

Minutes of the meeting of Bangor City Council that was held at Penrhyn Hall on **24th of June at 6.30 pm**

PRESENT: - His Worship the Mayor Cllr. Gareth Parry, Cllr. Medwyn Hughes (Deputy Mayor), Cllr. Dylan Fernley, Cllr. Eirian Williams Roberts, Cllr. Gwynant Roberts, Cllr. John Wynn Jones, Cllr. John Wyn Williams, Cllr. Mark Roberts, Cllr. Steve Bell, Cllr. Beverly Jones, Cllr Elin Walker-Jones, Cllr. Huw Wyn Jones (Left at 19:05), Cllr. Nigel Pickavance

Officers:- Officers:- Martin Hanks (City Director), Llinos F. Jones, (Deputy City Director), and Sioned Jones (Translator), 6 members of the public & the chair of Friends of Bangor Garth Pier

26/24 APOLOGIES;

Cllr. Lisa Toth, Cllr. Gareth Roberts, Cllr Simon Hibbs

27/24 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION.

None.

28/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – BANGOR (GARTH) CIC.

The chair of Friends of Bangor Garth Pier did a presentation.

29/24 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 3rd JUNE 2024.

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 3rd of June had been pre-circulated to Councillors.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

30/24 CITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

The Report had been circulated before the meeting

The city director reported that Both Bangor University and Bangor Cathedral have now established working groups to

explore how best to maximize Bangor 1500 and I have offered to attend both of these groups regularly to ensure communication between them and the City Council's working

group remains fluid. The new lookout at the end of the Pier was completed last week. This project was organised by BCC staff and funded by Friends of Garth Pier. This is another example of the excellent working relationship between the two bodies.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the city directors report.

31/24 TO ACCEPT THE INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT.

The Internal Audit Report had been pre-circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.

The finance committee scrutinised the internal audit before the full council meeting and the chair of finance gave their recommendations;

Following the annual internal audit completed by representatives of Cyngor Gwynedd, the Internal Audit Report has been received. The Report did not contain any negative comments or recommendations. It was confirmed by the City Director that the three minor observations contained in the previous year's report had been actioned, otherwise they would be outstanding on this report.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the internal audit.

32/24 TO APPROVE THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS & ANNUAL RETURN.

The Annual Statement and Annual Return had been pre-circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.

The finance committee scrutinised the accounts and annual return before the full council meeting and the chair of finance gave a report;

The Committee was advised that these documents had been prepared for the annual audit and had been verified by the auditor.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the accounts and annual return.

33/24 TO APPROVE COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

- i) Investment Strategy.**
- ii) Financial Risk Assessment.**

The documents below had been pre-circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.

The finance committee scrutinised the investment strategy before the full council meeting and the chair of finance gave their recommendations;

- i) Investment Strategy 2024 -2025**

The Committee was advised that the Investment Strategy had been updated to include details of the Council investment company, which was appointed earlier in the year.

Resolved: to recommend the Investment Strategy for 2024-2025 to Council.

- ii) Financial Risk Assessment 2024-2025**

The Committee advised that the Financial Risk Assessment document had been amended to include references to the Finance Committee, which had been established during the 2023-2024 municipal year.

Resolved: to recommend the Financial Risk Assessment for 2024-2025 to Council with one minor word change to point 3(e).

- i) IT WAS RESOLVED:** to approve the investment strategy.
- ii) IT WAS RESOLVED:** to approve the recommendation by the finance committee with one minor word change

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the financial risk assessment with one minor change.

34/24 TO APPROVE THE CONCEPT OF LEASING GARTH PIER TO THE PIER CIC.

Following a brief discussion.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the concept of leasing Garth Pier to the CIC.

35/24 TO ALLOW NANTPORTH CIC TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO NANTPORTH STADIUM.

Following a brief discussion.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the CIC to make improvements to the stadium.

35/24 TO APPROVE CARBON LITERACY TRAINING COURSE.

It was suggested that councillors attend a carbon literacy course.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve a carbon literacy course.

36/24 TO DISCUSS BUDGET FOR:

i) Fireworks Night.

ii) Christmas Cracker.

The finance committee had a meeting before the full council meeting and the chair of finance gave a recommendation;

- i) Due to the continuing sea defence work on Beach Road, it was reported that it would not be possible to hold the traditional Fireworks display at that location. Other locations had been explored including the University and Nantporth but neither was acceptable for a variety of reasons. As such it was likely that this year's event would need to be cancelled.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to allocate £5,000 to Firework Night and continue to explore possibilities.

- ii) The Committee was advised that last year, £10,000 had been granted to the Christmas Cracker event. Unfortunately, the conditions attached to this grant, namely that the grant receiver would, following the event, provide the Council with a report on the income and expenditure associated with the Cracker, had not, despite several communications, been received. While it was stressed that the Committee was not concerned about any wrongdoing, it did express concern that the scrutinization of whether this public money grant was giving the people of Bangor value for money, was not possible. Similarly, it was disappointed that the terms of the grant had not been complied with, and that communication attempts had not been responded to.

IT WAS RESOLVED: The Committee would not recommend that the Council award a grant to the Christmas Cracker this year. However, it does recommend that the Council allocate £10,000 for a Christmas event run internally or by another organisation but the council continues to attempt to liaise with Christmas cracker organisers.

37/24 TO APPROVE LOCAL HERO AWARD PROPOSALS.

The proposal had been circulated before the meeting.

Following a brief discussion the council suggested some minor amendments to the proposal.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the proposal of local hero award with the minor amendments.

38/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- i) **C24/0231/11/TC** – 23 College Road – Application to use property as House of Multiple Occupancy.

Due to the percentage of HMO's in the area, The council did not support this application.

- ii) **C24/0424/11/LL** – Pobdy, Lon Pobty, Bangor – Change ground floor office to a paediatrician and physiotherapist's clinic.

Cllr. Elin Walker-Jones and Cllr. John Wynne Jones declared a personal interest and therefore did not vote.

No objection.

- iii) **C24/0436/11/LL** – Former Ysgol Babanod Coed Mawr – Proposed erection of 10 affordable dwellings.

No objection.

- iv) **C24/0457/11/YA** – Nantporth, Holyhead Road – to erect building for storage of machinery and livestock feed.

No objection.

The meeting ended at 8:30 pm

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