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Minutes of the meeting of Bangor City Council held at Penrhyn Hall and via Zoom video-conferencing on **3rd October 2022** at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT: - His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Gwynant Roberts, the Deputy Mayor Councillor Elin Walker Jones, Cllr. Janet Abas, Cllr. Steve Bell, Cllr. Salamatu Fata, Cllr. Medwyn Hughes, Cllr. Huw Wyn Jones, Cllr. John Wynn Jones, Cllr. Gareth Parry, Cllr. Meic Pattison, Cllr Eirian Williams Roberts, Cllr. Gareth Roberts, Cllr John Wyn Williams

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

54/22 APOLOGIES

Cllr Nigel Pickavance.

55/22 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION

None.

56/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

57/22 TO ACCEPT AN ADDRESS FROM THE NEW CITY DIRECTOR

The City Director pre-circulated his report to Members. It Included details of projects and organisations with which he had made contact since commencing the role. It also highlighted that he had been appointed to the Bwyd Da Steering Board and the Bangor University Community Board.

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the report and thank the City Director for his efforts.

58/22 TO APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS:

(i) **Annual Financial Statement**

(ii) **Internal Audit Report**

The financial documents had been pre-circulated to Member. The primary comment from the Internal Auditor referred to the difficulties which could occur due to staff issues.

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the report and to thank the Director and the Council's staff for ensuring that, despite reduced coverage, a satisfactory report.

59/22 TO APPROVE THE GWYNEDD PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH YOUTH CENTRES

Following a presentation to the Council at the last meeting from Gwynedd Youth Services, a written proposal had been received, which detailed the costs and working arrangements. This had been pre-circulated to Members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the establishment of a youth centre in Coed Mawr Community Centre, initially, with a view to adding other locations, if successful.

60/22 TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL TO ACKNOWLEDGE LONG SERVICE

Paper circulated before meeting.

3 Councillors had given years of service (over 20 years) to the City Council and 2 members of staff had been employed for a long period of time also. After some discussion,

IT WAS RESOLVED

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- a) to acknowledge the long-serving Councillors by honouring them with the Freedom of the City of Bangor.
- b) to give a monetary acknowledgement, of £250.00 to the long-standing members of staff.

61/22 TO SUPPORT M-SPARC ON THE ROAD

Paper circulated before the meeting.

M-Sparc on the Road is opening in Bangor in October for six months. It was proposed that the City Council support this project.

IT WAS RESOLVED to contribute £3,000 to the road show, on receipt of a detailed schedule of activities.

62/22 TO SUPPORT ANNUAL EVENTS

Paper circulated before the meeting.

(a) Remembrance Sunday –

IT WAS RESOLVED to continue with the usual arrangements for the service and parade.

(b) Firework Display. Following the enforced break because of Covid, the Lions had decided not to take responsibility for the Fireworks evening. The City Director proposed that the City Council should take over the organisation of this event.

IT WAS RESOLVED

- (i) To hold the event in Beach Road and to ask the Rotary Club if its had an interest in organising future events.
- (ii) To allocate the sum of £5000 for the purchase of fireworks.

(c) Christmas After some discussion about the location of the Christmas lights and trees,

IT WAS RESOLVED

- (i) To continue with the Christmas lights as last year and in Upper Bangor; and to consider extending into Caernarfon Road next year.
- (ii) To install a Christmas tree in Tan y Fynwent and at the Cathedral and to ascertain if the artificial tree could be used by the Clock.

(d) Carol Service

Awyr Las are not organising a carol service this year. Given the popularity of last year's event

IT WAS RESOLVED that the City Council take responsibility for this event. The City Director to liaise with Cytûn Bangor.

63/22 TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO GRANT DOCUMENTS AND MEETING SCHEDULE

The Council's grant documents had been amended to take account of the Council's Welsh Language Scheme. These documents had been pre-circulated to Members.

During the discussion it was also suggested that the paperwork was overly complex for small applications.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- i) to approve the amendments
- ii) to prepare new simplified guidelines for applications up to £250.00.

The meeting ended at 7.30pm

CYFARWYDDWR DINESIG – Martin Hanks – CITY DIRECTOR