

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

4th OCTOBER 2012

At the **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** of the **FULL COUNCIL** held at the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Thursday 4th October 2012 at 6.30pm.

Present:- Town Mayor J.Gilasbey
Deputy Mayor T.Burns
Councillors: H.Jones, B.Huws, M.Thomas, N.Howell-Davies, L.Finch-Jones
R.Davies, R.Thomas, K.Davies, F.Burke-Lloyd, G.G.Jones
Town Clerk Geraint Thomas
Town Secretary A Padgett
Apologies:- Councillors

250 DECLARATIONS OF OFFICE BY COUNCILLORS

There were no declarations of interest.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor T.Burns should remain in the meeting as she has no financial interest in the property at 2 Bridge Street.

Clarification on dispensations for councillors on the Princess Gwenllian Hall Trust was sought. It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the meeting. The vote was recorded as follows:-

FOR			AGAINST		ABSTAIN
J.Gilasbey	H.Jones		G.G.Jones		F.Burke-Lloyd
T.Burns	N.Howell-Davies				K.Davies
M.Thomas	B.Huws				L.Finch-Jones
R.Thomas	R.Davies				

251 FORMER COUNCIL OFFICES – 2 BRIDGE STREET

The following matters were considered:-

During the ensuing debate the Mayor called for order and requested that respect be shown to all councillors or the meeting would be adjourned.

[1] Extension to the deadline for production of the costed options report.

The Options Working Group (OWG) has 4 months in which to complete the report. A request for an extension to this time was made. Councillor Huws, Chair of the OWG reported that the working group was fraught by having to report to Council at every stage and this was time consuming.

It was **RESOLVED** that the time limit for production of the report was to be extended until March 2013. It was noted that a further extension could be requested if necessary.

[2] Clarification of the remit of the working group

Councillor Huws requested that membership of the group be limited to the 8 councillors nominated in July 2012. The advice of the Town Clerk was sought. He stated that:-

- the OWG has no executive powers
- all councillors and the public have a right to attend meetings of the OWG
- all correspondence has to be channelled via the Town Clerk and sent out on council headed paper
- all administrative tasks required by OWG are to be filtered through the Town Clerk
- any expenditure has to be approved by Full Council before being incurred
- all OWG minutes to be referred to Full Council, highlighting specific issues needing resolution

It was **RESOLVED** that the advice of the Town Clerk on the points noted above be accepted. The vote was recorded as follows:-

FOR			AGAINST		ABSTAIN
J.Gilasbey	H.Jones		G.G.Jones		B.Huws
T.Burns	N.Howell-Davies				
M.Thomas	K.Davies				
R.Thomas	R.Davies				
F.Burke-Lloyd	L.Finch-Jones				

[3] Proposal to move the offices back to the ground floor of Bridge Street as soon as the property was made fit for purpose.

Location of the council offices was discussed. It was noted that the ground floor would have to be made DDA acceptable and comply with Health & Safety regulations. Cost of the renovations would have to be considered carefully and a source of revenue found.

A Fire Risk Assessment has been completed and will be circulated as soon as possible.

It was **RESOLVED** to defer the decision to relocate the offices to Bridge Street until full costs of the renovation work to the ground floor were available.

It was **RESOLVED** to request further quotes from builders for the work required to comply with the recommendations (Items 1-3, 5-7) in the Arolwg Survey.

The Town Clerk informed members that an interest in purchasing the property had been made. The website will be amended to reflect that the building has been removed from the market.

The next meeting of the Options Working Group will be held on 15th October 2012.