St Asaph City Council
Cyngor Dinas Llanelwy

Minutes of the Meeting of St Asaph City Council held on 13 July 2016 at 6.45pm in the Community and Council Meeting Rooms, Roe Plas Meadows.

Present: Cllrs: J Ellison, M Gedd, C Hardie (City Mayor), P Mitchell, P G Morton, 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: G D Hodgkinson BEM (DCC meeting), D Owens (holiday) and D A Thomas.

2. 5th Anniversary City Status

The Mayor had been approached by Janet Cameron about celebrating the 5th anniversary of City Status. She suggested a Flower Festival might be something the City Council would like to support and the Mayor had invited her to come and put her ideas to the Council.

Mrs. Cameron explained that she had not done anything like this before but was confident that with the help of Keith Smithers, who was experienced in designing and organising flower festivals in North Wales, she would be able to organise a festival for the City next year.

The Dean had confirmed there would be no cost for using the cathedral between Thursday 1st and Sunday 4th June and that a service could be arranged on the Sunday evening to close the Festival.

The costs associated for the flowers and other items such as publicity were uncertain at this point in time but £3000 for flowers would not be an unreasonable figure to work on. Assuming that costs could be covered by sponsorship and programme sales it was suggested that any surplus could be donated to St Kentigerns.

6.52pm Cllr P Mitchell joined the meeting.

Mrs. Cameron said it would be school half term during the Festival and that the Parish Church might organise something for the children. Mrs. Cameron said that she would do all of the work but was looking for the support of the City Council.

Cllr Roberts enthusiastically congratulated Mrs. Cameron on her idea and said the City Council should offer as much support as possible. Other Councillors endorsed these sentiments and it was agreed that the City Council would support Mrs. Cameron in her endeavors.

Mrs. Cameron left the meeting at 7.10pm.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

	Location: Bridge over River Elwy Adjacent to Spring Gardens, The Roe, St Asaph	

4. **Public Participation**

There were no applications to address the Council.

Cllr Williams arrived at 7.30pm

5. **Urgent Matters**

There were two matters of urgency brought to the attention of the Council by the Clerk.

i) Chestnut Tree in Play Area – The tree was so badly rotted that it was necessary to remove it. The cost would be in the region of £500.

ii) Gala – An enquiry had been made by the Gala Committee as to whether it had to pay the £65 for hire of the facilities on the day. It was agreed that the Council would support this community event by waiving the fee.

6. **Mayors Report**

The Mayor, Cllr Hardie reported that he had been fairly active in the past few weeks. Cllr Scott and he had met with Natural Resource Wales about the flood defenses. There was progress and work should be commencing in the not too distant future. There were discussions about what impact the defenses might have on the hedge around the bowling green which most probably would have to be moved.

Having attended a recent meeting of the library project group which had included Cllr Cowie and Cllr Williams, the Mayor informed Members that other sites within the City boundary had been discussed so as to ensure that a holistic approach was being taken. At times it seemed because of this wider discussion, that the aim of the project was a bit fuzzy. County officers however, confirmed that the £100,000 for the development of a hub was still in the budget and that Cabinet would be considering approving the money being carried over or for it to be or delegated to a Service budget in July.

The final matter the Mayor reported on was the Sunday afternoon Tea organised by his wife to raise funds for St Kentigerns. This had been very successful with tickets and donations raising over £700.

7. **North Wales Police Service**

This matter was brought forward and the report was received after Agenda Item 2.

Not too much time had elapsed since his last report and PCSO Jones had only three things to report this evening

Travellers in the area had been found taking metal from a skip but when challenged put it back. One case of anti-social behaviour had been reported of three boys throwing stones at ducks on the river and lastly the Pub Watch scheme was up and running with seven premises being represented at the meeting last week.

PCSO Jones was thanked and left the meeting at 7.20pm

8. **Reports from County Councillors**

There were no County Councillors present to give a report.

9. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2016 were approved subject to "town" being amended to"City" in para 4c) Flower Tubs.

Resolved that: The minutes be signed as a true record subject to the above amendment.

10. Matters Arising

Item 4c Flower Tubs – These needed planting out as soon as possible and to ask if DCC would maintain them. Cllr Rust suggested that they should be planted out with roses which would then avoid having to do seasonal planting.

Item 4b Gala Group – Cllrs Morton, Roberts and Williams would be meeting with the Group again for a pre-event inspection, most probably on 1st or 2nd of August.

11. Financial Management

Resolved that: The schedule of payments as listed below be approved for payment.

Payee	Chq No		Net		Vat		Gross	Item
G Pendleton	3526	£	149.00			£	149.00	Caretaking Services
NMWALC	3527	£	15.00	£	-	£	15.00	Lunch
JDH Business Services	3528	£	315.00	£	63.00	£	378.00	Internal Audit
	3529	£	-	£	-	£	-	CANCELLED Chq
MBD	3530	£	88.00	£	-	£	88.00	Repairs Sports Pavilion Gutters
Zurich	3531	£	2,189.48	£	-	£	2,189.48	Annual insurance premium
Glascoed Timber	3532	£	2,465.70	£	493.14	£	2,958.84	Groaunds Maintenance
SAWFAB	3533	£	203.42	£	40.68	£	244.10	Reapirs to barrier
SLCC	3534	£	69.00	£	13.80	£	82.80	Training Conference
C Hardie	3535	£	150.00	£	-	£	150.00	Incidental Civic Expenses
H Stewart	3536	£	643.68	£	-	£	643.68	Salary, Expenses & Mileage
D Kynaston	3537	£	120.00	£	24.00	£	144.00	Mayors Board Engraving
Abergele Trees	3538	£	500.00	£	-	£	500.00	Chestnut tree removed
Good Signs	3539	£	448.00	£	89.60	£	537.60	Additional Side to the Event Board
Totals		**£**	**7,356.28**	**£**	**724.22**	**£**	**8,080.50**	

12. Planning Applications

Application Ref No.	Location and Proposal	Recommendation
46/2016/0576	Proposal: Construction of replacement bridge over River Elwy Location: Bridge over River Elwy Adjacent to Spring Gardens, The Roe, St Asaph	No Objection

: 46/2016/0595	Proposal: Construction of retaining embankment Location: Disused Railway Track Off Track from A525 to Ysgubor-y-Coed, and Bryn Polyn Bach St Asaph	No Objection

12. Correspondence

Cllr Hardie reported that he had received a request from D I Roberts for £5000 towards some lighting. Members all agreed that the City Council was not in a position to fund this project.

The meeting concluded at 7.58pm

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