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Minutes of the **Annual Meeting** held at the Penrhyn Hall and through Zoom video-conferencing, **Monday, 10 May 2021** at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT: - His Worship the Mayor Councillor John Wyn Williams

The Deputy Mayor Councillor Owen Hurcum

Councillors : Les Day, Luke Tugwell, Medwyn Hughes, George Turner, Enid Parry, Elin Walker Jones, John Martin, John Wynn Jones, Kieran Jones, Gwynant Roberts, Mair Rowlands

Officers:- Iwan Williams, City Director, Martin Hanks, Acting Town Clerk, Gwynfor Owen (Interpreter)

At 6.30 pm His Worship the Mayor, accompanied by the City Director and Councillor John Wynn Jones, entered the Council Chamber.

The Mayor called upon Councillor John Wynn Jones to offer prayers.

01/21 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Dylan Fernley and Nigel Pickavance.

02/21 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION

None.

03/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A number of the public were present to support the Councillors.

04/21 PROCEDURAL

The retiring Mayor Councillor John Wyn Williams, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and gave a short address at the end of his two years in office.

He said that the last year had been without precedent. As this stage he would usually note the engagements and events he had attended but this year, things were completely different due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, he had still been extremely busy in different ways. The Council had endeavoured to help the City's residents, especially those in need. He had spent the first few weeks of the lockdown period with the help of Martin Hanks, Acting Town Clerk, doing all they could to help the people of Bangor. He wished to give particular thanks to Martin Hanks, employed for 2 days a week, but whose willing support had gone far beyond the allotted 2 days.

He reported that the Council had been restructured during the year. Instead of a traditional Town Clerk, Iwan Williams had been appointed City Director. He said that the City Director will have an important role leading on projects, also contributing towards the first steps of planning for the future. He had already had meetings with agencies and partnerships as well as the County Council. He expressed his good wishes to the new Mayor as they build on these

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projects. He also wished to express his thanks to everyone for their support over the last two years.

Finally, the Mayor voiced the Council's sadness on hearing the news of the death of former Councillor Dewi Llewelyn who had passed away so suddenly a few days before. He invited Councillor John Wynn Jones to say a few words.

Councillor John Wynn Jones said that Dewi Llewelyn had represented Deiniol ward on the City Council from 1995 to 2017. He had been a hard-working and active councillor. It wasn't the public role that appealed to him as Dewi was "a doer, not a talker". He was highly regarded and was always helpful. He was easy to talk to and had a mischievous streak. Councillor Jones said that he would feel his loss personally but that the loss in the home at Bodlondeb was so much greater. He conveyed the Council's sympathy with the family and all stood for a minute's silence to remember fondly the former councillor, Dewi Llewelyn.

05/21 ELECTION OF MAYOR

The Mayor asked for proposals for the election of Mayor for the forthcoming Municipal Year 2021/22.

The name of Councillor Owen Hurcum was proposed and seconded. There were no other names put forward.

The proposal was made by Councillor Mair Rowlands and seconded by Councillor John Martin. Cllr Rowlands said that it was a pleasure to nominate Owen Hurcum. During their time as Councillor Owen had shown great passion for Bangor and for improving the city. She also thanked Cllr Williams for two years of strong leadership in a challenging time.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Hurcum be elected as Mayor for the forthcoming municipal year.

The Mayor then retired to change robes.

On return to the Chamber the outgoing Mayor invested the newly elected Mayor with the Chain of Office, who then read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Mayor of the City of Bangor Council in the presence of the City Director, as the Council's Proper Officer, who also signed the Declaration.

06/21 ADDRESS BY THEIR WORSHIP THE MAYOR

The new Mayor thanked everyone and said that it would be a privilege to follow Councillor Williams. Councillor Hurcum was elected Deputy Mayor two years ago, that was the greatest privilege of their lives. Bangor is their home. There are challenges facing the Council but with this team great things can be achieved for Bangor. They thanked their proposer and seconder, Councillors Mair Rowlands and John Wynn Jones for suggesting their name as Mayor of the

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City. Indeed, this was the first time in 3 years that the new Mayor was not called John Wyn! The new Mayor understood that they were Wales' youngest ever Mayor and the first non-binary Mayor and they were so grateful to the council and city for allowing them to express their identity.

Their consort would be Shane Parsons.

07/21 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor invited nominations for the appointment of Deputy Mayor. The name of Councillor Gwynant Roberts was duly proposed and seconded. There were no other names submitted.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Gwynant Roberts be elected as Deputy Mayor of the City of Bangor for the forthcoming Municipal Year, 2021/2022

The Mayor then invested Councillor Roberts with the Deputy Mayor's Chain of Office.

Councillor Roberts congratulated the Mayor on their election. He then thanked his proposer and seconder, Councillors John Wynn Jones and Elin Walker Jones for putting his name forward and the councillors for electing him. He also thanked the outgoing Mayor for two years of hard work.

08/21 MINUTES OF COUNCIL

(i) Confirming minutes of Assets and Greening Committee held on 26 April 2021.

RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record

(ii) Confirming Minutes of Council meeting held on 26 April 2021.

RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Mayor.

(iii) Confirming Minutes of Planning and Amenities Committee held on 26 April 2021.

RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record

09/21 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS

The City Director had circulated copies of the new structure and timetable. The first task of each Committee would be to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair. Confirmation was needed of the proposal that members would sit on the committee for a maximum of 5 years and the Chairs and Vice Chairs for 2 years. It was also proposed that the dates be considered, there might be a need for flexibility in order to allow for additional meetings.

RESOLVED to approve the new structure and timetable subject to confirmation of the above.

10/21 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

It was proposed to continue with the status quo for this year. All were in favour.

The Meeting finished at 7.13 p.m.