

# Bangor City Council

## Minutes of Full Council

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026, Penrhyn Hall, 18.30

### Attendees

**Councillors:** Cllrs: Delyth Russell (Chair), Jackie Spence (Deputy Chair), Elin Walker-Jones, John Wyn Jones, Salamatu Fada, Sam Njoku, Gareth Parry, Mustakim Raza, Gwynant Roberts, Eirian Williams Roberts, Lisa Toth, John Wyn Williams, Medwyn Hughes, Jac Jolly

**Officers:** Martin Hanks, City Director, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer  
Lisa Goodier, Deputy City Director  
Carwyn Davies, Administrative Officer

**Others:** Sioned Jones, Translator

**Apologies:** Cllrs: Nigel Pickavance, Nick Pritchard, Steven Bell

**Absent without apology:** Cllrs: Dylan Fernley, Huw Wyn Jones, Gareth Roberts

**The meeting commenced at 18.37.**

Item	Reference	Action
1.	FC12/26	<b>Apologies:</b> Apologies received from Cllrs: Steve Bell, Nigel Pickavance, Nick Pritchard.
2.	FC13/26	<b>Declaration of Financial Interest or Personal Connection:</b> Cllr Medwyn Hughes declared an interest in the following items and stated he would abstain from voting:  Item 4: Co-option of Councillor to the empty seat of Marchog Ward Item 13: To respond to Gwynedd Council's Visitor Level consultation
3.	FC14/26	<b>Public Participation:</b> Nothing to note.
4.	FC15/26	<b>To Co-opt a Councillor on the empty seat of Marchog ward:</b> Three candidates applied for the Marchog ward City Councillor position. All were offered the opportunity to address Full Council to speak about their reasons and motivation for wanting to represent the residents of Marchog ward.  <b>Abstention to vote:</b> Cllr Medwyn Hughes did not vote as he has a personal connection with one of the candidates applying for the seat.  <b>Resolved:</b> Out of three candidates presenting, Jac Jolly was elected to the seat.

5. **FC16/26** **To approve the minutes of the last Council meeting (9<sup>th</sup> March 2026:**

**Resolved:**

The minutes from the last Council meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.

6. **FC17/26** **To receive the City Director's report:**

Several points were raised by Councillors that were neither an agenda item nor included in the City Director's report. These were discussed at length and are documented below for administrative correctness.

Councillors are kindly asked to note that, contrary to the **Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12: Meetings & Proceedings**, items not on the Agenda should not be discussed at Full Council.

Points raised, but not included within the City Director's report were:

- Queries from Councillors in relation to an update on transfer of lease for the land on Farrar Road and Kyffin Square, in order that it can be landscaped.
- Clarification required by Councillors from the City Director as to how grant funding for landscaping was spent last financial year for those areas of land.

The City Director was requested by Councillors, to provide responses on the above, in advance of the next Full Council on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

**Resolved:**

The report was accepted by the Council.

*Cllr Elin Walker Jones left the meeting: 19.09.*

7. **FC18/26** **To approve the Council's committee structure and members:**

Two options for the Council's meeting regime were distributed to Councillors for consideration and adoption for the next municipal year.

After much discussion, Councillors agreed to adopt Meeting Regime Option 1 (Full Council every other month, with committee meetings in between).

Councillors made the following suggestions going forward:

- It was noted that several Councillors are on most of the committees. It was felt that **all** Councillors should take an active seat on at least two committees.
- Planning Committee would meet on a fortnightly basis if there were planning applications to discuss.

**Resolved:**

To adopt Option 1, monthly Full Council Meeting with committees in between.

8. **FC19/26 To discuss the outdoor seating licences in the City centre:**  
Cllr Nigel Pickavance asked to address Full Council to discuss the possibility of Bangor City Council funding the 'table tax' for cafes/restaurants on the High Street, to have seating outside their premises. This has previously been funded by Bangor BID, however, since its termination at the end of March 2026, local businesses are requesting financial support to pay for the table tax levy, requested by Gwynedd Council.

This item was deferred to the next meeting as Cllr Pickavance was unable to attend the meeting.

9. **FC20/26 To agree to sign the Armed Forces Covenant:**  
Councillors were asked to consider the Armed Forces Covenant in Wales:

The Covenant is an enduring promise between the people of the United Kingdom, the government and those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces, along with their families. It recognises the sacrifices made by service members and their families and ensures they **face no disadvantage compared to other citizens** in accessing public and commercial services, with special consideration for the injured and bereaved

**Resolved:**

To accept and sign the Covenant.

10. **FC21/26 To approve participation in the 2027 Armed Forces Week:**  
Councillors were offered the opportunity to consider a Bangor Armed Forces Week event.

- Councillors were concerned about potential costs involved and felt they had insufficient information at this time to respond formally.
- Councillors were concerned about the number of similar events in neighbouring towns, eg, Caernarfon, Llandudno, Llangefni, Holyhead and felt possibly a Bangor event would be an unnecessary duplication.

**Resolved:**

- Councillors approved this in principal allowing Council Officers to develop the idea/participation more fully and report back to Full Council.

11. **FC22/26 To decide whether to award The Freedom of the City of Bangor in 2026:**

Councillors were asked whether they would like to nominate a resident of Bangor for Freedom of the City for the municipal year of 2026/27.

Councillors felt that the process should have its own policy and procedure along with 'criteria to be met' before progressing further with nominations. Councillors also felt Freedom of the City should not be viewed as an annual requirement, but an opportunity to be considered 'under exceptional circumstances of personal achievement'.

**Resolved:**

- Officers to draft criteria and process for submission of appropriate candidates for approval by Councillors.
- To defer any decisions until February/March 2027.

12. **FC23/26 To approve awarding a greening contract to Antur Waunfawr/Cyngor Gwynedd, totaling £8,000:**

Councillors received a report on the procurement of a ‘flower maintenance’ contract for planters in the city centre. The preferred contractor was a team within Gwynedd Council that provides work opportunities for vulnerable adults.

**Resolved:**

- Full Council gave the Finance & Monitoring Committee delegated authority to review and approve the contract directly, if appropriate.
- An additional Finance & Monitoring Committee to be called this week (w/c 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026) to discuss the matter.

13. **FC24/26 To respond to Cyngor Gwynedd’s Visitor Levy Consultation:**

Councillors received a detailed consultation report by Gwynedd Council’s Economic Development team, asking for feedback relating to level of support (or not) for the proposed Visitor Levy.

**Abstention to vote:** Cllr Medwyn Hughes did not vote due to a conflict of interest (he is Gwynedd Council’s Cabinet Leader for Economy, the department leading this consultation).

**Resolved:**

The Council accepted to ‘Strongly Support’ the consultation.

**The meeting closed at: 20.55.**

**Signed by:** .....

**Date:** .....