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Minutes of the **Annual Meeting of Bangor City Council** held at the Penrhyn Hall and through Zoom video-conferencing, **Monday, 16 May 2022** at 6.30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** - Their Worship the Mayor Councillor Owen Hurcum  
The Deputy Mayor Councillor Gwynant Roberts

Councillors : Dylan Fernley, Medwyn Hughes, Elin Walker Jones, Huw Wyn Jones, John Wynn Jones, Kieran Jones, Nigel Pickavance, John Wyn Williams.

Officers:- Martin Hanks, Acting Town Clerk, Gwynfor Owen (Translator), Sioned Jones (Minutes)

**At 6.30 pm His Worship the Mayor, accompanied by Town Clerk and Councillor John Wynn Jones, entered the Council Chamber.**

**The Mayor called upon Councillor John Wynn Jones to offer prayers.**

### **01/22 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors

### **02/221 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**

None.

### **03/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Family and friends were present to support the new Mayor and Councillors.

### **04/22 ADDRESS BY THE RETIRING MAYOR**

The retiring Mayor Councillor Owen Hurcum welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially the newly elected Councillors and gave a short address at the end of his year in office.

The Mayor noted that these were interesting times: his last meeting as Mayor but the first one where Councillors could come together at Penrhyn Hall. However, the Council had operated extremely well during the Pandemic and he wished to thank all the Council staff still there and those that had left, for ensuring that the Council ran smoothly. They were particularly proud of some services, such as the new budget, the attention to green spaces and the Covid food relief scheme. All the hard work and investment in the Pier had culminated in winning the Pier of the Year award. He wished to thank everyone he had worked alongside at all levels and wished the best for the new Council.

### **05/22 ELECTION OF MAYOR**

The Mayor asked for proposals for the election of Mayor for the forthcoming Municipal Year 2022/2023.

The name of Councillor Gwynant Roberts was proposed and seconded. No other names were put forward.

The proposal was made by Councillor John Wynn Jones and seconded by Councillor John Wyn Williams. Cllr Jones said that it was a pleasure to propose the name of Cllr Roberts. He had been deputy Mayor for the last year and had worked hard in the background. He would be a great asset to the Council and a worthwhile Mayor. All were in favour.

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor Roberts be elected as Mayor for the forthcoming municipal year.

The Mayor then retired to change robes.

On return to the Chamber the outgoing Mayor invested the newly elected Mayor with the Chain of Office, who then read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Mayor of the City of Bangor Council in the presence the Acting Town Clerk as the Council's Proper Officer, who also signed the Declaration.

### **06/22 ADDRESS BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR**

The new Mayor thanked his proposer and seconder and his fellow councillors for their confidence in him and said that it would be a privilege to follow Councillor Hurcum. As mentioned previously, it has been a very strange two years, and he wished to thank all the members of staff. He referred to Joy and Stan who had now retired after many years of service to the Council and said that under different circumstances, they could have been thanked more formally. He also thanked Martin Hanks for stepping in so capably over the last 6 months. He referred to some Councillors who had retired having given years of service, namely Cllrs Les Day, Derek Hainge and John Martin, as well as more recent ones. Their knowledge of the Council would be sorely missed. However, new blood was always good and he urged the new Councillors to make their mark and not be intimidated by the old hands.

Despite Covid, there had been progress on several fronts, especially the Pier. Thanks to the retiring Mayor and the Friends of Pier Garth Bangor, the Pier had been transformed, and its profile raised enormously.

The food banks had worked very well, former Councillor Colin King and Christine along with Steve Collinge had been the main drivers for that, with their many volunteers.

The signs on the approach to Bangor and the Maes Tryfan playing field were further examples of excellent team work. He believed that Covid has taught us that we must all take responsibilities.

He believed that the first priority for the Council would be to appoint a director for the City. Renewing the High Street is a huge challenge.

### **08/22 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

The Mayor invited nominations for the appointment of Deputy Mayor. The name of Councillor Elin Walker Jones was proposed by Cllr Meic Pattison and seconded by Cllr John Wynn Jones. They both said it was a pleasure to nominate Cllr Walker Jones as she has been very busy with several campaigns in the City and has done excellent work in her ward. She has supported everything the Council has tried to do.

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor Elin Walker Jones be elected as Deputy Mayor of the City of Bangor for the forthcoming Municipal Year, 2021/2022  
The Mayor then invested Councillor Roberts with the Deputy Mayor's Chain of Office.

Councillor Walker Jones congratulated the Mayor on his election. She then thanked her proposer and for nominating her and the councillors for electing her. She felt that it was a huge privilege to be elected and resolved to do her best to support the Mayor and fellow Councillors, and to put Bangor on the map.

**08/22 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING 10 MAY 2021**

The minutes were confirmed and APPROVED

**09/22 TO AGREE ON A MEETING TIMETABLE FOR THE NEW COUNCIL**

The Acting Town Clerk had circulated a timetable of meetings for the coming municipal year.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the timetable.

**10/22 TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

The Councillors had agreed that the committee structure be reviewed at the beginning of the new year. However, it was felt prudent to wait until the full membership of the Council was in place.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to defer this item.

**11/22 TO CONFIRM STANDING ORDERS**

The Standing Orders were confirmed.

**12/22 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to defer this item.

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The Meeting finished at 7.20 p.m.