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Minutes of the meeting of the Assets, Resources and Projects Committee held in the Council Chamber and via Zoom video-conferencing on **27th June 2022** at 7.20 pm.

**PRESENT:** - His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Gwynant Roberts, the Deputy Mayor Councillor Elin Walker Jones, Cllr. Steve Bell, Cllr. Salamatu Fata, Cllr. Dylan Fernley, Cllr Anna Haydn, Cllr. Medwyn Hughes, Cllr. Huw Wyn Jones, Cllr. Jac Jones, Cllr. John Wynn Jones, Cllr. Chris Johnson, Cllr. Gareth Parry, Cllr. Meic Pattison, Cllr. Nigel Pickavance, Cllr Eirian Williams, Roberts, Cllr John Wyn Williams

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

### **32/22 APOLOGIES**

None

### **33/22 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**

Cllr Fernley declared an interest on item 37/22 the Nantporth update.

### **34/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

### **35/22 TO ELECT A CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

The name of Cllr Medwyn Hughes was proposed as Chair of this Committee.  
All were in favour.

Cllr Hughes then asked for nominations for the Vice-Chair and the name of Cllr Steve Bell was proposed.  
All were in favour.

### **36/22 TO ACCEPT A REPORT FROM THE ACTING TOWN CLERK**

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

- 3 trees in Menai Woods need to be felled immediately and 15 others are dangerous. Gwynedd Council will inform of road closure when this takes place.
- Work needs to be done on the Pier Pavilion, work on the pipes should be completed in 3 weeks. The play equipment on the Pier car park has now been dismantled and the landscape architect is expected to report back in two weeks. That evening, Rownd a Rownd were filming on the Pier – for an episode to be broadcast in the New Year.
- The Council had supported the Pride parade in Bangor by helping to put up flags.
- An e-mail had been received from Steffan Llyr Williams, Youth Service Manager, Gwynedd Council. His mission was to improve the provision of Community Youth Clubs. **IT WAS RESOLVED** to support Steffan and possibly invite him to address a meeting.
- Gwynedd – levelling up project.  
It is proposed that Gwynedd Council apply to the UK for a levelling up grant to invest in local quality infrastructure projects. The region of Bangor was in the highest priority tier.

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A briefing meeting has already been held. Suggested priorities were health and wellbeing and the environment, in particular the Hirael Bay project. It was RESOLVED to send a letter of support to Gwynedd.

- Work has started to clean up the bus stop in Beach Road that was defaced by graffiti. Cllr Pickavance said that this is not the only bus stop to be vandalised in this way and he had sent an e-mail to draw attention to this.

### **37/22 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM NANTPORTH SUB-COMMITTEE**

His Worship the Mayor gave some background to the situation, for the benefit of new members. He explained that Bangor City Football Club had now given the lease back to Nantporth CIC. Discussions would need to be held with Nantporth CIC to decide on the way forward. It was imperative to move step by step and safeguard the Council's interest. Professional advice might have to be sought for the next steps.

### **38/22 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE BANGOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

Councillor John Wynn Jones gave an update on the Bangor Strategic Partnership. He explained that the partnership consisted of a number of stakeholders, including the County and City Councils, the University, Bangor BID and Health Authority, and that its aim was to discuss ways of regenerating Bangor. He felt that there were exciting times ahead of the city:

- This ties in with the Gwynedd Regeneration Framework, which will be out for consultation again.
- A new signage strategy for Bangor will be shared.
- Levelling up (see above). Discussions are afoot for a Medical School in Bangor, also a Medical Hub in the City Centre. If successful, the Hub would mean a big investment in the city centre, with resulting jobs and footfall.
- Schemes are ongoing to improve individual buildings on the High Street.
- Building – work is about to begin on Plas Penrhos, and Plas Farrar flats are completed and occupied. Work is progressing on Y Nyth. There are also plans to redesign College Green.
- Storiell is to improve the outside space for leisure purposes.
- The area behind the station is in great need of improvement, and Network Rail have now acknowledged this.
- Plans have already been drawn up for the Hirael Bay development and it is worth taking a look at them.

Cllr Jones reported that there is incredible work ahead for Bangor and that he was looking forward to seeing these plans come to fruition. A discussion ensued on the various projects.

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**39/22 TO DISCUSS THE REGENERATION OF BANGOR PLAYING FIELDS**

The Town Clerk reminded members that £25k had been allocated in the budget to regenerate play parks. This was an annual sum, for the next 5 years. Councillors were now anxious to see this money being spent.

£10k had also been allocated for grass cutting and members mentioned areas where this was badly needed. It was pointed out that £25k would not go far to purchase play equipment and it would be necessary to attract grants as well. It was felt that priority should be given to the Pier as the previous play equipment has been taken away.

**IT WAS RESOLVED**

- (i) Following the landscape architect's report, to discuss the way forward for a new Pier play park. This to be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- (ii) To set criteria for allocating the fund to be used to upgrade different play parks.

**40/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr Walker Jones wished to record formally that she was very proud that Bangor City Council had sponsored the Bangor Pride march. All were in agreement.

**The meeting came to an end at 8.17 pm**

ACTING TOWN CLERK – Martin Hanks – CLERC Y DREF DROS DRO