item 13) as he is Treasurer of the Bowling Club.

Resolved to appoint Cllr Hardie as Chair for this item.

2022/073 Public Participation

- No members of the public were present.

2022/074 North Wales Police

PCSO Dave Jones was unable to attend the meeting. The Clerk read out his written report:

- Three incidents of shoplifting at a retailer. One offender has been arrested. The Pubwatch scheme is deemed to be a good vehicle for circulating pictures of offenders.
- Several neighbourhood altercations, due to outdoor parties;
- Several issues along the riverside re: antisocial behaviour. Members of the public have been verbally abused, with one person being assaulted. One afternoon the Police moved on over 70 people, only approximately five of whom were from St Asaph.

Resolved the Clerk is to write to the Police and Denbighshire Enforcement Team to arrange a meeting to address the problems along the riverside.

2022/075 Mayor's Report

The Mayor, Cllr Scott, gave his report:

- Attended a meeting with NWIMF re: the celebrations of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee;
- Attended a meeting with the Clerk to complete the quarterly internal control check;
- Attended a meeting in Mount Road to discuss traffic issues.

2022/076 County Councillors' Reports

Cllr Peter Scott

- Attended the Community Scrutiny meeting re: riparian landowners and flooding;
- Attended the Performance Scrutiny meeting;

- The dropped kerbs at Bishops Walk have been completed;
- Denbighshire are trying to address the flashing lights at the crossing near VP School;
- The request for speed indicator signs on the dual carriageway to Rhuddlan has been refused by Denbighshire;
- The problems with antisocial behaviour at the riverside have been reported to Denbighshire.

In response to a question about the likely installation date for the brown tourist signs on the A55, Cllr Scott will follow this up with Denbighshire.

2022/077 Minutes

The previous minutes of the meeting 9th March 2022 were discussed regarding accuracy (circulated prior to the meeting).

Resolved to approve the minutes of 9th March 2022 as an accurate record.

2022/078 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2022/079 Financial Management

a) The payment schedule was reviewed:

- The invoice for Denbighshire £2841.60 is for installation and taking down the Christmas Lights, which was paid at the end of March due to 14 days credit terms;
- Glascoed Timber's invoice is for the last two months.

Resolved to approve the Payments Schedule, total value £11,467.39.

b) The Finance report (circulated prior to the meeting) was discussed.

- The first section of the report detailed the variances between the end of year spending and the budget for 2021/22. Overall net costs were within £4472 of total budget;
- Welsh Water bills have refunded the usage charges re: the leak at Roe Plas in the summer of 2021;
- A new direct debit mandate for non-domestic rates at the Meeting Room has been signed, as the old mandate was no longer valid due to payments not being claimed.

Resolved to authorise the Clerk to attend the One Voice Wales Training Seminar at Llandrindod Wells and to approve the associated costs. The Clerk will endeavour to travel with other clerks to share costs.
Resolved that the cheque for £4668 is to be released after 1st May 2022.
Resolved to approve the income and expenditure budget and finance report.

c) **Resolved to approve the schedule of Direct Debit payments for 2022/2023.**

d) **Resolved to approve the cancellation of invoice 2021.003 for £25, as per the finance report.**

2022/080 Planning Applications

a) **Application: 46/2022/0228**
Location: Hendre Glascoed Road, St Asaph
Proposal: Erection of extension and alterations to dwelling
Application: 46/2022/0229
Proposal: Listed Building application for the above
Resolved that the Clerk should advise Planning Department that the Council has no objections to these applications.

b) **Application: 46/2022/0315**
Location: The Croft Upper Denbigh Road, St Asaph

Proposal: Erection of a single storey extension to dwelling
Resolved that the Clerk should advise Planning Department that the Council has no objections to this application.

c) **Application: 46/2022/1161**
Location: Land off Upper Denbigh Road, St Asaph
Proposal: Erection of 113 dwellings, construction of a new vehicular access and associated works
Resolved that the Clerk should advise Planning Department that the Council objects to this application on the following grounds:

I. **The land is unsuitable for development and the proposed development constitutes over-development and over-intensification;**
II. **Priority should be given to developing brown field sites in line with the levelling-up agenda. We note the plans to redevelop the North Wales Hospital will put further pressure on the A525 and local schools, services and infrastructure;**
III. **The proposed entrance/exit to the A525 is dangerous. It is on a dip and bend, prone to flooding and remains wet for long periods during winter months;**
IV. **The proposed development is unsustainable. The A525 through St Asaph from Upper Denbigh Road to the A55 already suffers from chronic congestion during peak times. Building more houses will exacerbate the problem and impair the quality of life and safety for those who live along this route;**
V. **There has already been significant development in St Asaph and Denbigh which is adding pressure on local services and infrastructure;**
VI. **Pure have yet to finish developing the HM Stanley site. If a partner for the assisted living site cannot be found then alternative housing should be built on this brown field site;**
VII. **St Asaph has already provided new additional housing at HM Stanley;**
VIII. **The proposed new development threatens to change forever the character of St Asaph;**
IX. **There is a need to have an environmental assessment completed at a more appropriate time of year (spring/summer);**
X. **The cycleway access to join the main road presents safety concerns;**
XI. **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;**
XII. **Noise levels during construction of the site are of concern, especially for St Kentigern patients;**
XIII. **Concerns that addressing flooding in the fields off Upper Denbigh Road is contingent upon the application being approved;**
XIV. **The lack of safe pavements on upper Denbigh Road presents safety concerns for pedestrians from the new housing.**

2022/081 Draft Statement of Accounts for 2021-2022

The Council reviewed the draft statement of accounts, which will be submitted for internal audit.

2022/082 Delegated Decisions

Resolved to approve and ratify the following decisions, made by the Clerk in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor:

No:	Decision
DD2022/0003	To fly a Ukraine flag on the Council's flagpole.
DD2022/0004	To allow Woodland Classroom Ltd to use Roe Plas weekly for Babi Actif sessions, subject to conditions.
DD2022/0005	To make an application to the National Lottery Awards for All for Jubilee Events for £9000.

2022/083 Bowling Club

Cllr Scott had declared an interest in this item and entered the waiting room. Cllr Hardie took the Chair.

A Bowling Club member had approached Cllr Hardie and the Clerk to explain an amended proposal for the fencing at the Bowling Club. No written proposals had been received from the Club. The majority view was that the matter could not be considered until a full written application had been received.

Cllr Scott re-joined the meeting and resumed the chair.

2022/084 St Asaph City Flag

The Council considered two proposals for a St Asaph city flag which had been put forward by the Bishop.

Resolved that the Clerk should write to the Bishop to ask for details of the significance in heraldry of the various features of the flag. The Clerk should also ask for the two options to be shown on a peacock blue background.

2022/085 Internal Control

Cllr Scott gave a report to the meeting following his recent Internal Control check.

Resolved to receive and accept the Internal Control Report dated 5th April 2022.

2022/086 Platinum Jubilee and Tenth Anniversary of City status

Cllr Scott reported that Goodfish had offered sponsorship for the weekend of celebrations.

Resolved that the Clerk will arrange a meeting of the Events Committee to consider the best use of these funds.

Cllr Scott will endeavour to obtain more information from the Company.

2022/087 Mayor and Deputy Mayor

The nomination received for Mayor was for Cllr Hardie.

The nomination received for Deputy Mayor was for Cllr Scott.

2022/088 Correspondence

a) Letter from Kids Cancer Charity re: Funding – received.
b) E-mail from Benthyg Cymru re: Library of Things – received.
c) E-mail from a resident re: Natural Flood Management - received.
d) E-mail from Co-Options re: Letter of Thanks – received.
e) E-mail from a resident re: Riverbank Area
   Resolved that the Clerk is to invite the resident to attend the meeting with the Police and Denbighshire enforcement.
f) E-mail from a resident re: MUGA
   Resolved to refuse permission for use of the MUGA for exercise classes as this facility should be available for use by the wider community.

g) Letter from NALC re: Salary Award 2021/2022
Resolved to approve the pay award, backdated to 1st April 2021, as per the Clerk's contract of employment.

h) E-mail from a resident re: the HM Stanley text
Resolved that the Clerk is to reply, confirming that the wording was approved at the January 2022 Council meeting and thanking the resident for her contribution.

i) E-mail from Denbighshire County Council re: Lighting Column
Denbighshire requested permission to excavate on the Common so that repairs could be effected to street lighting on the roadbridge, which was also affecting the City Council's footlights.
Resolved that the Clerk should reply, confirming that Council has granted permission for Denbighshire to excavate alongside the footpath on the Common, providing that they also obtained permission from NRW to excavate on the bund.

The meeting concluded at 8.20 pm

Date of Next Meeting

Meeting with remote attendance held 11th May 2022.

Signed ……
Chairman of the Full Council Meeting held 11th May 2022