

Minutes of the meeting of Bangor City Council held at Penrhyn Hall and via Teams video conferencing on **09th June 2025** at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Medwyn Hughes (Chair), Cllr. Delyth Russell (Deputy Mayor), Cllr. Steve Bell, Cllr. Salamatu Fada, Cllr. Elin Walker Jones, Cllr. Nigel Pickavance, Cllr. Gwynant Roberts, Cllr. Eirian Williams Roberts, Cllr. Mark Roberts, Cllr. Jackie Spence, Cllr. Lisa Toth & Cllr. John Wyn Williams.

Officers:- Martin Hanks (City Director), Carwyn Davies (Administrative Officer), Lisa Goodier (Head of Partnerships & Transformation) & Lowri Gwyn (Translator).

12/25 APOLOGIES: Cllr. Dylan Fernley, Cllr. Simon Hibbs, Cllr. Huw Wyn Jones, Cllr. John Wyn Jones, Cllr. Gareth Parry, Cllr. Michael Pattison, & Cllr. Gareth Roberts.

13/25 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION

None

14/25 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE BANGOR COMMUNITY HUB

A presentation was delivered to the council by Lisa Goodier, newly appointed as the manager of HWB Dinas Bangor. The presentation highlighted the overwhelming success of the HWB Dinas Bangor within its first 9 weeks of existence. Some of the key achievements highlighted were:-

- i) 580 residents have visited the HWB seeking assistance with a varied range of problems.
- ii) Within the 9 weeks, 5 volunteers have generously spared their time at the HWB.
- iii) There have been +£300 in donations from visitors. This has been much-needed income to support the daily running costs of the HWB.

The presentation shared a June 2025 events timetable at the HWB, further reinforcing its success, as the facility is now operating at nearly full occupancy.

The Council then went on to thank Lisa for all of her good work and the achievements she has been able to put into place in such a short time.

15/25 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 14th APRIL 2025

IT WAS RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Council meeting 14th of April 2025 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

16/25 CITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The report had been circulated before the meeting.

The City Director highlighted several points from his report including:-

- i) A vacancy in the Menai Ward had opened. The Co-option notices had been published with a deadline for responders to contact the office by the 21st June.
- ii) The asset transfer of Garth Gardens and Garth Public Toilets was delayed from the 1st May until the 1st of June, but has now successfully transferred to the City Council.
- iii) There is a proposal from Cyngor Gwynedd to build on the successful collaborations witnessed during Bangor 1500 planning to prepare an application as a City of Culture. It is positive that the increased unity and joint working of the City's formal establishments, organisations, community groups and sports clubs has been noticed by Gwynedd. The first meeting to discuss such an application has been held.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To accept the report.

17/25 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE SUMMER FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS

An update on the preparations for the Gwyl Haf/ Summer Festival 2025 was received by Cllr Eirian Williams Roberts on behalf of the organising committee. It was explained that this would be the event's third year and that the Friday before, there had been a successful Safety Advisory Group (SAG) meeting with Cyngor Gwynedd officers and emergency services representatives. There were no further comments from the group; they were happy with the organisational arrangements of the festival.

The Council wished to congratulate the organising committee for all of their efforts and work so far in organising what will be another successful event for the City.

18/25 TO APPROVE THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS & ANNUAL RETURN

These documents had been circulated before the meeting.

The City Director explained that a decision could not be made at this meeting due to the incorrect documents being sent out with the original meeting pack. There had been insufficient time for Councillors to review the correct Statement of Accounts and Annual Return.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To defer to the next council meeting.

19/25 TO APPROVE COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

These documents had been circulated before the meeting.

The documents outlined below were discussed:-

- i) Investment Strategy
- ii) Financial Risk Assessment
- iii) Standing Orders
- iv) Financial Regulations

IT WAS RESOLVED: After discussion, it was decided to approve all of the documents outlined above.

20/25 TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

It was explained that during the municipal year of 2025 – 2026, the City Council's committees structure will be narrowed with fewer Councillors on them.

IT WAS RESOLVED: After discussion, it was resolved as there were absences at this meeting that the City Director would circulate an email to all Councillors to formally agree if they wished to be appointed to the City Council's committees for the 2025 – 2026 municipal year.

21/25 TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

IT WAS RESOLVED: After discussion, it was resolved as there were absences at this meeting that the City Director would circulate an email to all Councillors to formally agree if they wished to be appointed representatives of the Council to outside bodies for the 2025 – 2026 municipal year.

22/25 TO DISCUSS OUTDOOR SEATING LICENSES IN THE CITY CENTRE

IT WAS RESOLVED: Due to the recent decision by the AGB Bangor BID to pay for the outdoor seating licenses for the City Centre for the financial year 2025 – 2026 this item has now been deferred until next financial year.

23/25 TO DISCUSS A PLANNING PRE-APPLICATION FOR 48 DWELLINGS

IT WAS RESOLVED: It was decided that at this stage, as this was only a pre-planning application that this would be deferred until a full application is made and brought to full Council for a final decision.

The meeting ended at 7.50pm

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