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Minutes of the meeting of the **City Council** held via Zoom video-conferencing on **7 March 2022** at 6.30pm.

**PRESENT:** - Their Worship the Mayor, Owen Hurcum, (Chair), the Deputy Mayor Councillor Gwynant Roberts, Councillors Les Day, Medwyn Hughes, Huw Wyn Jones, John Wynn Jones, John Martin, Enid Parry, John Wyn Williams.

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

### **249/22 APOLOGIES**

Concillors Elin Walker Jones, Kieran Jones, Nigel Pickavance, Mair Rowlands, Luke Tugwell, George Turner.

### **250/22 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**

None.

### **251/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

### **252/22 MINUTES**

i) Planning Committee – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Approved as a correct record.

ii) Council Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Approved as a correct record.

iii) Combined Committee meeting – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022

Approved as a correct record.

iv) Council Meeting – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022

Approved as a correct record.

v) Assets, Resources and Projects Committee – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Approved as a correct record.

vi) Assets, Resources and Projects Committee – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Approved as a correct record.

### **253/22 TO ACCEPT A REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE, STAFFING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

As the Chair was not in the meeting, no report was presented for approval.

### **254/22 TO ACCEPT A REPORT FROM THE ASSETS, RESOURCES AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

As the Chair was not in the meeting, no report was presented for approval.

The Town Clerk explained that the Chairs of both Committees had received very little notice to prepare the reports. However, it was understood that this format increased communication between the Committees and the Council and Councillors.

**IT WAS RESOLVED**

that reports from the 2 Committees be included as a standard item on the agenda.

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to hold a workshop to discuss the committee structure now that it had been in place for a year.

**255/22 TO ACCEPT A REPORT FROM THE ACTING TOWN CLERK**

The Acting Town Clerk explained that he had prioritised the matters which were outstanding when he took post, including: the 2022 – 2023 budget and 2023 precept, Pier Insurance, Christmas lights contract, Pier play area, draft document on request for donations, paper work for the bank. Now that these matters were generally in hand he was able to attend meetings with other stakeholders:

- a) City of Volunteers. This was a group deriving from the Bangor City of Culture bid. Up to 250k is offered for various projects and Bangor is planning to submit an application.
- b) He had held a meeting with the One Voice Wales representative of *Local Places for Nature*. This was a grant for increasing biodiversity. Members were very interested in this scheme and expressed some initial ideas.
- c) The Clerk reported that the recent meeting of Bangor First had been particularly positive and the City should soon benefit from new waste bins, street furniture and the purchase by Gwynedd Council of a street cleaning machine known as a 'Gladiator'

The Clerk had been unable to attend a meeting of Bangor Strategic Partnership but Cllr John Wyn Jones had been present. The presentation slides from the meeting had been circulated to Council.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the Town Clerk's report.

**256/22 TO APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

The invoices were approved for payment.

**257/22 SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS**

All approved.

**258/22 TO ACCEPT AN UPDATE ON STAFF POSITIONS**

This was a confidential item.

**259/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to reschedule the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to make this a hybrid, meeting.

**The meeting came to an end at 7.20pm**