Bangor City Council

Minutes of Full Council

Monday 12th October 2026, Penrhyn Hall and via 'Teams', 18.30

Attendees

Councillors:	Cllrs. Delyth Russell (Chair), Jackie Spence (Deputy Chair), Gwynant Roberts, John Wynn Jones, Elin Walker Jones, Gareth Parry, Steve Bell, Lisa Toth, Eirian Williams Roberts, Nigel Pickavance, Nick Pritchard, Dylan Fernley, Sam Njoku (Online), Salamatu Fada (Online), Md Mustakim Raza (Online), Jac Jolly (Online)
Officers:	Carwyn Davies, Administration Officer
Others:	Sioned Elin Jones (Translator) 2 members of the public
Apologies:	Cllrs. John Wyn Williams, Gareth Roberts, Huw Wyn Jones, Medwyn Hughes
Absent without apology:	-

The meeting commenced at 18.40

Item	Reference	Action
1.	**FC69/26**	**Apologies:** Cllrs. John Wyn Williams, Gareth Roberts, Huw Wyn Jones, Medwyn Hughes
2.	**FC70/26**	**Declaration of Financial Interest or Personal Connection:** Cllr. Jackie Spence declared a Financial and Personal Connection on **Item 11**. Minute reference **FC79/26**
3.	**FC71/26**	**Public Participation:** Nothing to note.
4.	**FC72/26**	**Correspondence** The Chair invited members to present any correspondence for the Council's consideration. Cllr Gareth Parry reported the appointment of Reverend Nia Wyn Jones as the new Dean of Bangor Cathedral, noting that she was known locally and would take up post in January. He proposed that the Council send a letter welcoming her and congratulating her on the appointment, framed as a communication between city stakeholders. This item was then put to a vote. **Resolved: to compose and send a letter to Reverend Nia Wyn Jones, Dean of Bangor Cathedral, to welcome her in her new role.**

The Administration Officer then presented the second item to the Council. The second item was correspondence that was received by email from Menter Mon, it was regarding the Smart Towns set up by Cyngor Gwynedd and funded by the Shared Prosperity Fund and administered by Menter Mon initiative that was set up in the City Centre to track data of visitors so that it could be used by shopkeepers and businesses in the City Centre to encourage businesses to target their marketing. It was explained that platforms such as Patrwn and BT Active Intelligence were where the data could be found. The Administration Officer then went on to explain that the letter from Menter Mon explained that the current funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund was coming to an end. The cost would now have to be sought in each community in Gwynedd that has this current initiative so sustain its future. The cost for Bangor City Centre would be £ 3,350.00. As part of this, the free Wi-Fi in the City Centre would be included.

Resolved: to approach the newly established Task Force for Bangor for funding. To approach Cyngor Gwynedd to explore if there would be any other external funding that could cover the annual costs.

5. **FC73/26** **To approve the Minutes of the Council meeting 14th September 2026 and 21st September 2026**
Resolved: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th September 2026 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Action: to defer and request the Acting City Director to include the minutes of the Council meeting 21st September 2026 on the next Full Council agenda on the 9th November 2026.

6. **FC74/26** **Review of Action Tracker**
No action-tracker update was available for presentation. Members noted that the requested information had not been prepared in time, and the item was therefore deferred.

Action: to defer to the next Full Council meeting on the 9th November 2026.

7. **FC75/26** **County Councillor updates**
Nothing to note.

8. **FC76/26** **Mayor's announcements and report**
Nothing to note.

9. **FC77/26** **To receive a report from the Acting City Director / Town Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer**
In the absence of the Acting Responsible Financial Officer, the Administration Officer presented the report to Council.

The report provided an update on the City Council's bank balances and reserves, together with progress on the implementation of the Rialtas accounting software.

It was reported that the lease for Clwb Hirael had been completed in September 2026. The Finance and Monitoring Committee would therefore need to consider and determine the arrangements for the financial administration of the centre going forward.

It was noted that the Council's auditors had recommended opening a separate bank account for the centre to ensure that its funds remained separate from the Council's main operating account. The ongoing arrangements for payment of the centre's utility bills would also need to be considered, particularly in light of the current Treasurer's forthcoming retirement.

Resolved: Following the recommendation of the Finance and Monitoring Committee, it was agreed to defer consideration of the matters relating to Clwb Hirael until further information could be provided to the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Finance and Monitoring Committee ahead of the next meeting. This information would then be presented to the Committee for consideration.

10. **FC78/26** **To approve the NALC (National Association of Local Councils) pay increase for 2026/27**

Officers reported that the National Association of Local Councils had concluded negotiations with the unions after around 5 to 6 months and had settled the 2026 to 2027 local-authority pay award at 3.3 per cent. Members were informed that Bangor City Council staff had already received the uplift in line with Cyngor Gwynedd, and Full Council was therefore asked to provide retrospective approval.

Resolved: Retrospective approval was given for the 3.3 per cent NALC pay increase for 2026 to 2027.

11. **FC79/26** **To receive and accept a report from the Finance & Governance Committee**

Cllr. Jackie Spence declared a Financial and Personal Connection on ***Item 11****. Minute reference* ***FC79/26***

The Council received a report from the Chair of the Finance and Monitoring Committee, who summarised the key points of the City Director's report and confirmed that the Committee had scrutinised the Schedule of Payments presented at its previous meeting.

The Council considered the Schedule of Payments and Remittances for September and October 2026, which included retrospective payments for approval, proposed payments and associated remittances for review.

The combined total of retrospective payments requiring approval and proposed payments was £50,773.84, inclusive of VAT. It was noted that two invoices, totalling £8,100.00 inclusive of VAT, had been withheld from payment pending clarification of queries raised in respect of those invoices.

Resolved: Upon the recommendation of the Finance and Monitoring Committee, the Council approved the Schedule of Payments to be Made, totalling £50,773.84 inclusive of VAT, and the retrospective payments, totalling £36,563.04 inclusive of VAT. It was noted that the retrospective payments included invoices that had previously been approved by the Finance and Monitoring Committee and Full Council.

Resolved: To accept the report from the Finance and Monitoring Committee.

12. **FC80/26** **To receive and accept a report from the Assets Committee**

The Council received a report from the Chair of the Assets Committee, which provided an update on a range of property and asset-management matters.

Members were advised that gaps had been identified in the current asset map and asset register. The Council was therefore exploring the adoption of a more robust asset-management system, including the use of tags to identify and track movable assets. The report also reaffirmed that Garth Community Centre was a Bangor City Council asset, with clarification of the Council's responsibilities at the site ongoing.

The Committee had reviewed maintenance requirements and costs relating to Garth Pier, including a comprehensive fire inspection report. Members were advised that Council's insurer would no longer provide insurance for piers from the next financial year, and that alternative insurance arrangements were being explored, including through specialist brokers. Further work was also being undertaken to clarify the legal and operational arrangements for the Piermaster's House, including the potential for an operating licence and lease to the Friends of Garth Pier.

Other matters covered in the report included Clwb Hirael, the possibility of holding a future meeting of the Assets Committee at Garth Community Centre to enable members to inspect the site. The Committee had also considered a planning application and raised no objection.

Resolved: To accept the report from the Assets Committee.

13. **FC81/26** **To consider the extension of a street entertainment licence for the City Centre**

Members of the Events and Engagement Committee presented an existing initiative that had been run voluntarily by one of the Committee's members over the previous two years. The initiative involved providing live music on the High Street to encourage footfall and support the local area.

Members explained that a licensing fee was payable to Cyngor Gwynedd for each event, making the initiative financially unviable on a voluntary basis.

The Committee therefore sought the Council's support in considering an extension to Bangor City Council's existing event licensing arrangements for the

areas of Storiel and Tan y Fynwent, to include the Town Clock area of the High Street.

It was explained that the events would initially be held on a small scale. As the initiative developed and gained momentum, opportunities to secure funding could be explored to enable the engagement of singers and performers.

Resolved: To approve the extension of the Council's existing event licence to include the Town Clock area of the High Street.

The meeting closed at: 20:26

Signed by: .....

Date: .....