

Minutes of the meeting of Bangor City Council held at Penrhyn Hall on **2nd October 2023** at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT: - Her Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Elin Walker Jones; Cllr. Gareth Parry (Deputy Mayor), Cllr. Steve Bell, Cllr. Salamatu Fada, Cllr. Medwyn Hughes, Cllr. Huw Wyn Jones, Cllr John Wyn Jones, Cllr. Meic Pattison, Cllr. Nigel Pickavance, Cllr. Eirian Williams Roberts, Cllr Gareth Roberts, Cllr. Mark Roberts, Cllr. Delyth Russell, Cllr. L. Toth (arrived 7.15 pm), Cllr John Wyn Williams.

Officers:- Martin Hanks (City Director), Llinos F Jones, (Deputy City Director), Sioned Jones (Translator) and one Member of the Public.

58/23 APOLOGIES: Cllr. Dylan Fernley & Cllr. Gwynant Roberts

59/23 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION

None

60/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Council received a presentation from Adam Milton-Barker on the potential benefits to the City of establishing a Bangor website. Such a website could be used to promote attractions and events and also any special offers available at any of the local retail outlets.

Following a short question and answer session Mr Milton-Barker was thanked by the Mayor for the presentation.

61/23 CITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Report had been circulated before the meeting.

The City Director's report had been pre-circulated in advance of the meeting. The Report updated the Council on current initiatives and events. The main points in the report covered the vacant seat in Marchog, and updates on the Council and Students' Union Hot Food project which began on Saturday the 30th September and the imminent arrival of the delegation from Soest to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Twinning of the two Cities. Councillors attending the celebration were asked to meet in the Council offices at 10.30 am to don cloaks prior to processing to the Cathedral. A list of upcoming events was also highlighted.

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

62/23 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 11th SEPTEMBER 2023

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 11th September had been recirculated to Councillors.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the Council Meeting of the 11th September 2023.

63/23 TO APPROVE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A FINANCE & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

Draft Terms of Reference for the Finance & Oversight Committee had been pre-circulated in advance of the meeting.

The draft Terms of Reference were discussed. The City Director reported that while the draft document was, as presented, a good foundation for the Terms of Reference, it contained insufficient detail to allow the Council to delegate authority to the new committee.

IT WAS RESOLVED: i) to accept the draft document as a foundation for the ToR's, ii) to approve the composition of the Committee, that being 3 Councillors from the largest political party, three Councillors from the 'other' parties together with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for that relevant Municipal year, making a total composition of 8 Members. The appointees were Cllr Elin Walker Jones (Mayor), Cllr Huw W. Jones, Cllr John W. Jones, Cllr Gareth Parry (Deputy Mayor), Cllr Eirian Williams Roberts, Cllr Mark Roberts, Cllr Delyth Russell and Cllr John Wyn Williams.

64/23 TO COMMIT TO THE RACE TO ZERO

Following the presentation to the Council at the previous meeting, held on the 11th of September, when a presentation was received from the Bangor Climate Emergency, the Council discussed committing to the Race to Zero. The proposal entailed the Council pledging to 'take action towards or beyond a fair share of the 50% global GHG reduction needed by 2030 and to reach net zero by 2050 at the latest'.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to obtain more details on how the Council can comply with this commitment and how much it will impact the Council's operation before making a final decision. Cllr Bell, Cllr Patterson and Cllr Toth offered to assist with this assessment.

65/23 TO APPROVE CARBON LITERACY TRAINING FOR COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS.

A second proposal was generated following the Bangor Climate Emergency presentation at the last meeting (referred to above) and that was to arrange Carbon Literacy Training for Councillors and staff. Councillors who attended similar courses at Cynfor Gwynedd attested to the value of such training.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve Carbon Literacy Training.

66/23 TO APPROVE NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO TWINNING BANGOR WITH MAY PEN JAMAICA.

Due to time constraints, this item was deferred.

67/23 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS.

The payments list for June, July and August had been recirculated to Council.

The list of payments for June, July and August was presented to the Council. A number of questions were directed at the City Director/RFO regarding payments on the lists.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the list of payments as presented.

The meeting ended at 7.45 pm

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