St Asaph City Council Full Council Meeting 14th May 2025

Please note:

1. All Full Council and Committee minutes are published on the City Council website once they have been approved by the Council or relevant committee. A summary of decisions will be published on the website within seven working days of the meeting.
2. For planning applications, please visit the Denbighshire County Council planning portal to view the application and documents.
3. Papers will be redacted to ensure that personal or confidential items are not disclosed.

Agenda Items:

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a. Payments Schedule:

The Royal Brit Legion 2025	Poppy Wreaths	£ 55.00
Phil Morris Pest Control Servs	Pest control services	£ 585.00
Brian Jackson	Metalwork services	£ 215.00
Natwest Bank Plc	Banking services	£ 9.80
Thorncliffe Bldg Supps Ltd	Trade Waste services	£ 78.72
Denbigh Locksmiths	Locksmith services	£ 75.00
CATalyst Systems Ltd	Software supply	£ 9.48
Designweb DMA Ltd	Website services	£ 90.00
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Thorncliffe Bldg Supps Ltd	Trade Waste services	£ 78.72
Snowdonia Fire & Sec Ltd	Fire protection servs	£ 54.00
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Cambrian Woodland Servs	Tree Surgery services	£ 2,190.00
Thorncliffe Bldg Supps Ltd	Trade Waste services	£ 59.04
Denbighshire CC	Non-domestic rates	£ 30.00
Thorncliffe Bldg Supps Ltd	Trade Waste services	£ 78.72
Vale of Clwyd CC	Groundwork services	£ 481.85
Octopus Energy	Electricity Supply	£ 48.88

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Zurich insurance	Insurance services	£ 3,298.02
JDH Bus Servs Ltd	Audit services	£ 640.80
Nat West Credit Card	Card services	£ 583.23
Jill Ellison	Clerk expenses	£ 6.00
Snowdonia Fire & Sec Ltd	Fire protection servs	£ 132.60

b.

Finance Report to Council Meeting June 2025

Budget Report – May Accounts

Receipts

- £71 wayleave payment received from Scottish Power.

Payments

- £4809 – first phase of tree surgery work.
- £2776 to Football Club for annual pitch maintenance, as per licence.
- £970 payment to Audit Wales included in finance and legal.

Payments List

- £2190 Cambrian Woodland is for the priority 2 trees.
- £230-09 Octopus Energy re: meeting room. We have had estimated bills since last summer. Note use of the meeting room has increased in recent months.
- £3298-02 Zurich Insurance is the annual renewal premium. We are in a five-year deal until 2026.
- £640-80 JDH Business Services Ltd is the internal audit fee.

Cashflow

- The Clerk is maintaining the cashflow for information purposes. This will be reported to Policy, Resources & Finance Committee for budgeting purposes.

Other

- No response from Audit Wales re: invoice received in error. 2021/22 audit invoice is still outstanding.
- Second re-commission of electricity meter at meeting room completed without success. Engineers to attend. In the meantime, invoices will still be estimated.

- Insurance renewal is due 10th July. Please can Council sanction renewal payment? Renewal document to be checked, assets register updated and advised to next Environment & Assets Committee meeting.
- I queried the comments made by the internal auditor re: financial regulations and they confirmed that the new model regulations omit some clauses which they consider to be best practice. I have written to One Voice Wales for their comments.
- Energy contracts due for renewal for the meeting room and football pavilion. Having technical issues with renewal (the links don't work). In correspondence with Octopus to resolve this.
- Please can I have authority to arrange the road closure for Remembrance Sunday?

14. Speed Indicator Sign

Hope you are well! Sorry for the delay in my response.

This is a rough guide to costs,

Radar Speed Sign = £2800 +VAT

Solar Kit = £475.00

Data logging technology = £250

Bluetooth Device = £295.00

Carriage = £45.00

Total £ 3,865

Installation of post (I know there is a post on site, we need to check if it is suitable, if it is suitable, there will be a small charge to the contractor for installation, this will be around £200).

16. Council Laptop

Option 1. £565

Option 2 £677

Option 3 £556

Labour for set up and file transfer £136

17. Correspondence

a)

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13 May 2025

Dear Parish Council Clerk - (this was the email address on Denbighshire County Council website)

Gwyddelwern/Corwen in ERBYN Celyn Energy Battery Store, Gwyddelwern

As a committee from above, we would like to take this opportunity to raise your awareness about the dangers of the BESS (Battery Energy Storage Systems) development.

We have attended some local Parish Councils to explain and prepare them in case a development like this comes to your area, We as an area and neighbors have been alarmed at the size of the 75 acre site on Tyn Celyn farm which is directly on the border with the village of Gwyddelwern, it has been suggested that 484 Shipping containers full of batteries be located on this site, and the Nat Power company intends to submit a full application to Denbighshire County Council within the next few weeks.

As members of the Parish Council and as individuals, we would be very grateful if you would discuss this matter. And if you are willing to oppose the plan, please.

See some points of concern below

· *High fire risks - Risks to health from possible fires - Access to the emergency services, lack of water.*

· *Communities including two primary schools and nursing homes close by*

· *Located on a highly productive agricultural land that produces food*

· *A community fund, on money Nat Power is offering - Not for individuals who suffer directly - but businesses/community groups - It will be difficult to get access to money - Two windmill funds are already available for the area and unable to spend the money in full every year.*

· *Potential terrorist threat through cyber attack*

· *Environmental aspects - Contamination of soil and water Run-off into the River Dee - Fragmentation of habitats - Areas nearby with the Curlew and Crested Newt*

· *Noise and light pollution*

· *The environmental impact and sustainability of the batteries - This development is not for environmental reasons, but only because there will be profit for the Nat Power company.*

I suggest that you read the attachment, that has more detailed information, and print copies for your committee.

We are not as a committee or individuals against Sustainable Energy, but the size of this site is an agricultural land of the highest grade, which is land for food production which is completely unscrupulous.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

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Hello,

I hope this message finds you well.

My name is XXXX, and I'm one of the fundraisers at St Kentigern Hospice.

I'm reaching out to kindly ask whether there might be an opportunity to help promote our upcoming event in July, **"It's a Knockout."** This fun-filled fundraiser features teams going head-to-head in eight inflatable obstacle challenges — all in support of raising vital funds for the hospice.

Each participant is asked to raise a minimum sponsorship of £100.

I've attached a leaflet with full details of the event.

Thank you in advance for considering our request. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

d)

Dear Jill

Please pass on thanks from both eipg and aeeg to SACC for the payment of our insurances.

£190.99 to eipg, and £100 to aeeg

Many thanks