

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

3rd JULY 2018

At the meeting of the **FULL COUNCIL** held at the Council Offices, Kidwelly on Tuesday 3rd July 2018 at 6.30pm.

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

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

Jenny Fox, Community Development Officer, Carmarthen Town Council, attended and explained how social media is used by her town council. This was later discussed at the following Policy & Strategy Committee where details of the presentation are outlined.

111 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

112 POLICING MATTERS

The police did not attend. The police will be requested to provide a written report if they are unable to attend in future. The next PACT meeting will be held on 18th July 2018.

113 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND POLICIES

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

- Full Council 5th June 2018
- General Purposes Committee 5th June 2018
- Full Council 12th June 2018
- Estates Committee 12th June 2018
- Finance Committee 12th June 2018

Matters arising from Full Council on 5th June 2018

114 HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE

One Voice Wales is holding a Workshop on Housing Co-operatives on 4th July. Four free places have been allocated to the town council. Six places are required. The town clerk has negotiated arrangements for six delegates.

115 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.

116 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLORS

Members were informed that an election will be held on 19th July 2018. Three candidates are standing in Castle Ward and two in Mynydd y Garreg Ward.

117 IMPLEMENTATION OF BI-LINGUAL WEBSITE

It was previously **RESOLVED** to proceed with a bi-lingual website. The site will be used more effectively as a tool to disseminate information regarding council activity as well as supporting local businesses and organisations. It was acknowledged that there was a need to promote the Welsh language and culture. This matter will be considered under Minute 127 “Promotion of Welsh Language and Culture”. Note and **Close** this item.

118 LICENSING MAYOR’S PARLOUR AS WEDDING VENUE

It was suggested that the new Phase 2 premises and possibly Mynydd y Garreg Hall could be licensed for weddings. The cost would be £1,200 for 3 rooms for 3 years. It was noted that a full and detailed business plan would be needed before proceeding. It was previously **RESOLVED** to investigate the issues involved.

119 COMMUNITY HALLS

Members were reminded that written reports are required.

Mynydd Hall – The hall meeting was held on 2nd July 2018. A written report will be circulated. Help was requested for the village Fete, to be held on 18th August 2018.

Gwenllian Hall – A written report had been received

120 REPORTS FROM SCHOOL GOVERNORS, YOUTH COUNCIL, OTHER REPRESENTATIVES

Members were reminded that written reports are required.

Ysgol y Castell – the Newsletter had been circulated. A written report was presented.

Industrial Museum – The trustees have been requested to inform the council of the present position and future plans for opening the museum and will do this after recess. Council representatives will be informed of future meetings. All members were encouraged to take an active part in promoting the museum.

Reports from the following will be circulated:-

Kidwelly Park Sports Association

The Hub

Gwendraeth Valley Group

No information has been received from the following:-

Ysgol Gwenllian

Youth Council

Ysgol Mynydd y Garreg – Councillor A.Jenkins was unable to attend Governor training. The position had therefore become vacant. It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor S.Davies as school governor.

121 MAYOR'S DIARY / FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	
1 st July 2018	Kidwelly Town Bowling Club U16s Junior Competition	10.30am
3 rd July 2018	Full Council & Policy & Strategy Committee	6.30pm
8 th July 2018	Five Roads W.I.'s 'Green Event'	10.00am
9 th July 2018	Official Opening of Trimsaran Community School	10.00am
9 th July 2018	Grand opening of J & Co hair salon, Kidwelly	6.00pm
10 th July 2018	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm
14 th July 2018	Kidwelly Carnival	11.30am
21 st July 2018	Official opening of Trinity Art & Craft Exhibition, Kidwelly	11.00am

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	
19 th July 2018	By-election for Castle Ward and Mynyddygarreg Ward	
11 th August 2018	Kidwelly Horticultural Show	1.00pm

122 GWENLLIAN CENTRE – FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

The mayor informed members that the town council owns the community hall, which is run by a trust. If the trust collapses the council will inherit all liabilities and responsibilities for running the everyday activities. It was noted that the trustees are personally liable for any debts. The hall currently owes the council £21,700. The mayor, town clerk and trustees met and formulated a proposal which was formally accepted by the trustees and was now put before the town council. The proposal stated that **“the hall immediately pay £6k in part payment of the debt. The council will continue to pay an amount equal to the wages of the caretaker as provided by the figures supplied by the accountant. This sum will be reimbursed on a monthly basis to the council by the hall. The hall will pay the money the accountant advises is due to HMRC directly.”**

Various options for managing the ongoing debt were considered. It was agreed that a plan for the future development of the hall was needed. Councillor V.Bevan-Jones volunteered to help with a marketing plan.

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the proposal highlighted above for a period of 6 months; during this time the Town Clerk, Mayor, Chair of Finance and contributing councillors will work towards a long term solution to reduce the debt and increase the potential of the hall. A recorded vote was taken:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
P.Thompson	D.Lloyd-Waterford	V.Bevan-Jones
C.Davies	C.Peters-Bond	S.Davies
G.Beer	A.Jenkins	
J.Gilasbey		
G.Jones		
J.Bezant		
J.Mayne		

123 EXECUTIVE ACTION DURING RECESS

It was **RESOLVED** that Executive Powers be delegated to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Chair(s) of relevant Committee(s) during the summer recess. Any action taken during this period will follow the established procedures.

124 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT – YEAR END 31ST MARCH 2018

An unqualified Internal Audit Report had been received. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Internal Audit Report for the year end 31st March 2018. Note and Close this item.

125 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT – YEAR END 31ST MARCH 2018

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Governance Statement. Note and **Close** this item.

126 MOTIONS – ONE VOICE WALES CONFERENCE

No motions had been submitted. For members to be informed of outcomes of previous motioned adopted, One Voice Wales Newsletters will be circulated. Note and **Close** this item.

127 PROMOTION OF WELSH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

It was agreed to move forward with policies which reflect the promotion of the Welsh language and culture. Costs for a bi-lingual website and translation will be considered at the next Finance Committee meeting on 10th July 2018.

128 CORRESPONDENCE – JUNE/JULY 2018

Parc Stephens Community Association have requested financial assistance to purchase a grass cutter. This will be considered at the Finance Committee on 10th July 2018. An application for a grant will be required. Note and **Close** this item.