KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

7th NOVEMBER 2023

At the Hybrid MEETING of the FULL COUNCIL held on Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 6.30pm.

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| Present | Town Mayor | C.Peters |
|  | Deputy Mayor | C.Morgan |
|  | Councillors | J. Gilasbey, C.Peters-Bond, A.Herbert, S.John, J.Maclaughland, G.Bras, L.Jones, J.Westlake, G.Beer, |
|  | Town Clerk | Virginia O’Reilly |
|  | Town Secretary | A Padgett |
| Apologies  No aplologies | Councillors | H.Griffiths, J.Tarsnane, S.Ratty, E.Reeves-Davies |
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189 MEMBER’S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

**190 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the following minutes be confirmed:-

* Full Council 3rd October 2023
* Policy Committee 3rd October 2023
* Estates Committee 10th October 2023
* Finance Committee 10th October 2023

**191 TOWN CLERK’S REPORT**

The town clerk had submitted a written report. Queries were raised regarding the efficiency of Telemat. Other items referred to have been dealt with in minutes recorded below.

**192 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

C.Cllr L. Davies attended. Matters arising and not considered under minutes below:-

**Flooding**: considerable rainfall has led to flooding in Ferry Road and Llys Gwenllian. Pobl will be contacted regarding fractured pipes in Llys Gwenllian and the farmer with land adjacent will be spoken to. Glan yr Afon car park was also flooded. A meeting with concerned multi-agencies will be arranged.

**Bridge:** maintenance to the town bridge will be carried out.

**Town Hall:** Restoration work is due to begin in March 2024, although the plans are not known. A development working group will be set up to monitor the refurbishment and volunteers being sought.

**Youth Hut**: The youth hut has been scheduled for demolition due to its dilapidated condition and a possible replacement provided. 14 young people have shown an interest in the youth project.

**Bus services**: The half hourly X11 service will become hourly. There is no planned change to the 198 service. Resident should be encouraged to use bus services or they will be lost.

**County Councillor Surgeries**: surgeries are planned for Fridays. They will be advertised when full details are known.

**Matters arising from Full Council on 3rd October 2023**

**193 PRINCESS GWENLLIAN CENTRE – FUTURE GOVERNANCE**

The trustees have taken over management of the hall from Nurture, as from 1st September 2023. A liquor licence has been granted. A new heating system is being installed.

**194 CONECTIVITY**

Councillor Herbert had submitted comprehensive minutes of a meeting held with Lee Waters MS and county councillor Lewis Davies on 17th February 2023. The meeting had identified the many problems, the most urgent being: base line infrastructure is not present, making working from home difficult, market traders are losing trade because of poor signals. A working group to progress the matter lead by Councillor Herbert with councillors Beer and Maclaughland to assist has been set up.

**195 LOTTERY UPDATE**

A meeting with the Lottery Officer has taken place. He confirmed that all is in order and once the £2,400 remaining has been spent on work to the benches, the project can be concluded and the accounts published.

Banners – have been manufactured and delivered. The current lamppost brackets do not comply with pending legislation. Consequently new stronger brackets will be erected. The county council has funding for signage. The banners will be erected in the spring after the bad winter weather has passed.

**196 HALBERDIERS**

There are 6 halberdier positions, only 3 being filled by hereditary precedent. The 3 vacancies will now be offered to those outside the designated families. A resident with long standing family ties to the community has expressed an interest in the role and will be invited to take up the position.

**197 KIDWELLY INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM**

Malcolm MacDonald had submitted a report outlining the position at the museum. Concern was expressed at the total lack of any progress at the site, the county council showing no interest in restoration work. New trustees are needed. The town clerk will write to the county council to request action. It was noted that the county is ignoring the recommendations made in the consultation report they themselves had commissioned.

**198 DEVELOPMENT OF TOWN SQUARE**

It was reported that all approvals for the project had been received and work can commence in January 2024. Further details will be available at the Estates Committee on 14th November 2023.

**199 COMMUNITY HALLS SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS**

**Mynydd hall**: Haloween children’s party was successful, thanks were expressed to the costume judges. Fireworks night was attended by over 1,000 people and an enjoyable evening was experienced by all. Thanks to all volunteers.

**PGC:** A liquor licence has been granted.The fitness rooms are in use. The waste management system is operational. 13 camper vans visited on 4th-5th November, the occupants enjoying a musical evening with open bar. A craft fayre will be held on 3rd December 2023. A Food and Drink event is being planned for 23rd March 2024. The trustees were thanked for their hard work.

**Police:**- No meeting have been held, 3 zoom meeting scheduled. Cllr Gilasbey will attend a meeting at police HQ on 15th November 2023. Concerns over use of the 101 phone number will be brought up.

**Twinning:**- The French evening dinner was successful. It was held at Time for Tea.

**Carnival**:- organisation for 2024 is ongoing. New projects are planned.

**200 MAYOR’S DIARY / FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

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| | DATE | APPOINTMENT |  |
| 16th November | Glan y Mor Prize Evening | 7.00 p.m. |
| 12th November | Remembrance Sunday | 9.45 a.m. |
| 15th November | Carnival Committee meeting | 5.00 p.m. |
| 16th November | Glan y Mor Prize evening | 7.00 p.m. |
| 18th November | Burry Port Opera Concert | 7.00 p.m. |
| 23rd November | Christmas lights Kidwelly | 6.00 p.m. |

Members were reminded of Remembrance Day on 12th November 2023. A protocol sheet had been provided.

**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

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| DATE |  |  |
| 7th November | Full Council and Policy Committee | 6.30 pm |
| 14th November | Estates, Community Development and Finance Committees | 6.30 pm |
| 5th December | Full Council and Policy Committee | 6.30 pm |
| 12 December | Estates, Community Development and Finance Committees | 6.30 pm |

**201 BUDGET 2024-2025**

The fifth draft of the budget had been circulated. Members were requested to consider the expenditure sheet and prepare for discussion at the Finance Committee on 14th November 2023. It was **RESOLVED** to cancel budget meeting planned for the 21st November 2023.

**202 ADDITIONAL STORAGE**

Additional storage is required for large items such as Santa’s sleigh. A container could be located behind the hall but the land is in the control of PGC who would have to give permission. It was referred to the estates committee. Note and **Close** this item.

**203 CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS**

The outfits for Santa and Mrs Claus have been restored. Posters advertising the event will be distributed. Road patrols and safety concerns have been addressed. There may be a tractor parade. 200 selection boxes have been ordered. There will be no charge for photographs. A plaque for the winner of the best dressed business window has been commissioned. The grotto will be cleared and then decorated. Generators will be sought. No floodlights will be required as stall holders will be responsible for their own lighting. The site will be cleared by the end of the evening of the event. Further details will be noted at the Community Development Committee meeting on 14th November 2023. Note and **Close** this item.

**204 CORRESPONDENCE – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2023**

There was no correspondence not considered above. Note and Close this item.