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Minutes of the City Council meeting held in the Council Chamber and via Zoom video-conferencing on **6<sup>th</sup> June 2022** at 6.30 pm.

**PRESENT:** - Their Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Gwynant Roberts, (Chair), the Deputy Mayor Councillor Elin Jones, Cllr. Steve Bell, Cllr. Dylan Fernley, Cllr. Medwyn Hughes, Cllr. Huw Wyn Jones, Cllr. Jac Jones, Cllr. John Wynn Jones, Cllr. Chris Johnson, Cllr. Gareth Parry, Cllr. Meic Pattison, Cllr. Nigel Pickavance.

Officers:- Martin Hanks (Acting Town Clerk), Gwynfor Owen (Translator), John Chamberlain (Mace Bearer).

### **19/22 APOLOGIES**

None

### **20/22 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**

None.

### **21/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

### **22/22 MINUTES**

i) Council Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Approved as a correct record.

ii) Assets, Resources and Projects Committee – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Approved as a correct record.

iii) Governance Staffing and Finance meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Approved as a correct record.

### **23/22 TO ACCEPT A REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE, STAFFING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

As there had not been a meeting of this committee since the Annual Meeting, no report was presented for approval.

### **24/22 TO ACCEPT A REPORT FROM THE ASSETS, RESOURCES AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

As there had not been a meeting of this committee since the Annual Meeting, no report was presented for approval.

### **25/22 TO ACCEPT A REPORT FROM THE ACTING TOWN CLERK**

The Acting Town Clerk reported that fifteen of the Council's twenty vacancies had been filled during the recent election and notices had been published to fill the remaining vacancies. An induction had been held with the new Councillors, which had received positive feedback. Since the last meeting the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pier, combined with the awarding of the Pier of the Year Award, had been held and had proved very successful and very popular. Smaller events were held across the recent Bank Holiday weekend to commemorate the

Platinum Jubilee. The Council were advised that the old play equipment had now been removed from the Pier car park and that a landscape architect had been commissioned.

Progress had been made on a range of initiatives that would ultimately benefit the City including; discussions with Cyngor Gwynedd about a new Transforming Towns Application, meetings regarding the Signage initiative, a meeting with Ward Councillors to discuss the High Street and a discussion about implementing the Digital Town programme.

The Clerk was asked if the new Grant Guidelines and Terms and Conditions be circulated to Councillors, which would be done the following day.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the Town Clerk's report.

### **26/22 TO APPROVE THE COUNCILS COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

As the Council's current committee structure had been in place for twelve months, as planned, a review was undertaken to ascertain its effectiveness. While the basic division of activity appears to have been well received the primary disadvantage was not that some Councillors felt excluded from some decisions. It was proposed to amend the current system so that every councillor was eligible to sit on both committees and that each Committee would meet on alternate months. Both committees would maintain their executive status with the delegated powers to make decisions and authorise expenditure, within the approved budgets. Following a detailed discussion:

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the overall proposal, subject to more details being agreed upon, including the appointment of Chairs and the reporting systems.

### **27/22 TO APPOINT COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE**

I. Nantporth sub-committee.

It was felt that as there is likely to be some noticeable activity relating to this Council asset, the Council should form a Nantporth sub-committee. This committee will, in the first instance, report to the Assets Resources and Projects Committee.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to appoint the following councillors to the committee: Cllr G. Roberts, Cllr H. Jones, Cllr M. Hughes and Cllr J. W. Williams. One vacancy was kept open to allow a new councillor the opportunity to join this committee.

Appointments sub-committee.

Given the recent changes in councillors following the May election, additional councillors were sought to join the appointment sub-committee. The primary role of this committee is to fill the permanent Town Clerk/City Director role and the committee will, in the first instance, report to the Governance Staffing and Finance committee.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to appoint the following councillors to the committee: Mayor, Cllr Gwynant Roberts, Deputy Mayor, Cllr Elin Walker Jones, previous Chairs and vice chairs of committees, Cllr Gareth Roberts and Cllr Medwyn Hughes and two previous Mayors Cllr John Wyn Jones and Cllr John Wyn Williams.

### **28/22 TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Council **Resolved** to appoint Councillors to outside bodies as follows, and for a procedure to be established whereby reports of activities is reported to the Council

North & Mid Wales Association of Local Council  
Bangor Strategic Partnership

Deferred  
Cllr. J. W. Jones  
Cllr. M Pattison  
Cllr. S. Bell  
Cllr. J. Jones  
Cllr. G. Parry  
Cllr. E. Walker-Jones  
Cllr. G. Roberts  
Cllr. H. W. Jones  
Cllr. M. Hughes  
Deferred  
Cllr. H. W. Jones  
Cllr. G. Roberts  
Cllr. D. Fernley  
Deferred

Coleg Menai  
Citizens Advice Bureau  
Garth Community Centre

Coed Mawr Community Centre  
UWB Community Liaison Group  
Nantporth CIC  
Maesgeirchen Partnership  
Board of School Governors

### **29/22 TO CONSIDER FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR BANGOR PRIDE**

The Council were advised that a request for financial support had been received from Bangor Pride. The request for £1,100 was to be used primarily for a marching band to lead the parade. The Clerk reported that there were funds available should the Council wish to support the event and that the organisation's constitution and liquidity had been confirmed.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to support the event and to approve a grant of £1,100.

Action: Clerk to arrange for payment.

### **30/22 TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BANGOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE.**

The Council were asked to consider establishing a Bangor Social Enterprise Committee with a view to establishing local commercial initiatives to the benefit of the City. A similar initiative operating in and around Bethesda had generated significant success.

It was decided that Cllr Meic Pattison explore this proposal further and in conjunction with the Clerk to include this item on a future meeting of the assets Committee

### **31/22 TO ESTABLISH A YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM**

It was proposed that the Council establish a Youth Engagement Program in conjunction with the local schools. Such a program would encourage participation from young people and help the Council to understand the needs of that sector of society. It was explained that such a programme was in keeping with the Welsh Government's objective of promoting Youth Ambassadors.

During the proposal, technical difficulties were experienced and it was decided to defer this item until the next meeting, where a full presentation could be made.

### **32/22 SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS**

**RESOLVED** that authority be given for the signing of documents on the City Council's behalf pertinent to the open decisions of the Council taken at this meeting.

**The meeting came to an end at 8.15 pm**

ACTING TOWN CLERK – Martin Hanks – CLERC Y DREF DROS DRO