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Minutes of a meeting of the Bangor City Assets, Resources and Projects Committee held remotely, via Zoom video-conferencing, at 6.30 pm on the 14th of February 2022.

PRESENT: - Councillor Mair Rowlands (Chair), Councillors Medwyn Hughes, Huw Wyn Jones, John Wyn Jones, Kieran Jones, Enid Parry, Dylan Fernley (non-voting)

Officers:- Martin Hanks (Acting Town Clerk), Paul Rowlinson (Translator), Sioned Jones (Minutes).

240/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Elin Walker Jones, Nigel Pickavance, Luke Tugwell.

241/22 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION

None.

242/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

243/22 TO DISCUSS STREET CLEANING IN BANGOR

Members felt that the appearance of Bangor City Centre was paramount to the regeneration of Bangor and that street cleaning and grass cutting were very important elements of this. Several schemes for street cleaning had been proposed in the past, including a combined initiative between the City Council, the University, Gwynedd Council and one of the housing associations. It was unclear how much progress had been made.

IT WAS RESOLVED

- (i) The Town Clerk to make enquiries to ascertain what schemes had been agreed, but to continue pursuing the concept of a dedicated cleaner for Bangor;
- (ii) The Council had already budgeted for grass cutting and trimming pathways. The Town Clerk advised that this should be actioned to have a scheme in place by the Spring. It was agreed that the Town Clerk lead on this, and bring names of companies and quotes to the next meeting.

244/22 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PIER CAR PARK

In response to the resolution made on the 7th of February, the Town Clerk had arranged for a landscape architect to visit the Pier that afternoon. Unfortunately, the meeting was postponed. The Committee was advised that the original RoSPA inspector has now left and therefore another inspection will have to be arranged to obtain a detailed report. Given that the equipment had been in place since the mid-1980s, it was suggested by RoSPA that the equipment was nearing the end of its life.

IT WAS RESOLVED

- (i) That the Town Clerk arrange another meeting with a RoSPA inspector and to get some definite answers about the estimated life of the equipment.
- (ii) To rearrange with the landscape architect and also seek other opinions.

245/22 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE WELSH GOVERNMENT'S PLACEMAKING GRANT

The Committee was advised that due to the time taken to prepare the grant bid, all monies under this scheme had now been allocated. The work done could be used as a foundation for bidding again next year.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr H W Jones liaises with Gwynedd Council about the condition of the High Street.

246/22 TO DISCUSS A MAINTENANCE STRATEGY FOR BANGOR'S PLAYING FIELDS AND FOOTPATHS

Further to the Council's approval of funds to undertake maintenance of the City's playing fields, supplemental to the work undertaken by Gwynedd Council, the Committee was asked to authorise the Clerk to prepare options for the Council.

RESOLVED: The Town Clerk to prepare a schedule for the project, with costs.

247/22 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

The invoices were approved for payment.

In response to a question regarding the sum paid for IT support, the Town Clerk explained that this cost was made of several items, including enabling Members to have Bangor City Council e-mail accounts and to access Microsoft Office, and also included unlimited IT support. It would appear that not all Members use their City Council e-mail accounts, which means that they would not receive e-mails sent from their constituents and also had implications for GDPR.

248/22 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of this Committee was not scheduled until after May. However, as many practical issues need to be dealt with, it was proposed to convene another meeting before then.

The following issues required attention:

- a) Update on the pier play area.
- b) Update on street cleaning and grass cutting.
- c) Update from the Strategic Partnership. It was proposed that Cllr J. W. Jones give an update to the new (post-May) Council on the work of this Partnership.
- d) To receive an update from the Nantporth sub-committee.

The meeting came to an end at 7.35pm

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