

Minutes of the Bangor City Council Finance Committee Meeting held at 5.30 pm in Penrhyn Hall, Bangor on the **8<sup>th</sup> December 2025**.

**PRESENT:** - Cllr. John Wyn Jones (Chair), Cllr. Steve Bell, Cllr. Dylan Fernley, Cllr. Medwyn Hughes, Cllr. Huw Wyn Jones, Cllr. Delyth Russel, Cllr John Wyn Williams.

Officers:- Martin Hanks (City Director).

**F20/25 APOLOGIES**

Cllr Gareth Parry, Cllr. Gwynant Roberts, Cllr. Jackie Spence.

**F21/25 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**

None

**F22/25 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**

*The minutes of the meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 had been pre-circulated.*

**Resolved:** to approve the minutes of the meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> November as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**F23/25 TO CONSIDER A GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC.**

*The Grant Application paperwork had been pre-circulated.*

The grant application was assessed using the City Council's Grant Assessment Sheets. While there was general overall support for the Legal Advice Clinic, Members were not comfortable with funding some of the items listed in the application.

**Resolved:** To reject the application in its current form and ask the City Director to discuss the application with representatives of the Legal Advice Clinic with a view to accepting an amended application in the New Year.

**F24/25 TO CONSIDER A GRANT APPLICATION FROM BANGOR RHYTHM & BLUES MAJORETTES**

*The Grant Application paperwork had been pre-circulated.*

The grant application was assessed using the City Council's Grant Assessment Sheets. This application requested financial support to buy uniforms for the newly established majorettes troop. This troop is the first majorettes' troop in Bangor since the 1990s.

**Resolved:** To recommend approval of the grant application in full.

**F25/25 TO CONSIDER A GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU.**

*The Grant Application paperwork had been pre-circulated.*

The grant application was assessed using the City Council's Grant Assessment Sheets. During the assessment a number of issues were raised, including the overlap between the Citizens Advice Bureau, the Legal Advice Centre and the Council's Community Hub. It was also highlighted that the AB receives an annual grant from the City Council and under the revised guidelines, approved at the last meeting, each organisation can only receive a grant once every three years.

**Resolved:** To maintain the annual grant of £1,500 per annum but to reject this application for £9,800.

**F26/25 TO CONSIDER A GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE BANGOR COMMUNITY GROUP.**

*Details of this request for financial support had been pre-circulated.*

The grant application was assessed using the City Council's Grant Assessment Sheets. The Committee discuss this request for financial support to host a Christmas event on the 21<sup>st</sup> December. It was highlighted that, even if the Committee recommended approving this support, there was insufficient time to obtain final approval from Council. The City Director pointed out that, as the request was for £2,000, with the support of the Mayor and Chair of the Committee, the request could be dealt with under his delegated authority.

**Resolved:** to ask the City Director to approve the support under delegated authority, with the approval of the Mayor and Chair of the Committee which was given by both.

**F27/25 TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET FOR THE 2026-2027 FINANCIAL YEAR.**

*A new format budget had been pre-circulated to Members*

In keeping with the request from Council to prepare the 2026-2027 financial budget in a newer, clearer format, it was reported that the Chair, Deputy Chair and the City Director has met. During that meeting the form used to prepare and present the annual financial budget had been re-designed to be clearer and to closer match the quarterly budget versus actual report. It was agreed that the committee will meet in early January to discuss the contents of the 2026 -2027 budget

**Resolved:** to recommend the adoption of the revised form of presenting the annual budget report.

**F28/25 TO APPROVE THE PAYMENTS LIST FOR**

**i) October**

*The payment list for October had been pre-circulated to Members*

The Committee analysed the payment lists and discussed a number of payments.

**Resolved:** to approve the payments list for October

**F29/25 TO ACCEPT THE SEPTEMBER BANK RECONCILIATION REPORT.**

The Bank Reconciliation Report for October was evaluated by two committee members and signed and dated as correct by both.

**Resolved:** to accept the Bank Reconciliation report for October.

**The meeting ended at 6.25 pm**

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