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Minutes of the meeting of Bangor City Council held at Penrhyn Hall and via Zoom video-conferencing on **12 December 2022** 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. Huw Wyn Jones, Cllr. Jac Jones, Cllr. John Wynn Jones, Cllr. Gareth Parry; Cllr Shane Parsons; Cllr. Meic Pattison, Cllr. Gareth Roberts, Cllr. Mark Roberts, Cllr. John Wyn Williams.

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

**75/22 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Janet Abas, Cllr. Nigel Pickavance, Cllr. Eirian Williams Roberts.

### **76/22 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

The City Director announced that Mark Roberts from Hirael had been co-opted as a City Councillor for Hirael ward. Mr Roberts said that he was delighted to be co-opted and read and duly signed the declaration of acceptance. He then took his seat as Councillor.

### **77/22 TO ACCEPT AN ADDRESS FROMN THE CITY DIRECTOR**

*Report circulated before the meeting*

In addition to the report, the City Director thanked Councillors who had helped to make the Christmas Cracker event a success. Members highlighted that issues had been had with disabled parking spaces and the lack of public toilets. Possible solutions were discussed including asking the University to open its car parks for events.

**Resolved:** that the City Director liaise with the Bangor University Head of Estates. The City Director added that he had already scheduled a meeting with the University Vice-Chancellor in January.

**Resolved** also: to open discussions with Gwynedd Council about an Asset Transfer of the public conveniences in Bangor. This to be added to an agenda item in the New Year.

### **77/22 MINUTES**

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

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### **78/22 TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF COLEG MENAI SITE**

The future of Coleg Llandrillo Menai's Ffriddoedd Road was discussed as all activities are to be moved to Parc Menai. The City Council, while acknowledging and welcoming that the site is likely to form the basis for additional housing, concerns were raised regarding the old Friars School, the playing fields and the sports centre.

The main points raised were as follows:

- any green spaces should be protected and enhanced;
- one of the greatest needs in the area is a community centre;
- Friars school could be open to a number of possibilities, however, its listed building status meant that some of these were limited;
- Ideally the Sports Hall will be maintained for community use;

It was agreed that City Council should be involved in the discussions regarding the future of the site from the beginning, and should engage with all stakeholders.

**Resolved:** Bangor City Council, together with Gwynedd Council, to commission a professional report on the use of the site, stating all options. The City Director to discuss with Grŵp Llandrillo Menai and Gwynedd Council.

### **79/22 REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FROM BANGOR ARTS INITIATIVE**

It was reported that a request for financial support had been received from the Bangor Arts Initiative. The City Director referred members back to the meeting of 19/7/21 where a presentation was given by the Arts Initiative Group, following which the Council had agreed to provide match-funding for the 'Lleu' community project. As part of this project, a Lantern Parade was scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> December.

**Resolved:** to donate £4,000 for the event

**Resolved also:** to remind organisations that they should follow the protocol for seeking donations from now on, and provide a full schedule of costs and arrangements well before hand.

### **80/22 TO APPROVE THE PAYMENTS LIST**

The payments list was approved.

He added that income to the amount of £1,800 had been generated through the Christmas Cracker event from payments from the stallholders and Fair. He suggested distributing this surplus to local charities as a Christmas gesture of goodwill.

**Resolved:** to divide the money into four donations of £450 to the food banks in Bangor, namely:

Coed Mawr food bank

Cathedral food bank

Bwyd i Bawb Bangor Food Share

Bangor African and Caribbean Centre

**The meeting ended at 8.45 pm**

**CYFARWYDDWR DINESIG – Martin Hanks – CITY DIRECTOR**