

## KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

**6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

At the meeting of the **FULL COUNCIL** held at the Parish Rooms, Kidwelly on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 6.30pm.

Present	Town Mayor	A.Jenkins
	Deputy Mayor	C.Peters-Bond
	Councillors	V.Bevan-Jones, G.Jones, J.Mayne P.Thompson, J.Bezant, T.Burnett, J.Gilasbey, J.Burns, G.Beer, S.Davies, D.Lloyd-Waterford, L.Jones
	Town Clerk	V. O'Reilly
	Town Secretary	A Padgett
Apologies	Councillors	C.Evans, C.Davies

Rev. Trevor Copeland gave prayers before the commencement of the meeting.

Rhian Howells, agent for the Crown Estate, attended and laid out the advantages / disadvantages of renewing the lease of the foreshore. Previous rent had been £280. This had risen to £750. She stated a lower rent could be negotiated – in the region of £350. The matter will be considered further by the Finance Committee.

### **485 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **486 POLICING MATTERS**

PSCO Adam Newall was able to attend. A written report had been received. The next PACT meeting will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018.

### **487 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND POLICIES**

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

- Full Council 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018
- Policy & Strategy Committee 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018
- Establishment Committee 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018
- Estates Committee 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018
- Finance Committee 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### **Matters arising from Full Council on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

### **488 PHASE 2 DEVELOPMENT**

The Town Clerk had circulated a full financial report which included a summary of the present position and the overspend of variable estimates. It was noted that alterations were needed to the width of the stairs to comply with DDA requirements. However, the installation of a lift (which was scheduled for a later date) would negate the alterations. It was agreed to go ahead with the lift installation as it would not add to the overspend. Cleats are needed on the supports for the function room. Technical group meetings have been held on 10<sup>th</sup> January and 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The Mayor called for an investigation into the overspend.

## **489 ASSET TRANSFERS**

### **A] Playgrounds:**

#### **Parc Stephens:-**

The asset transfer has been signed by the town council and is awaiting completion by the county council. No payments have been received as yet.

#### **Ger y Gwendraeth:-**

The lease has been signed but will not be sent off until the fence has been erected. The county councillor is liaising with officers on this matter.

### **B] Land at the Quay:**

An expression of interest has been made but no response received as yet.

### **C] Toilets:**

The town council has signed an undertaking to take over the toilets. The county council has scheduled the construction of a DDA compliant ramp for April 2018. Complaints have been received over the state of the toilets. This will be addressed. The town council needs to take charge of the cleaning contracts. It was noted that the Welsh Assembly is conducting a consultation exercise.

## **490 OWNERSHIP OF CAPEL SUL CEMETERY**

The sale of the Chapel has been completed. The town council will not take over the cemetery until adequate funding is provided for its future upkeep. The Charity Commission will not allow money for maintenance to be given to the council. However, it will agree to permit finance for remedial work to be carried out. An inspection of headstones by a memorial mason has revealed that most are in danger of falling and need to be laid down. The cost of this and of a general overhaul of the grounds is estimated to be in excess of £40k. The trustees have been informed and a breakdown of costs provided for the Charity Commission. A response is awaited.

## **491 HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE**

A meeting with the Wales Co-operative Housing Group was held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The town clerk will draft terms of reference for a Housing Co-operative Working Group comprising of Councillors J.Gilasbey, D.Lloyd-Waterford, V.Bevan-Jones, G.Jones, G.Beer, C.Davies and J.Bezant.

## **492 COMMUNITY ENERGY PROJECT**

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed. No action has been taken to date. Cllr G.Beer will progress the matter on behalf of the town council. Dissolution of the Memorandum of Understanding will be considered if no advancement has been made by June 2018.

## **493 ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

A review of electoral arrangements is being undertaken. A copy of "Guidance for Principal Councils on the Review of Communities" has been provided for each councillor. Members were requested to send their comments to the office as soon as possible so that deadlines could be met.

## **494 NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Councillor Philip Thompson was elected Mayor for the year 2018 – 2019. He was congratulated. Note and **Close** this item.

#### **495 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AND EVENTS**

The Consultation Day was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 at the Gwenllian Centre. It was well attended, with much positive feedback received and many questionnaires returned. The children's activities were especially appreciated. The police have expressed an interest in attending any future event. It was agreed that other events should be planned.

#### **496 COMMUNITY HALLS**

Princess Gwenllian Centre:- It was reported that the new kitchen was installed in time for Burns Night which was well attended. The new bar area was also used.

Mynydd y Garreg Hall:- No report was available.

#### **497 REPORTS FROM SCHOOL GOVERNORS, YOUTH COUNCIL, OTHER REPRESENTATIVES**

**County Councillor** – Cllr Gilasbey had provided a written report.

**Ysgol y Castell** – the Newsletter had been circulated

No information had been received from the following:-

**Patient Participation Group**

**Ysgol Gwenllian – Ysgol Mynydd y Garreg**

**Kidwelly Park Sports Association**

**The Hub**

**Gwendraeth Valley Group**

**Youth Council**

#### **498 MAYOR'S DIARY / FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2018	CBSA Community Cwtsh Event, Gwenllian Centre	10.00am
6 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Full Council & General Purposes Committee	6.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018	Cefn Sidan Rotary Club St David's Day Dinner	6.30pm

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#### **499 APPOINTMENT OF ESTATES OFFICER**

Two applications had been received. Cllr J.Gilasbey, T.Burns, V.Beven-Jones, J.Mayne, A.Jenkins and T Burnett will meet on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 to consider the submissions.

#### **500 CORRESPONDENCE – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018**

1	Gwenllian Centre	A request for a loan to the Gwenllian Centre for repairs to the lift to the Upper Conference Room had been received. This matter will be considered further by the Finance Committee. Note and <b>Close</b> this item.
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