St Asaph City Council
Cyngor Dinas Llanelwy

Minutes of the Additional Full Council Meeting of St Asaph City Council held on 6 September 2016 at 7.00pm in the Community and Council Meeting Rooms, Roe Plas Meadows.

Present: Cllrs: J Ellison, M Gedd, C Hardie (City Mayor), J O Roberts, B J Rust, P Scott and R Williams (Deputy Mayor).

Clerk
H Stewart BEM

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: P Mitchell, Morton and D Owens.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **Public Participation**

There were no applications to address the Council.

4. **City Status**

Cllr Rust had sent a list of her ideas for the 5th anniversary celebrations to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. In the meantime Cllr Hardie had spoken with the manager of Oriel House to ascertain whether they would be interested in participating in any celebrations. The manager was more than happy to participate by perhaps sponsoring a hog roast or afternoon tea.

Cllr Hardie had also spoken with St Kentigerns but unfortunately it was too late in their calendar to slot in but they were happy to participate in some way. Cllr Thomas said he had also complied a list of suggestions and these were distributed to those present.

The main focus of the celebration would be the Flower Festival between 1st and 4th June, being organised by Janet Cameron and supported by the City Council. Cllr Rust was directly involved with this aspect through her membership of the local flower club.

Cllr Hodgkinson had spoken with John Hoskins and he would be delighted to produce a special piece of music in honour of the anniversary. It was suggested that this could be part of a concert.

Enthusiasm was high in the meeting but councillors agreed that they would need to keep the focus quite tight so that what they did they did well and that resources were not over stretched.

The main area around which the celebrations were to take place, would be the cathedral with the flower festival inside. The Dean was not averse to having other things organised in the car park such as an artisan or French market which might attract a reasonable number of people.

It was agreed that this project was too big for the Events Committee to take on by itself so the Full council would assume responsibility for bringing the celebrations together. The following calendar of

events over the four day period plus the councillors tasked with taking forward the various aspects of the arrangements are listed below:

Thursday 1st June – Opening of Flower Festival, French market and hog roast.

Friday 2nd June – French market, scarecrow competition, sports day.

Saturday 3rd June – French market, walking treasure hunt, evening concert.

Sunday 4th June – Closing of flower festival, evening church service.

Andrew Thomas and John Roberts – getting the various sports clubs involved through a sports day on the Friday.

Colin Hardie – Schools and choirs involvement in a concert. Contact with Pure Developers. Hog roast at Oriel House.

Joanne Ellison – Competition with the schools.

Denise Hodgkinson – exhibition of unique creations.

Barbara Rust – flower festival and scarecrow competition.

Ros Williams – Walking treasure hunt and contact with Honeywell.

Andrew Thomas and Colin Hardie – Tug of war, window competition.

The Clerk – French market, lottery funding.

Other suggestions to keep on the checklist include: High street clean up, flower baskets, bunting, fireworks, "special" guest, and library display.

Additional meetings of the Full Council would be arranged as and when to discuss just on this particular project.

The meeting concluded at 8.10pm

Signed .....
Chairman of the Full Council Meeting held on 14 September 2016