

Minutes of the Bangor City Council Assets, Resources and Projects Committee meeting held at Penrhyn Hall and via Teams video-conferencing on **22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024** immediately following the Council meeting.

**PRESENT:** - His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Gareth Parry (Chaired item 50/24) Cllr. Medwyn Hughes (Deputy Mayor & Committee Chair for the remainder of the meeting), Cllr. Salamatu Fada, Cllr. Dylan Fernley, Cllr. Elin Walker Jones, Cllr. John Wynn Jones, Cllr. Meic Pattison, Cllr. Gwynant Roberts & Cllr. Mark Roberts,

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

**50/24 TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR THE 2024 – 2025 MUNICIPAL YEAR.**

A proposal was received to set aside Standing Orders for this agenda item, specifically that clause relating to a two-year time limit on Members serving as chairs of committees.

**Resolved:** to set aside Standing Orders.

Following a brief discussion, Cllr Medwyn Hughes was asked if he was willing to serve another year as chair of the Assets Committee.

**Resolved:** Cllr Hughes was elected to chair the Assets Committee for the Municipal Year 2024-2025.

**Resolved:** to defer appointing a deputy chair until the next meeting.

**51/24 APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Steve Bell, Cllr Beverley Jones, Cllr. Huw Wyn Jones, Cllr. Nigel Pickavance, Cllr. Eirian Williams Roberts, Cllr. Delyth Russell, Cllr. Lisa Toth..

**52/24 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**

None

**53/24 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

*The minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> February meeting had been pre-circulated to Members*

**Resolved:** to accept the minutes of the meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**54/24 TO DISCUSS THE ASSETS ACTION LOG:**

*The Assets Action Log had been pre-circulated to Members.*

The Committee was appraised of the current situation with regards to the items listed in the Action Log. It was acknowledged by the City Director that some items had not progressed as quickly as originally anticipated, mainly due to the success in being awarded the Transforming Towns grant, which, due to the limited time available for completion, required much of the Council's resources to be diverted to the High Street. However:

- i) Discussions with Friends of Garth Pier and other interested stakeholders on leasing the management of the Pier and surrounding area to a CIC were going well. The CIC has now been established, the annual running costs for last year were available and negotiations on some of the details of the agreement were ongoing.

- ii) As per the recent Council resolution work on the Pier Master's house has ceased as it is now intended to include this in the lease.
- iii) It was reported that the Canteen had been removed and the temporary office relocated to ground level, which, while not a permanent solution, has improved the image of the location.  
The City Director was asked to report a timeline for the removal of the temporary office by the next meeting.
- iv) It was reported that the new lookout and therefore, its roof, had now been rebuilt and the car park barrier had been removed.
- v) The rationalizing of the workshop was now about 80% completed.
- vi) Negotiations continue with Cyngor Gwynedd regarding the transfer of Garth Gardens and Garth Public Toilets to the City Council.

**55/24 TO APPROVE THE 2025 DAFFODIL PLANTING INITIATIVE.**

To add colour to the main approach roads into the City at the beginning of 2025, it was proposed that the Council adopt a daffodil planting initiative. This will enhance the City's image at the beginning of its 1500 year celebrations. Prices had been obtained from Cyngor Gwynedd and several options were discussed.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to adopt this initiative and allocate £5,000 to the project.

**56/24 TO APPROVE WORKING WITH DARGIE FILED (PENBONC) COMMUNITY GROUP.**

Following recent discussions with the newly formed Dargie Filed Community Group, it was proposed that this community group take over the management of Dargie Fields and establish, among other things, a community orchard. It was reported that several structural options had been discussed but the most efficient and beneficial concept was for the community group, while maintaining internal autonomy, to work under the auspices of the City Council.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to allow Dargie Field Community Group to work on the management of the Field and to be supported by the City Council.

**57/24 LAND ACQUISITION – TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES FOR USAGE**

It was reported that the Council are in discussions to acquire three tracks of land that are currently overgrown. These are adjacent to the junction of Ffordd Ffriddoedd and Trem Elidir, the junction of Deiniol Road and Sackville Road, and the footpath between Farrar Road and ASDA. The Council discussed possibilities for each of these areas. However, as these tracks of land are not yet under the responsibility of the City Council no final decisions were made.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to ask the City Director to liaise with Bangor stakeholders, including the University and Cyngor Gwynedd, to explore the options discussed.

**The meeting ended at 8.35 pm**

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