St Asaph City Council
Cyngor Dinas Llanelwy

Minutes of the Events Committee held on 26th July 2016 at 5.00pm in the Community and Council Meeting Rooms, Roe Plas Meadows.

Present: Cllrs: C Hardie (City Mayor), G D Hodgkinson BEM, P G Morton, B J Rust, and R Williams (Deputy Mayor).

Clerk
H Stewart BEM

In the absence of a Chairman the Mayor opened the first meeting of this Committee.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Roberts (holiday).

2. Chairman

Nominations for Chairman for 2016-17 were requested. There was only one nomination, which was supported by all those present.

Resolved that: Cllr Hardie (Mayor), be elected as Chairman for 2016-17.

3. Deputy Chairman

The process was repeated for the appointment of a Deputy Chairman.

Resolved that: Cllr Williams (Deputy Mayor), be elected as Deputy Chairman for 2016-17

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Public Participation

There were no requests to address the Council.

6. Action List

In the absence of an action list having been circulated the Clerk apologised and verbally shared what actions and events were still active from the work of the Events Working Group.

a) Fair Trade – this was not an event but more of an approach for the City to take. Updates on this item would therefore be reported to Full Council rather than be on the agenda for this Committee.

b) Winter Fair – Cllr Rust in conjunction with Cllr Roberts, had already booked the stalls for the Fair which would to take place on Friday 25th November at the Cathedral. Cllr Hardie had spoken to Luke Knightly about fairground rides being located in the grounds of the Cathedral.

c) Clean for the Queen – the Clerk brought this to the Committee for consideration. The national clean-up week end had been held in March 2016 and had been very successful with over 7500 events being organised and participants collecting over 300,000 bags of rubbish – an estimated 1,200 tonnes of litter. The groundswell of support was not going to be lost and the Chief Executive of Keep Britain Tidy had announced that the national event would take place again in March 2017.

7. Gala Fair

There was not much to report with the absence Cllr Roberts who had attended the last meeting of the Gala Committee. The application for a grant from the Council could not be progressed without a proper set of accounts and/or the presentation of a formal budget for the event. The use of Roe Plas Meadows was free and there had been a Participatory Budget of £300 awarded in 2016. Cllr Roberts was arranging a pre-event site inspection but the date for this was as yet, unknown.

8. City Status

Cllr Hardie suggested that the celebrations for the 5th Anniversary of becoming a City should be agreed at a Full Council meeting with the Events Committee organising whatever was agreed.

A special Council meeting to discuss this one item would be arranged for Tuesday 6 September 2016 at 7pm.

Ideas for consideration included an afternoon tea at Oriel Hotel, an artisan type market or French market, a firework display. Rather than one big event the celebrations could take place over two or three week-ends with the main focus being he Flower Festival based at the Cathedral.

The meeting concluded at 5.50pm

Signed .....
Chairman of the Committee held on 27 September 2016.