Bangor City Council

CYNGOR DINAS BANGOR CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Full Council

Monday 29th June 2026, Penrhyn Hall and via 'Teams', 18.30

Attendees

Councillors:	Cllrs. Delyth Russell (Chair), Jackie Spence (Deputy Chair), Eirian Williams Roberts, John Wynn Jones, Medwyn Hughes, Gwynant Roberts, Gareth Parry, Dylan Fernley, Samuel Njoku, Salamatu Fada, Lisa Toth, Jac Jolly
Officers:	Martin Hanks, City Director Lisa Goodier, Deputy City Director Carwyn Davies, Administrative Officer
Others:	Sioned Elin Jones, Translator
Apologies:	Cllrs. Nigel Pickavance, Nick Pritchard, Elin Walker Jones, John Wyn Williams, Gareth Roberts, Huw Wyn Jones, Mustakim Raza, Steven Bell

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The meeting commenced at 18.30

Item	Reference	Action
1.	**FC25/26**	**Apologies:** Cllrs. Nigel Pickavance, Nick Pritchard, Elin Walker Jones, John Wyn Williams, Gareth Roberts, Huw Wyn Jones, Mustakim Raza, Steven Bell
2.	**FC26/26**	**Declaration of Financial Interest or Personal Connection:** A declaration of Financial Interest and Personal Connection was received by Cllr Delyth Russell for item 8 on the agenda.
3.	**FC27/26**	**Public Participation:** Nothing to note.
4.	**FC28/26**	**To Approve the Minutes of the Council meeting 8th June 2026:** **Resolved:** The minutes from the last Council meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.
5.	**FC29/26**	**To accept the 2025-2026 Internal Audit Report:** *The 2025-2026 Internal Audit Report was pre-circulated to members in advance of the meeting.* The City Director informed the Council that the 2025 – 2026 Internal Audit Report had been presented at the last Finance Committee meeting to be scrutinised.

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Resolved:
After discussion and on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was agreed to approve the 2025-2026 Internal Audit Report.

6. **FC30/26** **To approve the 2025-2026 Annual Statement:**
The 2025-2026 Annual Statement had been pre-circulated to members in advance of the meeting.
The Chair of the Finance Committee, Cllr John Wynn Jones, informed the Council that the 2025 – 2026 Annual Statement had been presented to the last Finance Committee to be scrutinsed. The City Director asked the Council to pay particular attention to the questions answered on page 2 of the Annual Governance Statement as part of the 2025 – 2026 Annual Statement. The majority of the questions have been answered as 'Yes ', and the auditor has agreed that these are correct; however, these should be scrutinised by Council. The only question that had been answered no was question 10 'The Council has resolved to adopt the General Power of Competence set out in Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 ', as Bangor City Council does not qualify, as it does not have enough formally elected members.

Resolved:
It was agreed to approve the 2025-2026 Annual Statement on the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

7. **FC31/26** **To accept the revised 2026 – 2027 budget:**
The City Director informed the Council that the carry forward figure from the previous financial year 2025 – 2026 was less than what was expected and reported. He reported that three members of the Finance Committee had met to discuss this matter in more detail as to the reasons why this had happened. From this meeting, it was agreed that the 2026 -2027 budget would have to be revised, and they had agreed on changes to the figures under each budget heading. The City Director said that in order to agree the changes formally, it would have to be passed by Council.

Resolved:
To accept the revised 2026 – 2027 budget.

8. **FC32/26** **To discuss the future of Maesgeirchen Youth Centre:**
Cllr Delyth Russell declared a Financial Interest and Personal Connection on item 8.
A report on the background of the Maesgeirchen Youth Centre and a business plan by Maes Ni CLG was pre-circulated to members in advance of this meeting.

As there had been a conflict of interest declared by Cllr Delyth Russell to chair this item, she informed the Council that Cllr Jackie Spence would chair this item.

Cllr Jackie Spence then took the Chair.

Cllr Spence and the City Director started by providing a background of the current situation with the Maesgeirchen Youth Centre. It was noted that Cyngor

Gwynedd has looked to dispose of the building for a while to a local community organisation. As there have not been any other suitable options, they concurred that the only suitable option would be to offer the building on a 99 or 125 year lease to the City Council.

The background report included information such as:-

- The yearly running costs excluding the staff are circa £15,000 p.a.
- The Centre currently generates about £8-9,000 p.a. from room hire
- If this asset is transferred to the City Council, there is a £244,000 fund that will come with it to be used to upgrade the building from Cyngor Gwynedd.
- There is a further funding pot of some £440,000, which is the residual of a lottery grant, managed by a Steering Group of local residents, led by BCT (Building Communities Trust). Some £255,000 of that fund has been allocated for building upgrades. Other elements of the fund are set aside for paying for on-site staff until 2028 and the residual for community use.
- Currently the centre is managed by the MaesNi CLG. It has three directors. A Business Plan for the future running of the Centre has been prepared by MaesNi CLG.

Resolved:
After detailed discussion by the Council, it was formally agreed to accept a lease of the building from Cyngor Gwynedd to secure the future of the Maesgeirchen Youth Centre. It was also formally agreed to continue the agreement of the day-to-day running of the centre with MaesNi CLG.

Cllr Dylan Fernley left the meeting: 19.52.

9. **FC33/26** **To approve the Council's 2026-2027 meeting schedule:**
Cllr Delyth Russell then took the Chair for the rest of the meeting.

A new meeting schedule was proposed to Council. The new meeting schedule proposed to have Full Council meetings each month. With subsequent sub-committees such as Staffing, Assets, Finance, Safeguarding, Welsh Language, Recycling, Nantporth and Hub committees meeting between.

Resolved:
After discussion, it was accepted to go for option 2 that was presented at the last Council meeting, whereby Full Council meetings are scheduled every two months and if there is a matter that needs to be discussed in the time between meetings, a relevant committee should meet to discuss matters.

10. **FC34/26** **To accept the Terms of Reference for the Safeguarding Committee:**

The Terms of Reference for the Safeguarding Committee had been pre-circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

The Council scrutinised the Terms of Reference document for the Safeguarding Committee and discussed many of its points in detail.

Resolved:
After discussion of the Terms of Reference for the Safeguarding Committee, it was agreed to accept the document with suggestions of amendments made by Council.

11. **FC35/26** **To accept the Terms of Reference for the Hub Committee:**

The Terms of Reference for the Hub Committee had been pre-circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

The Council scrutinised the Terms of Reference document for the Hub Committee and discussed many of its points in detail.

Resolved:
After discussion of the Terms of Reference for the Hub Committee, it was agreed to accept the document with suggestions of amendments made by Council.

12. **FC36/26** **To support a BID for a Pride event:**

As there had not been prior information provided to Council, the Deputy City Director provided detailed information on this BID.

A BID grant fund of £1,500 is available to communities in Wales to set up new Pride events in 2027 by Pride Cymru. The terms of the grant are that it must be spent by 31st March 2027 and the event delivered by this date. The Deputy City Director said that she would be willing to complete the application on behalf of the Council.

The Council suggested that involving other stakeholders in this proposal for this event could assist with the financial contribution that this event would need.

Resolved:
To support the BID for the grant funding and to allow the City Council events working group and the Deputy City Director to explore how the City Council could work with other stakeholders to establish a Pride event in Bangor.

The meeting closed at: 20:31.

Signed by: **Martin Hanks, City Director**

Date: ....