

Minutes of the meeting of Bangor City Council held at Penrhyn Hall and via Teams video conferencing on **08th September 2025** at 6.30 pm.

**PRESENT:-** His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Medwyn Hughes (Chair), Cllr. Delyth Russell (Deputy Mayor), Cllr. Steve Bell, Cllr. Dylan Fernley, Cllr. John Wynn Jones, Cllr. Elin Walker Jones, Cllr. Gareth Parry, Cllr. Gareth Roberts, Cllr. Gwynant Roberts, Cllr. Eirian Williams Roberts, Cllr. Jackie Spence & Cllr. John Wyn Williams.

**31/25 APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Salamatu Fada, Cllr. Simon Hibbs, Cllr. Huw Wyn Jones, Cllr. Michael Pattison, Cllr. Nigel Pickavance & Cllr. Lisa Toth.

### **32/25 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**

None

### **33/25 TO APPOINT A COUNCILLOR TO THE EMPTY MENAI WARD SEAT**

There were three candidates for the empty Menai Ward seat. *The names of these candidates had been pre-circulated to members in advance of this meeting.*

At the meeting only one candidate attended.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** In the absence of the other candidates it was voted to co-opt Cllr. Nick Pritchard to the empty seat of the Menai Ward.

### **34/25 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS 9<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE 2025 AND 30<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE 2025**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes of the Council meetings 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2025 and 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2025 as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

### **35/25 CITY DIRECTOR REPORT**

*The report had been circulated before the meeting.*

The City Director highlighted a few points from his report including:-

- i) We have a new vacancy, this time in the Hiracl Ward, following the resignation of (former) Councillor Roberts. We are currently waiting for Gwynedd to supply the necessary notices to ascertain if a by-election is required.
- ii) The solar panels have now been fitted to Penrhyn Hall and we are now benefiting from cheaper electricity.
- iii) The City Council are working in conjunction with Storiell and Pontio on a Cyngor Gwynedd led project to redevelop the area outside Storiell, including the former bowling green area, the area on Deiniol Rd side of Storiell and the area around the War

Memorial. This project will enhance the cultural heart of the City and make the area more usable.

### **36/25 TO APPOINT A COUNCILLOR TO THE BRIDGES OF FRIENDSHIP PROJECT**

The Bridges of Friendship project currently run by the North Wales Jamaica Society group requested for the Councils support with this project going forward in the future. The group requested that they have an individual Councillor appointed to them to represent the Council on its behalf.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** To appoint Cllr. John Wynn Jones as a representative on behalf of the Council for this project.

### **37/25 TO SUPPORT THE CHANGING OF THE NAME OF “SPINNIES” ABEROGWEN TO ‘LLUN CELANEDD’**

*A report of the historic name for the “Spinnies” had been pre-circulated to members before this meeting.*

It was understood by the Chair by the time of this meeting that this is would retrospective vote of support from this Council for the name change of the “Spinnies” to ‘Llyn Calanedd’. The name change had already been agreed by the neighbouring community council and it was proposed that a vote of support was sought from this Council also.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** To support the name change of the “Spinnies” to ‘Llyn Calanedd’.

### **38/25 TO INVITE & DISPLAY THE KNIFE ANGEL IN BANGOR**

It was explained by Cllr. Elin Walker Jones that the Knife Angel is a large piece of art-work that has been created to help tackle and prevent knife crime in Towns and Cities around the UK. It has toured most of the UK, it was discussed that it would be an advantage and a great opportunity for it to be displayed in Bangor given the recent cases of knife crime in the City.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** To invite and welcome the Knife Angel to Bangor.

**The meeting ended at 7.30pm**

CYFARWYDDWR DINESIG – Martin Hanks – CITY DIRECTOR