

Minutes of the meeting of Bangor City Council held at Penrhyn Hall and via Teams video conferencing on **10th November 2025** at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Medwyn Hughes (Chair), Cllr. Delyth Russell (Deputy Mayor), Cllr. Steve Bell, Cllr. Salamatu Fada, Cllr. Dylan Fernley, Cllr. John Wynn Jones, Cllr. Elin Walker Jones, Cllr. Gareth Parry, Cllr. Nigel Pickavance, Cllr. Gwynant Roberts, Cllr. Eirian Williams Roberts, Cllr. Jackie Spence & Cllr. Lisa Toth.

Officers:- Martin Hanks (City Director), Lisa Goodier (Deputy City Director), Carwyn Davies (Administrative Officer) & Sioned Jones (Translator).

39/25 APOLGIES Cllr. Simon Hibbs, Cllr. Huw Wyn Jones, Cllr. Nick Pritchard, Cllr. Gareth Roberts & Cllr. John Wyn Williams.

40/25 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION

None

41/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: PRESENTATION BY YGC

At the end of last year, YGC delivered a presentation to the Council on the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 (CDM 2015), outlining the Council's statutory duties when works on the Pier are undertaken. The agreement with YGC to carry out exploratory and consultation works on the Pier is scheduled to commence before the end of this year.

Given this timeline, it was considered appropriate for YGC to provide a further presentation to update the Council on their planned exploratory activities. The Council was advised that once these works are completed, YGC will prepare a condition report, which will be presented at a future Council meeting. This report will support the Council in developing a long-term, 20-year maintenance plan and in planning the next phase of restoration works required to safeguard the future of the Pier.

42/25 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS 8TH SEPTEMBER 2025

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the Council meeting on 8th September 2025 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

43/25 CITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The report had been circulated before the meeting.

The City Director highlighted a few points from his report, including:-

- i) With our celebratory year drawing to a close, the City Council, in conjunction with Bangor University Education Department, will shortly be launching the Bangor Heritage College. This initiative, geared to junior school pupils, will emulate the

University format of students choosing a module to study. Currently, there are 37 modules prepared, each of ten questions. The uniqueness of this College is that every module is based on Bangor. The pupils completing the most modules will be invited to a 'graduation-style ceremony in the University's main PJ Hall.

- ii) Last month the Staffing Committee appointed a Deputy City Director, who took up her post on the 1st November. I am sure you will want to join me in welcoming Lisa to the team.
- iii) Since our last meeting, the Mayor and I attended the first ever Bangor Day in Parliament, where we met a host of varied and interesting people, from Civic Servants, Ministers and businesses people. The objective was to celebrate Bangor 1500 year history and to shine a spotlight on the City.

44/25 APPOINT ADDITIONAL COUNCILLORS TO COMMITTEES

The City Director explained that there were a number of vacancies in the Council's current committee structures. The City Director requested for names of members to be put forward as candidates for these vacancies.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to appoint the following Councillors to these committees for the Municipal Year 2025/26:-

Cllr. Steve Bell – Finance Committee, Assets Committee and Staffing Committee

Cllr. Fernley – Finance Committee

Cllr. Eirian Williams Roberts – Staffing Committee

Cllr. Jackie Spence – Staffing Committee

45/25 TO ACCEPT THE 6 MONTH BUDGET VERSUS ACTUAL REPORT

The 6 Month Budget Versus Actual Report had been pre-circulated to Members

The Council were advised that the 6 Month Budget versus Actual Report had been scrutinised by the Council's Finance Committee and it had recommended its acceptance.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to accept the 6 Month Budget Versus Actual Report.

46/25 TO AGREE SUPPORT FOR JAMAICAN SOCIETY HURRICANE MELISSA APPEAL

A request from the North Wales Jamaica Society was put forward to the Council. They requested financial assistance from the Council with their current efforts, raising money to send to Jamaica to assist with the devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa at the end of October and the beginning of November this year.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To provide £2,000.00 of assistance for the current North Wales Jamaica Society Hurricane Appeal.

47/25 TO RESPOND TO THE BANGOR FIRST (formerly BID) RENEWAL VOTE

A short discussion was held by the Council on this item. The Chair told the council that there were three options when it came to voting on this item. Option one was to vote in favour of the continuation of Bangor First (Bangor BID) for the next 5 years, Option two was to abstain from voting and Option three was to vote against the renewal of the BID.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Council rejects the renewal of the Bangor First (Bangor BID) for the next 5 years.

48/25 TO DISCUSS A RESPONSE TO EXTEND THE BANGOR PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

A proposal from Cyngor Gwynedd was put forward to extend the public space protection order. The Council was informed that Cyngor Gwynedd was keen to consult with the local community and Bangor City Council on the intention to extend the Order for a further 3 years.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to support Cyngor Gwynedd in the extension of the public space protection order for Bangor.

49/25 INITIAL DISCUSSION ON THE 2026-2027 PRESEPT

The annual budget for the 2026–2027 financial year will soon enter the development stage. The City Director has requested guidance from the Council regarding its initial priorities and the preferred level at which the precept should be set for the financial year 2026 – 2027.

The meeting ended at 8.00 pm

CYFARWYDDWR DINESIG – Martin Hanks – CITY DIRECTOR