

Bangor City Council

Minutes of Finance & Monitoring Committee

Monday 14th September 2026, Penrhyn Hall, 17:00

Attendees

Councillors:	Cllrs: John Wynn Jones (Chair), Gwynant Roberts (Deputy Chair), Delyth Russell, Medwyn Hughes, Huw Wyn Jones, Gareth Parry, Eirian Williams Roberts, Samuel Njoku
Officers:	Lisa Goodier, Acting City Director Carwyn Davies, Administration Officer
Others:	Cllr Lisa Toth
Apologies:	Cllrs: Jackie Spence, Steve Bell, John Wyn Williams
Absent without apology:	-

The meeting commenced at 17:00.

Item	Reference	Action
1.	FM15/26	Apologies: Cllrs: Jackie Spence, Steve Bell, John Wyn Williams
2.	FM16/26	Declaration of Financial Interest or Personal Connection: Nothing to note.
3.	FM17/26	To approve minutes of the Finance & Monitoring Committee dated 29.07.26 Minutes of the meeting held on 29th July 2026 were accepted as a true record.
4.	FM18/26	To consider any matters arising from the previous minutes that are not included elsewhere on the agenda The Acting City Director provided an update on matters arising from the previous committee minutes. - Members had requested that a numbering system be introduced to allow easy identification of invoices when they are discussed in greater detail by the Committee. - The implementation of the new accounting system, Rialtas Omega, together with a purchase order system as part of the package, was discussed as a means of tracking expenditure more easily and transparently. - In relation to Blachere Illuminations and the Christmas Lights, officers had secured a meeting with Blachere Illuminations the previous week. Following the

meeting, a copy of the agreement between Blachere Illuminations and the Council had not yet been received.

- Members had requested at the previous meeting that invoices from suppliers, such as Huws Gray, be paid individually rather than in a monthly bulk payment. It was confirmed that this would be implemented going forward.

- It was agreed that long-term suppliers or regular bills, such as Dŵr Cymru, should be placed on Direct Debit where appropriate.

- A condition survey had been requested for Garth Public Toilets prior to their acquisition from Cyngor Gwynedd. It was confirmed that no such survey had been obtained from Cyngor Gwynedd before the acquisition. The Council has subsequently been responsible for repair and remedial works to the public toilets.

- Members had requested a copy of the YGC condition survey report so that it could be scrutinised to understand the financial costs associated with ongoing maintenance at Garth Pier. The report was presented to the Committee for scrutiny at this meeting.

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is being prepared with the Friends of Bangor Garth Pier to enable them to operate the Pier and handle funds raised at the entrance kiosk. This remains in preparation in conjunction with the Friends of Bangor Garth Pier.

- An agreement between Ynni Ogwen and Bangor City Council remained outstanding and was required so that its contents could be scrutinised and understood by the Committee.

Members expressed concern that they had not been made aware, before these matters were brought to the Committee, that some actions remained outstanding.

5. **FM19/26 To receive a report from the Acting Responsible Financial Officer**

The Acting City Director provided an overview of the Council's current financial position, including its bank and reserve accounts.

The Committee was advised that the Council is currently unable to obtain the balances of three historic charitable accounts and that steps are being taken to establish access to these accounts.

Action: The Acting City Director to provide the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Finance and Monitoring Committee with the relevant banking statements for review and signature.

Action:- To ask the Acting City Director to explore whether grass cutting of all Bangor City Council-owned land could be brought in-house to achieve savings.

6. **FM20/26** **To review and recommend to Full Council bank signatories for the municipal year of 2026/27**
To ensure resilience of the Council's banking processes, the Acting City Director sought further members to be added to the banking mandate for the municipal year.

Resolved:- To recommend to Full Council that the current Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2026/27 become bank signatories.

7. **FM21/26** **To review and recommend to Full Council the adoption of the revised Model Standing Orders 2026 (Wales)**
A copy of the revised Model Standing Orders 2026 (Wales) was pre-circulated to the members prior to the meeting.

The model standing orders were scrutinised, and recommendations were made for alterations by members.

Resolved:- To recommend adoption of revised Model Standing Orders 2026 (Wales) to Full Council.

8. **FM22/26** **To review and recommend to Full Council the adoption of the Revised Model Financial Regulations for Community and Town Councils in Wales (One Voice Wales)**
A copy of the revised Model Financial Regulations for Community and Town Councils in Wales (One Voice Wales) was pre-circulated to members prior to the meeting.

The model standing orders were scrutinised, and recommendations were made for alterations by members.

Resolved: To recommend adoption of the revised Model Financial Regulations for Community and Town Councils in Wales (One Voice Wales) to Full Council.

9. **FM23/26** **To review and approve the Schedule of Payments and Remittances**
A schedule of payments to be made and retrospective payments covering July, August and September 2026 was presented to the Committee for consideration.

The payments to be made and retrospective approval and recommendation to Full Council totalled £ 44,740.89 including VAT.

Resolved: That the Schedule of Payments and Remittances be approved, and that the retrospective payments totalling £ 44,740.89 including VAT be recommended to Full Council for approval.

10. **FM24/26** **To review and adopt the draft Pre-approved Supplier form**
The Committee considered the draft Pre-approved Supplier Form presented by the City Director. Members discussed the content of the proposed form and

expressed the view that the form was too restrictive in its current format and should not be adopted at this stage.

Resolved: That the City Director ascertain whether Cyngor Gwynedd has a similar pre-approved supplier form which could be considered by the Committee.

The meeting closed at: 18:19

Signed by:

Date: