

PAGE 70

Minutes of a meeting of the Bangor City Council **Governance, Staffing and Finance Committee** held remotely, via Zoom video-conferencing, at 6.30 pm on the 25th of April 2022.

PRESENT: - Councillor George Turner (Chair), Councillors Les Day, Elin Walker Jones (non-voting), Dylan Fernley (joined at 7.03pm), Kieran Jones, John Martin, Enid Parry (non-voting), Nigel Pickavance (non-voting), Gwynant Roberts.

Officers:- Martin Hanks (Acting Town Clerk), Gwynfor Owen (Translator), Sioned Jones (Minutes).

266/22 APOLOGIES

Their Worship the Mayor, Councillor Owen Hurcum

267/22 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST OR PERSONAL CONNECTION

None.

268/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

269/22 TO ACCEPT TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk reported on various ongoing schemes and said that the Council is under budget as it stands. He explained that they were still fine tuning the translation system so that hybrid meetings could work.

Additional CCTV cameras will be provided, representing a 50% increase in the number of cameras.

The University is holding graduation ceremonies for this year and the previous 2 years over a number of days. They would like to place banners in Bangor City Centre and the Pier over this period. They requested the help of Council operatives to install them.

IT WAS RESOLVED to agree to this request as the banners would bring colour and attention to the City and was a good way of collaborating with the University. However, it would have to be ensured that the banners would be bilingual.

At the end of this municipal year, members wished to thank the Acting Town Clerk for his hard work and support over the last few months.

270/22 TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE COUNCIL ELECTION

The Town Clerk had sent a summary to members of the situation with regard to the make-up of Bangor City Council and contested and uncontested seats in the forthcoming election. There were still 5 vacant seats, and members would need to co-opt people onto these. Invitations would be sent for the Annual General Meeting on May and as a number of Councillors were standing down this time, it was hoped that they too would be able to attend.

PAGE 71

271/22 TO APPROVE GUIDELINES FOR PAYMENTS OF COUNCIL GRANTS

The Town Mayor had circulated a draft document on guidelines for awarding grants and donations. He explained that this is a framework document and is not intended to be prescriptive. Some members felt that they needed more time before approving the document, however it was stressed that this is a good starting point and the guidelines can always be adapted again.

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the draft guidelines.

272/22 TO APPROVE SUPPORT FOR EVENTS ON THE PIER

The 2 events in question were (i) the 126th Anniversary of the pier, (ii) the Platinum Jubilee.

The Assets committee had already approved this in principle, however it was up to this committee to approve finance. The Town Clerk explained that the monies could come from the special projects budget, also the events budget.

Cllr Parry explained that there would be events all day on the 14th May to celebrate the anniversary, ending with fireworks in the evening. The Jubilee celebrations were yet to be finalised but it would appear that they would be for one day only.

IT WAS RESOLVED to give financial support to the events.

273/22 TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON STAFF MATTERS

This was a closed session.

274/22 TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON NANTPORTH CIC

The Council is waiting for legal advice on this item.

275/22 TO APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

The invoices were approved.

The meeting came to an end at 7.40pm

ACTING TOWN CLERK – Martin Hanks – CLERC Y DREF DROS DRO