

Minutes of the meeting of Bangor City Council Assets, Resources and Projects Committee held at Penrhyn Hall and via Zoom video-conferencing on **2nd October 2023** at 7.45 pm (immediately following a meeting of the full Council).

PRESENT: - Her Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Elin Walker Jones; Cllr. Gareth Parry (Deputy Mayor), Cllr. Steve Bell, Cllr. Salamatu Fada, Cllr. Medwyn Hughes, Cllr. Huw Wyn Jones Left at 8.20 pm), Cllr John Wyn Jones, Cllr. Meic Pattison, Cllr. Nigel Pickavance, Cllr. Eirian Williams Roberts, Cllr Gareth Roberts, Cllr. Mark Roberts, Cllr. Delyth Russell, Cllr. L. Toth (arrived 7.15 pm), Cllr John Wyn Williams.

Officers:- Martin Hanks (City Director), Llinos F Jones, (Deputy City Director), Sioned Jones (Translator) and one Member of the Public.

68/23 APOLOGIES: Cllr. Dylan Fernley & Cllr. Gwynant Roberts

69/23 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION

None

70/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

71/23 CITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Report had been circulated before the meeting.

The City Directors report provided an update on the progress of Asset Committee projects. The report also highlighted that the programme of works due to commence on the parks and play parks had been delayed due to other commitments and a lack of resources and would now be deferred until the early spring. It was further reported that work on the current renovation phase of the Pier had experienced some delays due to adverse weather and supply issues but was now progressing and was due to be completed by the end of October. The Council was working closely with the North Wales Probation Service, which was assisting with the maintenance of Menai Woods.

IT WAS RESOLVED: To accept the City Director's Report.

72/23 TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE POTENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF A PIER CIC OR MANAGEMENT COMPANY

The Committee was advised that extensive and detailed research had been conducted into the legalities and challenges of establishing a Pier CIC. The City Director reported that the proposal of establishing such a social enterprise where the Directors were Members of the City Council and Friends of Garth Pier would create significant difficulties for such Members. The Committee were advised that it would be best if no Councillors held positions in such a social enterprise.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that a special meeting be arranged to discuss this matter and to invite representatives of the Friends of Garth Pier to attend.

73/23 TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL LIGHTS FOR THE PIER.

It was proposed that additional lighting be purchased to extend the current lights to the end of the Pier. It was estimated that the cost of the upgrade would be approximately £5,000

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the purchase of additional lights for the Pier.

74/23 TO EXCLUDE PRESS & PUBLIC UNDER PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT 1960).

Due to the sensitive nature of the next item, it was proposed to exclude the press and public.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to exclude the press and public.

75/23 TO DISCUSS LEASE WITH NANTPORTH CIC.

A proposal had been received from Nantporth CIC to change the wording of the Articles of Assn. of this social enterprise company. The Council also discussed its future involvement in the CIC.

IT WAS RESOLVED: i) to accept the proposed change to the Articles of Association ii) to take advice on dispensing with its shareholding.

The meeting ended at 8.55 pm

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