

Minutes of the meeting of Bangor City Council that was held at Penrhyn Hall on **8th**

April 2024 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT: - Her Worship the Mayor Cllr. Elin Walker Jones (Chair) Deputy Mayor Cllr. Gareth Parry, Cllr. Dylan Fernley, Cllr. Eirian Williams Roberts, Cllr. Gwynant Roberts, Cllr. Huw Wyn Jones (Left at 19:30), Cllr. John Wyn Jones, Cllr. John Wyn Williams, Cllr. L. Toth, Cllr. Mark Roberts, Cllr. Nigel Pickavance, Cllr. Steve Bell, Cllr. Medwyn Hughes, Cllr. Delyth Russell, Cllr. Beverly Jones, Cllr. Simon Hibbs

Officers:- Officers:- Martin Hanks (City Director), Llinos F. Jones, (Deputy City Director), and Sioned Jones (Translator).

134/23 APOLOGIES: Cllr Salamatu Fada, Cllr Lisa Toth, Cllr Gareth Roberts, Cllr. Meic Pattison.

135/23 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION.

None

136/23 TO CO-OPT NEW COUNCILLORS.

The Council received a brief presentation from a prospective Marchog Ward Councillor, Simon Hibbs.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to co-opt Simon Hibbs to the vacant Marchog Ward seat.

137/23 CITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

The Report had been circulated before the meeting.

The Director reported that all capital elements of the High Street upgrade project have now been completed. – However, we are still awaiting the delivery of EV charging points, benches, and planters to complete this phase of the project. Work towards establishing a City Centre community hub, continues to progress. As well as Gwynedd Youth Services, GISDA, Abbey Road, and others (which resulted from the 3rd sector symposium in January), Bangor University and BETSI Cadwaladr are looking to get involved also Preparations for Bangor 2025 are now beginning to move at a pace. An experienced event organizer, who has time available, has been identified to assist the Council. More information will be available at the next meeting. Further to this, consultations and discussions are underway with various other stakeholders in Penrhyn Hall over the next fortnight.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To accept the City Director's Report.

138/23 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 11th OF MARCH 2024.

The minutes had been pre-circulated to Councillors.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the 11th of March as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

139/23 ELECTION OF MAYOR ELECT FOR THE FOR THE 2024 - 2025 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Nominations were invited. The name of the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Gareth Parry was

Proposed. Cllr. Gareth Parry accepted the nomination and all were in favour. Cllr Parry will be formally appointed at the Council's Annual Meeting on the 13th of May 2024.

140/23 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR ELECT FOR THE 2024 - 2025 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Nominations were invited and two names were proposed.

Following a vote, Cllr. Medwyn Hughes was duly elected and will be formally appointed at the

Annual Meeting of the Council on the 13th of May 2024.

141/23 TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF WILDFLOWERS/POLLINATOR SEEDS:

i) To Plant on BCC Land.

ii) To Supplement CG Programme.

Cyngor Gwynedd has initiated a wildflower project on Caernarfon Road, Bangor City Council was asked to support and identify other spots around the City that could also benefit from this project.

i) IT WAS RESOLVED:- to let Cyngor Gwynedd plant on BCC Land.

ii) IT WAS RESOLVED:- to identify more spots around the City.

142/23 TO DISCUSS INTRODUCING A PUBLIC CELEBRATION BANNER POLICY.

It was proposed that the council erect banners to coincide with significant events of all major religions in the City. Following a brief discussion, it was decided to defer this item for 2 years until current world tensions subside.

The meeting ended at 8.00 pm

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