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Minutes of the meeting of Bangor City Council held at Penrhyn Hall and via Zoom video-conferencing on **24 April 2023** at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT: - His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Gwynant Roberts; Cllr. Elin Walker Jones (Deputy Mayor), Cllr. Steve Bell, Cllr. Salamatu Fada, Cllr. Dylan Fernley, Cllr. Medwyn Hughes, Cllr. Huw Wyn Jones, Cllr. John Wynn Jones, Cllr. Gareth Parry, Cllr. Shane Parsons, Cllr. Mark Roberts, Cllr. Delyth Russell, Cllr. Lisa Toth, Cllr. John Wyn Williams.

Officers:- Martin Hanks (City Director), Llinos Fôn Jones (Deputy City Director) Gwynfor Owen (Translator) Sioned Jones (Minutes).

110/22 APOLOGIES: Cllr. Gareth Roberts, Cllr. Eirian Williams Roberts, Cllr. Meic Pattison, Cllr. Nigel Pickavance.

101/22 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION

None

102/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- (i) The Council received a presentation from the new Police Inspector for the area, Inspector Ian Roberts, North Wales Police. The Inspector detailed the area of coverage and his available resources. The discovery of cannabis farms in the City was discussed as was general crime figures. While he was acknowledged that Bangor has its issues, it was stressed that overall crime statistics here are low and detection rates high compared to regional and national figures.
- The Mayor thanked Inspector Roberts for his presentation and said that he looked forward to welcoming him to further meetings.
- (ii) Mr Will Adams, Cyngor Gwynedd Bangor Regeneration Programmes Officer introduced himself to the Council. Mr Adams explained that he had been working closely with the City Director on various projects and was present today primarily to gauge the Council views on the proposed statue for outside Storiell (see Agenda 111/22 item below).

103/22 CITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Report circulated before the meeting.

Members thanked the City Director for his comprehensive report. Three items needed approval, as follows:

1. The City Director to investigate establishing a Science Fair in Bangor – APPROVED
2. The City Council to donate £500 to an electrical cycle ride, organised by the Ogwen Partnership in support of Pobl i Bobl on 29th April – APPROVED
3. The City Director to explore further celebrating the anniversary of Bangor in 2025, and to put together a working party to this effect – APPROVED.

104/22 TO APPROVE THE CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS

Two names had come forward, namely Lisa Toth, to represent Hendre Ward and Delyth Russell to represent Marchog. Both gave a short summary of their background and interest.

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IT WAS RESOLVED to co-opt both Ms Toth and Ms Russell to Bangor City Council. They were warmly welcomed by His Worship the Mayor.

105/22 ELECTION OF MAYOR ELECT FOR THE 2023 - 2024 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Nominations were invited. The name of the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Elin Walker Jones was proposed and seconded. Cllr. Jones accepted the nomination and all were in favour. Cllr Walker Jones will be formally appointed at the Council's Annual Meeting on 22nd May 2023.

106/22 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR ELECT FOR THE 2023 - 2024 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Nominations were invited and two names were proposed, Cllrs Steve Bell and Gareth Parry. Following a vote, Cllr. Gareth Parry was duly elected and will be formally appointed at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 22 May 2023.

Cllr Huw Wyn Jones left the meeting at 7.38pm

107/22 SIGNAGE PROJECT – MAP OPTIONS

The company had sent detailed drawings of the various options for the Bangor signage project. However, it was unclear whether all aspects of visual accessibility had been addressed. It was also felt that expert input was needed.

IT WAS RESOLVED to invite the designers to a Council meeting in order to have more clarity on the issue before coming to a decision.

108/22 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS.

i)	Council Meeting - 5 th September 2022 To approve as an accurate record
ii)	Assets, resources and Projects 5 th September 2022 To approve as an accurate record
iii)	Council Meeting - 3 rd October 2022 To approve as an accurate record
iv)	Assets, Resources and Projects – 3 rd October 2022 To approve as an accurate record
v)	Council Meeting- 14 th November 2022 To approve as an accurate record

IT WAS RESOLVED to approve Minutes (i) - (v) above.

It was highlighted that the Christmas Cracker financial report, referred to in item 91/22 had not been circulated.

The City Director informed the Council that the report had been received and would be circulated to Members after the meeting.

109/22 TO APPROVE UPGRADES TO GARTH PIER

Friends of Bangor Gareth Pier had requested an extension of the CCTV coverage in Bangor, in order to protect kiosk holders, many of whom were lone workers.

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Also, the City Director advised that £11,000 was needed to upgrade the electrical supply to the Pier.

IT WAS RESOLVED to approve both requests. A notice should be erected about the CCTV on the Pier.

110/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

C23/0230/11/LL – 304 High Street – Creation of four self-contained residential flats above shop.
[Gwynedd | Council Direct | Application | 33993 \(llyw.cymru\)](#)

C23/0255/11/LL – Tap & Spile Ffordd Garth – Proposed replacement to existing kitchen extractor system and formation of new window.
[Gwynedd | Council Direct | Application | 34029 \(llyw.cymru\)](#)

C23/0219/11/DT – 152 Ffordd Penrhos – Single storey extension and new garage.
[Gwynedd | Council Direct | Application | 34037 \(llyw.cymru\)](#)

C23/0306/11/LL - Yr Lard Gychod Ffordd Garth – Renovation work.
[Gwynedd | Council Direct | Application | 34049 \(llyw.cymru\)](#)

The above planning applications were brought to the attention of Members. There were **no objections**.

111/22 TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THE SCULPTURE OUTSIDE STORIEL

Council discussed the proposed sculpture to located outside Storiel as part of its Transforming Towns grant application. The proposed sculpture, designed by a local artist, was said to depict the many communities and stories of Gwynedd, through the encapsulation of various headgear.

While the Council accepted that this piece would become a point of discussion, Members expressed concerns that it was too male-orientated, too vague and potentially dangerous on health and safety grounds.

IT WAS RESOLVED to relay these concerns to Storiel.

112/22 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS

The payments schedules for February and March had been circulated to Members and they were APPROVED.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm

CYFARWYDDWR DINESIG – Martin Hanks – CITY DIRECTOR