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Minutes of the meeting of Bangor City Council Assets and Projects Committee held at Penrhyn Hall and via Zoom video-conferencing on **5th September 2022** at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT: - Cllr Medwyn Hughes (Chair), His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Gwynant Roberts, the Deputy Mayor Councillor Elin Walker Jones, Cllr. Janet Abas, Cllr. Steve Bell, Cllr. Salamatu Fata, Cllr. Huw Wyn Jones, Cllr. Jac Jones, Cllr. John Wynn Jones, Cllr. Gareth Parry, Cllr. Shane Parsons, Cllr. Meic Pattison, Cllr. Nigel Pickavance, Cllr Eirian Williams Roberts, Cllr. Peter Whitby, Cllr John Wyn Williams

Officers:- Martin Hanks (City Director) Howard Huws (Translator), Sioned Jones (Minutes).

54/22 APOLOGIES

Cllr Dylan Fernley, Cllr Steve Bell.

55/22 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION

None.

56/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

57/22 TO ACCEPT A REPORT FROM THE CITY DIRECTOR

ASSETS

Pier – the Piermaster’s house has now been vacated and work needs to be done on the foundations, this should be finished in 4-5 weeks.

Dargie fields – someone had been living in a tent on the field, that individual had gone but abandoned the tent. Lots of needles had been left lying around, so a company was employed to clean up the area and cut the grass. It now looks better than before.

Ashley fields – there have been complaints about bikes and motorbikes using the fields.

Menai Woods – work completed. Over 20 trees have been felled or pruned.

Green spaces strategy to be discussed with University, Adra and Gwynedd Council

It was asked whether the sewerage work on the pier had been completed. The City Director replied that the delay was frustrating but it was because it would involve fencing off half the car park which would be a problem during the tourist season. Therefore the work will start at the end of September for a fortnight.

PERSONNEL

The City Director referred to two members of staff who had given years of service to the Council and he felt that some kind of recognition should be made. Members referred to some Councillors as well who had served for many terms.

IT WAS RESOLVED to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mention was made to of Mrs Enid Griffiths, approaching her 100th birthday who had given years of service in the field of education in Bangor, the Council resolved to acknowledge her.

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The City Director reiterated the idea presented at the previous Council meeting of having an informal workshop in the future.

58/22 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE NANTPORTH SUB-COMMITTEE

It was reported that the Nantporth CIC had now submitted a business plan detailing its future aspirations. This business plan is currently being evaluated by the Council's appointed auditor and solicitor. Further information will be available at the next meeting.

59/22 WELCOME TO BANGOR SIGNS

The City Director reported that the sign by the Crematorium had been defaced by graffiti, which would cost £700 to repair. The quotation to erect two further 'blue' Welcome to Bangor signs, one on Caernarfon Road and one on Holyhead Road was reported to be in the region of £4,500. Following a discussion on the entrance signs into the City

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- a) to approve replacing the defaced Welcome to Bangor sign.
- b) to approve erecting 2 additional blue signs, as discussed.

60/22 TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GARTH PIER CIC

The City Director reported that due largely to the efforts of the Friends of Garth Pier footfall on the Pier had increased over the last year and income had increased noticeably. To continue with improvements and to maximise this asset it was proposed that a Community Interest Company (CIC) be established. Such a CIC could provide the Council and the Pier with significant benefits.

IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the concept of establishing a Garth Pier CIC consisting of representatives of the City Council and the Friends Group.

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61/22 THE REGENERATION OF BANGOR PLAYING FIELDS

Paper circulated before the meeting

Members were in agreement with the main points of the paper and agreed that a strategy was needed. In order to have a fair distribution of funds, the City Director suggested employing an external assessor to review the parks and playing fields.

IT WAS RESOLVED

- a) to approve the use of the budgeted funds for one (or two) parks per year.
- b) to appoint an outside assessor to report on the condition of the City's parks and play parks.
- c) to approve the expenditure of up to £25k on the park in most need.

The meeting came to an end at 8.50pm

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