

Minutes of the **Annual Meeting of Bangor City Council** held at the Penrhyn Hall and through Teams video-conferencing, **Monday, 12th May 2025** at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Their Worship the Mayor, Councillor Gareth Parry &

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Medwyn Hughes

Councillors: Cllr. Salamatu Fada, Cllr. John Wyn Jones, Cllr. Elin Walker Jones, Cllr. Delyth Russell, Cllr. Gwynant Roberts, Cllr. Eirian Williams Roberts, Cllr. Mark Roberts, Cllr. Jackie Spence, Cllr. Lisa Toth & Cllr. John Wyn Williams.

Officers: Martin Hanks (City Director), Carwyn Davies (Administrative Officer), Sioned Jones (Translator) and 8 members of the public.

At 6.30 pm, His Worship the Mayor, accompanied by the City Director and Mr John Chamberlin (Mace Bearer), led the Councillors into the Council Chamber.

Before the formal commencement of the meeting, the retiring Mayor welcomed everyone to the ceremony. He said that it had been an honour to serve as Mayor this past year, he proceeded with highlights from his Mayoral term. These included representing our city with Cllr Dylan Fearnley at the Soest 1400 celebrations, representing our city to the UK delegation to the Catalan Government, media appearances when we were unjustly labelled the UK's worst seaside town, the Mayor's clean-up day which brought together so many of our communities with a shared passion for our city along with the generous support from Hogan Brothers for the day, supporting the fantastic Gwyl haf curated by councillors Williams Roberts and Pickavance.

He then went on to thank The Reverend Canon Tracy Jones, St Deiniols Cathedral, Dr Martin Hanks City Director and the employees of Bangor City Council for all of the work they have done during his term. He also thanked his Deputy Councillor Hughes, Mr John Chamberlin and Councillors for all of the hard work, support and dedication they have shown to him during his term.

01/25 ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 2025-26

The Mayor asked for proposals for the election of Mayor for the forthcoming Municipal Year 2025-2026.

The name of Councillor Medwyn Hughes was proposed and seconded. No other names were put forward.

RESOLVED: to appoint Cllr Medwyn Hughes to the position of Mayor of Bangor for the municipal year 2025-2026.

02/ 25 ADDRESS BY NEW MAYOR

The new Mayor, Cllr Medwyn Hughes, addressed the Council. Cllr Hughes thanked the Council for their vote to elect him as the Mayor for the municipal year 2025-2026.

Cllr Hughes thanked Cllr Parry for all of his tireless work that he undertook during the term, he added it was a pleasure working alongside him as his Deputy.

As the new Mayor, Cllr Hughes went on to explain changes in City Council policies we would like to be implemented. He also went on to acknowledge the pressures that the Local Authority is facing, major cuts to non-Statutory Services, and that he would like to see that Bangor City Council continues to improve on assisting with this shortfall so that the citizens of the City are able to live and work in a city that remains vibrant, inclusive, and supportive for all.

He reminded Councillors of the good behaviour Code of Conduct practices and that they should be followed at all times. Cllr Hughes said that he will ensure that these practices are adhered to during his term as Mayor.

03/25 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following Councillors: Cllr. Dylan Fernley, Cllr. Simon Hibbs, Cllr. Huw Wyn Jones, Cllr. Michael Pattison, Cllr. Nigel Pickavance & Cllr. Gareth Roberts.

04/25 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION

None.

05/24 ELECTION OF DEPUTY-MAYOR

The Mayor invited nominations for the appointment of Deputy Mayor. The name Councillor Delyth Russell was proposed and seconded.

RESOLVED: Councillor Delyth Russell be elected as Deputy Mayor of the City of Bangor for the forthcoming Municipal Year, 2025/2026.

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

Councillor Russell then read the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Deputy-Mayor of the City of Bangor Council in the presence of the City Director and Proper Officer, who signed the Declaration.

06/25 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING 13th MAY 2024

IT WAS RESOLVED: The minutes were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

07/25 TO AGREE ON A MEETING TIMETABLE FOR THE NEW COUNCIL

A proposed timetable of meetings for the forthcoming municipal year has been pre-circulated prior to this meeting.

Unlike previous municipal years, this year, a change was proposed by the Mayor-elect for the structure of the timetable of council meetings. It was proposed that the full council meet every two months instead of each month.

It was also proposed that for the months that there are no full council meetings, committee meetings will be held.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to accept the new timetable of meetings and to request the City Director to publish the 2025-2026 timetable to the public.

08/25 TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS

IT WAS RESOLVED: To request that the City Director include this item on the agenda for the next full council meeting on the 9th of June 2025.

09/25 TO APPROVE NEW FIANNICIAL REGUALTIONS

IT WAS RESOLVED: To request that the City Director include this item on the agenda for the next full council meeting on the 9th of June 2025.

10/25 TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

IT WAS RESOLVED: To request that the City Director include this item on the agenda for the next full council meeting on the 9th of June 2025.

11/25 TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

IT WAS RESOLVED: To request that the City Director include this item on the agenda for the next full council meeting on the 9th of June 2025.

The Meeting finished at 7.00 p.m.