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Minutes of the **remote Assets and Greening Committee** held via Zoom video conferencing on, **Monday 26 April 2021** at 6pm.

PRESENT: - His Worship The Mayor Councillor John Wyn Williams, The Deputy Mayor Councillor Owen Hurcum
Councillors: Les Day (Chair), Luke Tugwell, Medwyn Hughes, George Turner, Enid Parry, Elin Walker Jones. Councillor Catrin Wager (Gwynedd Council) also in attendance.

Officers:- Iwan Williams, City Director, Martin Hanks, Acting Town Clerk, Gwynfor Owen (Translator)

414/19 APOLOGIES

None.

415/19 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION

In the context of the City Director's update on Bangor Garth Pier, The Deputy Mayor Cllr Owen Hurcum declared that they work in the Pier Pavilion.

416/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

417/19 URGENT BUSINESS

None.

418/19 CITY DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Bangor Garth Pier: The City Director provided an update on the pier. He provided an update on the Heritage Lottery Fund bid, enquiries with the Architectural Heritage Fund, arrangements for the 125th year anniversary on 14th May and over the coming months, and insurance arrangements for the pier.

RESOLVED: The Committee approved the information received

Grass cutting and maintenance: The City Director provided an update on the arrangements for grass cutting and maintenance. A quote has been received from one external contractor, with discussions taking place with a second contractor this week. The Committee discussed the need to supplement the cuttings currently provided by Gwynedd Council, and that the play areas for children and young people should be prioritised. The Committee discussed the opportunities to grow wildflowers and the need to consider biodiversity. The Mayor said that a plan is needed to address grass cutting over the coming months but also a strategy is needed for the coming years. Committee members agreed that an arrangement is needed as soon as possible, and that given the Council has previously approved a £10,000 budget for the work, grass cutting and maintenance needs to be a urgent priority.

The Committee also discussed Gwynedd Council's work in this area, and that Tidy and Clean Communities is a priority in the 2021/22 plan. The Committee also discussed a suggestion that Gwynedd Council, Bangor Council and Bangor University officers need to map out the arrangements for grass cutting on their respective lands in the city.

RESOLVED: The Committee approved the information received

419/19 BANGOR: A GREEN CITY

Given that the Council meeting started at 7pm, the Chair deferred the agenda items "Committee Priorities 2021/22" and "Asset Register Review" until the next meeting. The Committee discussed Gwynedd Council's work in this area, including the introduction of QR codes on College Road bins to help the student community, the revamping of the Recycling Centre, and a Greening Project with YGC that will see trees being planted in Bangor. The Committee also discussed the public consultations involving the Hirael Bay Flood Alleviation Project and Active Travel in the Bangor area

and beyond. Specific issues raised included rubbish problems and public health concerns on Garth Road, and the longstanding issue with Caellepa bins. Invitation arrangements for the next Bangor Image Group meeting were also briefly discussed.

The Meeting closed at 7-02pm