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Minutes of the meeting of Bangor City Council held via Zoom video-conferencing on **18th July 2022** at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT: - His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Gwynant Roberts, the Deputy Mayor Councillor Elin Walker Jones, Councillors Medwyn Hughes, Gareth Parry, Nigel Pickavance, Gareth Roberts, John Wyn Williams.

Officers:- Gwynfor Owen (Translator), Sioned Jones (Minutes).

41/22 APOLOGIES

Councillors Dylan Fernley, Huw Wyn Jones, Meic Pattison

42/22 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION

None.

43/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was proposed and seconded that this should be declared a CLOSED meeting due to the sensitive nature of the item in question.

44/22 APPOINTMENT OF CITY DIRECTOR

The Mayor explained the background to the appointment. The City Director's post had been advertised in several ways since the previous postholder's departure, i.e. part-time or full-time, or simply a new Town Clerk. No interest had been expressed. It would seem that other community councils are finding it difficult to fill similar posts.

The present acting town clerk had shown an interest in applying for the post and a small panel had interviewed him the previous week. The panel already felt that Martin Hanks was an extremely capable town clerk, and that this augured well for the challenge of being City Director. Another strength was that he is bilingual.

Advice had been sought from Gwilym Rippon from the SATC with regard to making the appointment without a further advertisement. His advice was that if an individual had the necessary skills and qualities, then it was proper and lawful to appoint from within, following an interview with a small panel.

Therefore, the Mayor asked Members to endorse the appointment and to deputise to the Mayor the right to offer the post to Martin Hanks.

IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously to offer the post of City Director to Mr Martin Hanks, on a full-time basis.

ALSO to delegate to the appointments sub committee the authority to decide terms and conditions of appointment.

The meeting came to an end at 6.55 pm

This was followed by a CLOSED AND CONFIDENTIAL meeting of the Appointments Sub-Committee, where the postholder's salary, terms and conditions were discussed.