

Minutes of the Bangor City Council Assets, Resources and Projects Committee meeting held at Penrhyn Hall and via Zoom video-conferencing on **12<sup>th</sup> February 2024** immediately following the Council meeting.

**PRESENT:** - Cllr Medwyn Hughes (Chair); Cllr. Steve Bell, Cllr. Dylan Fernley, Cllr. Huw Wyn Jones, Cllr. John Wyn Jones, Cllr. Gareth Parry, Cllr. Eirian Williams Roberts, Cllr. Gwynant Roberts, Cllr. Mark Roberts, Cllr. Delyth Russell, Cllr. L. Toth, Cllr. John Wyn Williams.

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

**124/23 APOLOGIES:** Her Worship the Mayor Cllr. Elin Walker Jones, Cllr. Salamatu Fada, Cllr. Meic Pattison.

**125/23 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION**

None

**126/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**127/23 TO DISCUSS ASSETS ACTION LOG:**

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

**i) Pier Management**

The Committee was advised that discussion had commenced with potential stakeholders regarding the future management of the Pier and surrounding area but further discussions were required. A meeting with stakeholders was scheduled to take place over the coming week. The Committee were advised that until a structure for future management of the Pier had been agreed it would be difficult to prepare a financial viability report, although a draft report had already been prepared.

**It was resolved:**

a) to continue to explore options for management of the Pier.

**ii) Pier Master's House**

In keeping with the resolutions of the last Assets meeting, where the possibility of disposing of the Pier Master's House had been discarded and a report on the potential financial benefits of both long and short-term letting had been requested. A report on potential earnings had been pre-circulated. The Committee discussed the impact of both the housing crisis and the cost of living crisis and how the decision on the future of the Pier Master's House would impact these.

**Resolved:**

a) To let the house to a local family once the house was up to the required standard.

**iii) The Barrier**

It was reported that the barrier had now been removed

**iv) The Lookout Roof**

The Lookout Roof will be relocated to the end of the Pier upon completion of the new lookout. This is anticipated to be completed by the end of February.

**v) The Portacabins**

It was reported that there had been a delay in the removal of the Portacabins due to the owner requiring permission to site them. To improve the area until this permission was received it was proposed to move the upper portacabin into the Workshop yard when the crane was on site to relocate the lookout roof.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that these portacabins be removed off-site as soon as possible, preferably by the end of February but no later than the commencement of the Easter holidays.

**vi) Workshop**

It was reported that work had begun on sorting through the contents of the workshop, to dispose of unnecessary items and make room for the contents of one of the containers. This project was time intensive given that regular duties needed to be continued.

**vii) Garth Gardens and Garth Road Toilets**

It was reported that discussions had been held with Cyngor Gwynedd regarding these assets and the departments that manage them had agreed to an asset transfer. The matter had now been passed to Cyngor Gwynedd's legal department, which had already made contact on the topic.

**128/23 PUBLIC BENCHES OPTIONS FOR HIGH STREET.**

As part of the High Street Transforming Towns upgrade, new street furniture is to be purchased, which will standardise Bangor's public realm. The design of this furniture needs to be agreed between Cyngor Gwynedd, Bangor First and Bangor City Council. Various options were discussed.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to delegate responsibility for finalising the design of the benches and planters to the City Director, in conjunction with Cyngor Gwynedd and Bangor First.

**129/23 TO DISCUSS PLAYPARK STRATEGY FOR 2024 - 2025**

The Council's Parks and Playparks strategy for 2024 – 2025 was discussed. Following a brief discussion:

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to keep to the strategy agreed for the municipal year of 2023 - 2024, that is to paint the equipment across the playparks and then to upgrade the parks and playparks from west to east across the City.

**130/23 LAND ACQUISITION**

The potential for land acquisition was discussed, especially the land between Sackville Road and Deiniol Road, as well as Garth Gardens. It was considered that further opportunities to acquire land around the City would arise over the coming months given the financial constraints facing Cyngor Gwynedd.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to continue to acquire land where it was considered beneficial to the City.

**The meeting ended at 9.45 pm**  
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