Cyngor Dinas Llanelwy St Asaph City Council

Policy Resources & Finance Committee

Monday 6th December 2024 at 10.00 am, at the Community & Council Meeting Room, Roe Plas Meadow and with remote attendance via Zoom

Present: Cllrs Gedd, Grove, Hardie, Morton, Roberts and Scott.

2024/F13 Apologies for Absence

- Apologies were received from Cllr Williams.

2024/F14 Declarations of Interest

- None.

2024/F15 Minutes

Resolved that Cllr Gedd should sign the minutes of the meeting of 4th November 2024 as an accurate record.

2024/F16 Matters Arising

2024/F10 – the salmon has been covered to allow the wood to dry before restoration. Part of the plastic has been damaged. The Clerk is to ask Paul Liversidge to cover the sculpture as required.

2024/F10 – The work to the Cathedral clock is complete and they have submitted the invoice and request to draw down the funds. This is on the payment schedule for the December meeting.

2024/F12– The grant has been paid to Wales Air Ambulance.

2024/F17 Schedule of fees and Charges

The schedule of fees and charges was reviewed. The rent for Mill Race Meadow is likely to be below commercial rates, however the Council benefits from reduced maintenance, due to the grazing flock.

Recommended that Council approves the schedule of fees and charges, with the following amendments:

i. **The licence fee for the Football Club to remain at £750 per annum for 2025-2026, rising to £1000 per annum with effect from 2026-2027.**
ii. **Meeting Room hire to be free of charge for charities local to St Asaph, this to be with immediate effect.**

2024/F18 Budget 2025-2026

Cllr Scott outlined the draft budget for 2025-26:

- A new cost centre for "Community", to include £12,000 Library contribution, grants, defibrillators, Events and Christmas Lighting.
- Reserves are projected as £57,499 at the end of March 2025, which is within the recommended range. The budget provides for this to be built to £60,181 at the end of the year. This is a prudent measure to allow for emergency expenditure in view of the Council's land holdings.
- Council tax base has increased to 1680.

Recommended that Council approves the budget, as per the draft, for 2025-2026.

2024/F19 Precept 2025-2026

Recommended that Council approves the precept, as required by the draft budget.

2024/F20 Correspondence

The Clerk had responded to a Freedom of Information request and received further correspondence. The Council does not hold any further information.
Resolved to receive the e-mail, but to send no further reply.

2024/F21 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the following business.

2024/F22 Legal Matters

Cllr Scott gave an update to the Committee regarding a legal matter.

Meeting ended 10.45 am

Signed **……**
Cllr Michael Gedd

Chair of the Policy resources & Finance Committee at its meeting 10th March 2025