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Minutes of the meeting of Bangor City Council held at Penrhyn Hall and via Zoom video-conferencing on **5th September 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. Jac Jones, Cllr. John Wynn Jones, Cllr. Gareth Parry, Cllr. Shane Parsons, Cllr. Meic Pattison, Cllr. Nigel Pickavance, Cllr Eirian Williams Roberts, Cllr. Peter Whitby, Cllr John Wyn Williams

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

45/22 APOLOGIES

Cllr Dylan Fernley, Cllr Steve Bell.

46/22 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION

None.

47/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Steffan Llyr Williams, Youth Services, Gwynedd Council

48/22 TO ACCEPT A REPORT FROM THE APPOINTMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

His Worship the Mayor explained that the Council had approved a recommendation of the sub-committee to offer the Post of City Director to Martin Hanks, the acting Town Clerk. Mr Hanks had accepted the post. He was warmly congratulated by everyone and thanked for his hard work in the interim period.

49/22 TO ACCEPT AN ADDRESS FROM THE NEW CITY DIRECTOR

The new City Director thanked the Members for putting their faith in him and said that he was grateful for the opportunity to undertake this exciting role. He is already familiar with Bangor City Council due to his capacity as part-time interim Town Clerk. He stated that he has many ideas for Bangor but that he would be working in partnership with the Members, supporting them to move forward on their decisions. Some ideas he would like to investigate:

- promoting Bangor by improving visual image
- having more events
- using some of the shops in the high street for community or pop-up shops
- using same for business start-ups, in conjunction with the University
- strengthening Pier group

He stressed however, that all members should be thinking of ways of improving Bangor and suggested that it would be timely to have a workshop for everyone to consider ideas.

50/22 PRESENTATION BY STEFFAN LLYR WILLIAMS, GWYNEDD COUNCIL

Steffan Williams introduced himself as the new manager of Youth Services in Gwynedd. In the last few years, Gwynedd had cut down on youth clubs and his work was to find ways of reinstating them.

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His hope was that Bangor City Council would be interested in working with him to fund youth club(s) in Bangor. Such Clubs would be following guidelines from Gwynedd Council and they would be answerable to Gwynedd. His office would deal with recruitment, training, DBS staff, first aid etc.

Mr Williams said that Bangor was a more difficult area to establish youth clubs because it is made up of many different communities. It might be an idea to have more than one youth club in the city.

The members wholeheartedly approved of the idea of bringing back youth clubs. However, attention was drawn to some initiatives for young people that are already ongoing, e.g. the Africa centre. It was suggested too that students from Bangor University who are interested in youth work could be involved. Links could be made with the Brailsford centre.

Members agreed in principle that they would fund the provision, but would need more details about costs before making a decision.

IT WAS RESOLVED to ask the City Director to liaise with Steffan Williams to produce a paper detailing full costs and implications, by the next meeting.

51/22 TO DISCUSS COUNCIL STRUCTURE

A paper had been circulated to members proposing a new structure of meetings.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Assets and Projects Committee meet once a month. All members would sit on this committee and it would have full delegated authority. Strategic planning applications could also be discussed as necessary.

The full Council would meet formally every 3 months, but could meet more often if required. It would cover all matters not delegated to the Assets and Projects Committee.

The City Director notified members that 2 of the newly co-opted members had withdrawn due to personal reasons. Members were asked to forward names of other possible co-optees.

52/22 MINUTES

- i) Council Meeting 6th June 2022 – approved as an accurate record.
- ii) Assets, Resources and Projects Committee – 27th June 2022, approved as a correct record
- iii) Council Meeting 18th July 2022 – approved as an accurate record.

53/22 TO APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Invoices from April to August were considered for payment.

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A question was raised about various companies used for similar services such as maintaining plants, could these come under one company, or would it even be more prudent to employ an extra worker.

The City Director replied that he had started doing an audit of the work that is being done, to see if they can be structured better.

The payments were **APPROVED**.

The meeting came to an end at 7.35pm

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