

Minutes of the **City Council Meeting** held at the Penrhyn Hall, Ffordd Gwynedd, Bangor on **Monday 11th January 2016** at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT :- Her Worship The Mayor, Councillor Mrs E Butler
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor D Williams
Councillors Mrs S Ashworth
Mrs L Day Colin King J M Martin
Mrs J Forsyth D Llewelyn C O'Neal
D Hainge D Madge N Pickavance
Bryn Hughes Mrs J Marshall G O Roberts
John Wynn Jones R K Marshall M Shultan

Officer: Ian Jones, Town Clerk/Financial Officer

154/15 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor E H Williams (unwell).

155/15 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION

Councillor Mrs S Ashworth declared an interest in Item 157/15 BID Presentation.

156/15 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Her Worship the Mayor welcomed Councillors Mrs Susan Ashworth to her first meeting following her recent election as Member for the Deiniol Ward, she also welcomed Colin King on his first meeting of full Council.

Her Worship the Mayor informed Members that she had recently visited the Bangor Islamic Centre on High Street and she was appalled at the unsightly graffiti that had appeared on the walls of the Mosque. She hoped Members would join with her in condemning such vandalism of a religious building and indeed graffiti of any type on religious buildings in Bangor.

The Mayor informed Members that she had recently visited former Councillor Eddie Dogan whose condition had not improved since her previous visit. The Town Clerk informed the Members that Councillor Huw Williams had not attended a meeting for nearly 6 months and as his illness was continuing the Council would need to make a decision to either allow a dispensation on the grounds of ill health or to declare the seat vacant once the 6 months were up.

RESOLVED that Councillor Huw Williams be granted a 6 month dispensation on the grounds of ill health. The Town Clerk also reported that since the last meeting the Town Centre Partnership had made progress towards the development of the membership and structure of a new Partnership. The Management Group of key officers and elected members would be made up of the current membership of the TCP, however the Group had raised concerns that the City Council was not fully represented with regard to its membership, it had therefore requested that a further one or two elected members be appointed as representatives on the TCP.

RESOLVED that this matter be presented to the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on February 1st with nominations of the Mayor together with Councillor Susan Ashworth as possible representatives.

The Town Clerk reported that there had been approach to the City Council concerning the funding of bunting and the erection of that bunting for the St David's Day Parade through the City to be funded by the City Council.

RESOLVED that providing the cost was the same as last year or slightly higher the request be acceded to.

157/15 PRESENTATION – BID - Update by Haydn Davies, Chair, Shadow Board

The Council received a presentation by Mr Davies which is captured below

With this summary, you'll see details of the themes, investment and activities that the new Business Improvement District proposes to implement.

Bangor possesses a diverse range of shops, culture, heritage and rich history as well as being strongly bilingual. However, more can be made to take full advantage of what Bangor has to offer.

The Business Improvement District will bring together Bangor's business community to work together and invest to take advantage of those strengths to improve the city's economic prospects.

A BID is a not for profit organisation led and funded by the business community. It will work to deliver new and additional improvements and activities within Bangor which will seek to improve the prosperity and the profile of the city.

The BID will be funded by all businesses through a levy of 1.5% raised against the rateable value of their business unit.

It will be led by a Board made up of elected members of the business community, representative of businesses within Bangor, along with representatives from the third and public sectors

A BID will be established and will launch on April 1st 2016 which will make a real difference to Bangor and its future.

Members asked numerous questions and made supporting comments on the BID as well as its good links to the City Council's TCP programme and it was important that all community business and council's work together to improve the fabric image and viability of the City as a good place to live work and shop.

Finally Mr Davies explained the financial situation with regard to BID highlighting the fact that there was no pot of money to kick start the issues particularly matters identified for a quick win, he therefore requested that until the monies were forthcoming from the business rate levy which would commence on 1st April 2016, that the Council grant a loan of £10,000 to BID with the Town Clerk entering into a legal agreement with BID for both the terms of the loan and the repayment thereof, once monies had been acquired from the Business Rate Levy. The Town Clerk confirmed that as the organisation was a non-profit making affair, there was provision within the statutes for the Council to make such a loan and that he was happy to make the appropriate legal arrangements should the Council wish to proceed in granting the loan.

RESOLVED that a loan of £10,000 be approved and that the Town Clerk make the appropriate arrangements. (Councillor S Ashworth left the meeting once the presentation was complete and took no part in the ensuing discussion and decision making).

158/15 MINUTES OF COUNCIL – 9th November 2015

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the above Meeting be received and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

159/15 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

a) Planning & Amenities Committee – 9th November 2015

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of this Meeting be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

b) Planning & Amenities Committee – 30th November 2015

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of this Meeting be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

c) Finance and General Purposes Committee – 30th November 2014

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of this Meeting be approved and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

d) Planning & Amenities Committee – 21st December 2015

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of this Meeting be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

160/15 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

It was **RESOLVED** that the invoices as detailed on the schedule covering voucher numbers 119/15 and 128/15 to 139/15 totalling £13,777.69 be approved and passed for payment.

161/15 SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

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

The Meeting finished at 8.10 p.m.

MAYOR

Cofnodion **Cyfarfod y Cyngor** a gynhaliwyd yn Neuadd y Penrhyn, Ffordd Gwynedd, Bangor, **Dydd Llun 11^{fed} o Ionawr 2016** am 6.30 y.h.

PRESENNOL :-

Ei Theilyngdod y Maer, y Cynghorydd Mrs E Butler			
Y Dirprwy Faer y Cynghorydd D Williams			
Y Cynghorwyr	Mrs S Ashworth		
	Mrs L Day	Colin King	J M Martin
	Mrs J Forsyth	D Llewelyn	C O'Neal
	D Hainge	D Madge	N Pickavance
	Bryn Hughes	Mrs J Marshall	G O Roberts
	John Wynn Jones	R K Marshall	M Shultan

Swyddog : Mr Ian Jones, Clerc y Dref/Swyddog Cyllid

154/15 YMDDIHEURIADAU

Derbyniwyd ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb gan y Cynghorwyr E H Williams (salwch).

155/15 DATGAN BUDDIANT ARIANNOL NEU GYSYLLTIAD PERSONOL

Datganiad o ddi-ddordeb gan y Cynghorydd Mrs S Ashworth ar Eitem 157/15 Cyflwyniad AGB

156/15 CYHOEDDIADAU

Croesawodd Ei Theilyngdod y Maer y Cynghorydd Mrs Susan Ashworth i'w chyfarfod llawn cyntaf yn dilyn ei hethol yn ddiweddar yn Aelod dros Ward Deiniol. Croesawyd Colin King hefyd i'w gyfarfod cyntaf o'r Cyngor llawn.

Dyweddodd Ei Theilyngdod y Maer wrth yr Aelodau ei bod wedi ymweld yn ddiweddar â Chanolfan Islamaidd Bangor ar y Stryd Fawr a chafodd ei brawychu gan y graffiti hyll a oedd wedi ymddangos ar furiau'r Mosg. Gobeithiai y byddai'r Aelodau'n ymuno â hi i gondemnio fandaliaeth fel hyn ar adeilad crefyddol ac yn wir graffiti ar unrhyw fath o adeilad crefyddol ym Mangor.

Dyweddodd y Maer wrth yr aelodau iddi ymweld yn ddiweddar â'r cyn Gynghorydd Eddie Dogan ac nad oedd ei gyflwr wedi gwella ers ei hymweliad blaenorol. Hysbysodd Clerc y Dref yr Aelodau nad oedd y Cynghorydd Huw Williams wedi mynychu cyfarfod ers bron i 6 mis. Gan fod ei salwch yn parhau byddai'n rhaid i'r Cyngor wneud penderfyniad nail ai i ganiatau ei esgusodi ar sail salwch neu ddatgan fod y sedd yn wag wedi i'r 6 mis ddod i ben.

PENDERFYNWYD rhoi goddefeb o 6 mis i'r Cynghorydd Huw Williams ar sail salwch. Adroddodd Clerc y Dref hefyd fod Partneriaeth Canol y Dref wedi gwneud cynnydd ers y cyfarfod diwethaf tuag at ddatblygu aelodaeth a strwythur Partneriaeth newydd. Byddai'r Grŵp Rheoli o swyddogion allweddol ac aelodau etholedig yn cynnwys aelodau presennol y Partneriaeth, fodd bynnag roedd y Grŵp wedi codi pryderon nad oedd Cyngor y Dref yn cael ei gynrychioli'n llawn o ran yr aelodaeth, roedd wedi gwneud cais felly i un neu ddau aelod etholedig arall gael eu penodi fel cynrychiolwyr ar Partneriaeth Canol y Dref.

PENDERFYNWYD cyflwyno'r mater hwn i gyfarfod nesaf y Pwyllgor Cyllid ac Amcanion Cyffredinol ar 1 Chwefror ac enwebu'r Maer ynghyd â'r Cynghorydd Susan Ashworth fel cynrychiolwyr posibl.

Adroddodd Clerc y Dref fod cais wedi dod i Gyngor y Dref dalu am faneri a'u gosod ar gyfer Gorymdaith Dydd Gŵyl Dewi drwy'r Ddinas,

PENDERFYNWYD cytuno i'r cais, cyn belled â bod y gost yr un peth â'r llynedd, neu ddim ond ychydig yn uwch.

157/15 CYFLWYNIAD – AGB - Diweddariad gan Haydn Davies, Cadeirydd, Bwrdd Cysgodol

Derbyniodd y Cyngor gyflwyniad gan Mr Davies a grynhoir isod.

O fewn y crynodeb yma, mae manylion o'r themâu, y buddsoddiad a'r gweithgareddau y bydd yr Ardal Gwella Busnes yn edrych i weithredu. Am fwy o wybodaeth neu'r cynnig llawn, cysylltwch â'r prosiect AGB drwy'r manylion islaw

Mae Bangor yn falch o'i siopau amrywiol, ei diwylliant, ei threftadaeth a'i hanes cyfoethog yn ogystal â bod yn ddwyieithog. Gellir ychwanegu at hyn drwy wneud mwy i fanteisio ar yr hyn sydd gan y ddinas i'w gynnig.

Mae'r AGB yn gyfle i'r gymuned fusnes ym Mangor gydweithio a buddsoddi i fanteisio ar y cryfderau parod sydd yma ac ar yr un pryd i wella rhagolygon economaidd y ddinas.

Mae AGB yn gorff sy'n cael ei arwain a'i ariannu gan y gymuned fusnes. Byddai'r cynllun yn gweithio i fuddsoddi mewn gweithgareddau newydd ac yn ogystal ag ychwanegu gwerth at yr hyn a geir yn barod yn ddinas Bangor er mwyn ceisio gwella ffyniant a phroffil y ddinas.

Bydd yr AGB yn cael ei ariannu gan **bob** busnes drwy ardoll o 1.5% ar werth ardrethol eu hunedau busnes.

Arweinir gan Fwrdd o aelodau sydd wedi eu hethol. Daw'r aelodau hyn o'r gymuned fusnes sy'n cynrychioli trawstoriad o fusnesau Bangor, ynghyd â chynrychiolwyr o'r trydydd sector a'r sector gyhoeddus.

Bydd AGB yn cael ei sefydlu ac yn cael ei lansio ar 1 Ebrill 2016 i wneud gwir wahaniaeth yn nyfodol dinas Bangor.

Roedd gan yr Aelodau nifer o gwestiynau ond roeddent yn cefnogi'r AGB. Roeddent hefyd yn ystyried ei fod yn cysylltu'n dda â rhaglen Partneriaeth Canol y Dref y Cyngor a'i bod yn bwysig fod busnesau cymunedol a'r cyngor yn gweithio gyda'i gilydd i wella ymddangosiad, delwedd a hyfywedd y Ddinas fel lle da i fyw, gweithio a siopa ynddo.

Yn olaf eglurodd Mr Davies y sefyllfa ariannol o safbwynt yr ABG. Tynnodd sylw at y ffaith nad oedd cronfa o arian i roi hwb i gychwyn pethau, yn enwedig y pethau a fyddai'n dwyn elw cyflym. Gofynnodd felly, nes bod yr arian yn dod o'r ardrethi busnes a fyddai'n dechrau ar 1 Ebrill 2016, fod y Cyngor yn rhoi benthyciad o £10,000 i ABG gyda Chlerc y Dref yn mynd i gytundeb cyfreithiol gyda AGB ar gyfer telerau ac ad-daliad y benthyciad, unwaith fod yr arian wedi cyrraedd o'r Ardoll Ardrethi Busnes. Cadarnhaodd Clerc y Dref, gan fod y corff yn un di-elw, fod darpariaeth o fewn y rheoliadau i'r Cyngor roi benthyciad o'r fath a'i fod yn hapus i wneud y trefniadau cyfreithiol priodol pe bai'r Cyngor yn dymuno symud ymlaen i ganiatau'r benthyciad.

PENDERFYNWYD fod benthyciad o £10,000 yn cael ei gymeradwyo a Chlerc y Dref i wneud y trefniadau angenrheidiol. (Gadawodd y Cynghorydd S Ashworth y cyfarfod wedi i'r cyflwyniad ddod i ben ac ni chymerodd ran yn y drafodaeth na'r penderfyniad a ddilynodd.

158/15 COFNODION Y CYNGOR - 9^{fed} o Dachwedd 2015

PENDERFYNWYD : derbyn a chadarnhau fel rhai cywir Cofnodion Cyfarfod y Cyngor uchod a'u harwyddo gan y Maer.

159/15 COFNODION PWYLLGORAU

a) Pwyllgor Cynllunio a Mwynderau –9^{fed} o Dachwedd 2015

PENDERFYNWYD : cadarnhau Cofnodion y Cyfarfod uchod fel rhai cywir a'u harwyddo gan y Cadeirydd

b) Pwyllgor Cynllunio a Mwynderau - 30 o Dachwedd 2015

PENDERFYNWYD : cadarnhau Cofnodion y Cyfarfod uchod fel rhai cywir a'u harwyddo gan y Cadeirydd.

c) Pwyllgor Cyllid ac Amcanion Cyffredinol - 30 o Dachwedd 2015

PENDERFYNWYD : derbyn a chadarnhau Cofnodion y Cyfarfod uchod fel rhai cywir a'u harwyddo gan y Cadeirydd.

d) Pwyllgor Cynllunio a Mwynderau - 21 o Ragfyr 2015

PENDERFYNWYD : cadarnhau Cofnodion y Cyfarfod uchod fel rhai cywir a'u harwyddo gan y Cadeirydd.

160/15 ANFONEBAU I'W TALU

PENDERFYNWYD derbyn a chaniatáu talu'r anfonebau fel eu ceir yn y Rhestr, yn cynnwys Talebau Rhif 119/15 ac 128/15 i 139/15 yn rhoi cyfanswm o £13,777.69.

161/15 LLOFNODI DOGFENNAU

PENDERFYNWYD : rhoi hawl i lofnodi, ar ran Cyngor y Ddinas, y dogfennau perthnasol i benderfyniadau'r Cyngor a wnaed yn y cyfarfod hwn.

Daeth y Cyfarfod i ben am 8.10 y.h.