

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

4th DECEMBER 2018

At the meeting of the **FULL COUNCIL** held at the Council Offices, Kidwelly on Tuesday 4th December 2018 at 6.30pm.

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

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

363 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 368 – Cllrs P.Thompson and C.Davies left the room.

364 POLICING MATTERS

The police were unable to attend with no written report provided. They will be requested to submit a report. The next PACT meeting will be held on 19th December 2018.

365 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND POLICIES

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

- Full Council 6th November 2018
- Policy & Strategy Committee 6th November 2018
- Establishment Committee 6th November 2018
- Estates Committee 13th November 2018
- Finance Committee 13th November 2018
- Finance Committee – Budget setting 20th November 2018
- Finance Committee – Budget setting 27th November 2018

Matters arising from Full Council on 6th November 2018

366 INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM

The museum is closed as the county council will no longer finance staff to run it and extensive work is needed to make safe - the Headframe and the chimney stack – at a cost of over £400k. A consultant has been engaged to report on options available and should complete the study by February 2019. It was recognised that volunteers to assist at the museum are urgently needed and joint working with the community and research into grant funding will be necessary. It was previously **RESOLVED** to write to the county council and ask what action will be taken to ensure the future of the museum.

367 HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE

One Voice Wales held a Workshop on Housing Co-operatives on 4th July. The town clerk had negotiated arrangements for six delegates.

368 COMMUNITY ENERGY PROJECT

As Cllrs P.Thompson and C.Davies had left the room Cllr D.Lloyd-Waterford took the chair. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed and the project is going ahead. A survey of the land has been carried out. An ecological study is being undertaken. The next meeting will be held on 18th January 2019 with the AGM of GVEC on 8th March 2019.

A request for written information regarding the present position will be made.

369 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.

370 GWENLLIAN CENTRE – FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

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. A meeting with the trustees was held on 25th October 2018. Minutes were circulated.

371 BOUNDARY COMMISSION

A Draft proposals Report “*Review of the Electoral Arrangements of the County of Carmarthenshire*” has been received. Consultation ends on 27th November 2018. It is proposed to merge Kidwelly’s voting wards with part of St Ishmael’s giving the authority 2 county councillors. However, it was felt that the population threshold needed for 2 councillor status could be achieved by the addition of an area much smaller than St Ishmael’s. It was previously **RESOLVED** to object to the merger with St Ishmael and propose a merger with Four Roads and Pont Newydd. It was noted that this was a unanimous decision.

372 DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY PARKS

Amanda Roberts, Children Information Officer, Mencap Wales, had previously attended and explained how Mencap was involved in assisting in the provision of specialist equipment in playgrounds for use by children with a disability. Parc Stephens has been identified as an ideal location in which to place specialist equipment. An application for grant funding has been made. It was noted that consideration should be given to all users of the park including the elderly, those with dementia, and all special needs. It was **RESOLVED** to review all town council parks, formulate basic development plans and consult with all park users.

373 PROMOTION OF WELSH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

It was agreed to move forward with policies which reflect the promotion of the Welsh language and culture. The bi-lingual website and translation will be commenced as soon as possible. The town clerk will ensure that it is compliant with current legislation

374 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR

Notice of Vacancy has been published. A request to hold an election must be submitted by 14th December 2018.

375 TO CONSIDER THE TIN MUSEUM

The Tin Museum, located at Laugharne, has to vacate its premises. Its trustees wish to re-locate the building and exhibits to Kidwelly. Land adjacent to the Gwenllian Centre has been identified as suitable, although it would be subject to planning permission. Proposed location plans were circulated. Car parking may be an issue. It was noted that the museum was listed as 2nd best museum in Wales on Trip Advisor and as an already established music and events venue could attract many visitors to Kidwelly. It was proposed that consideration be given to locating the Tin Museum at Hillfield Villas, the trustees providing the facilities and grant funding. It was previously **RESOLVED** to continue talks on the venture.

376 COMMUNITY HALLS

Members were reminded that written reports are required.

Mynydd Hall – A written report had been circulated. Problems with the heating system are being resolved. The stage curtains need replacing. Preparations for the Christmas lighting are in hand. All are invited to the service on 7th December 2018.

Gwenllian Hall – There was no trustees meeting on 29th November 2018 due to the Christmas lighting evening.

377 REPORTS FROM SCHOOL GOVERNORS, YOUTH COUNCIL, OTHER REPRESENTATIVES

Members were reminded that written reports are required.

Schools – Mynydd y Garreg Governors Report had been circulated and various issues were considered.

Ysgol y Castell – a Governors Report had been previously been circulated

Kidwelly Industrial Museum – No meeting had been held

County Councillor Report – a written report had been circulated

378 MAYOR'S DIARY / FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
4th December 2018	Full Council & General Purposes Committee	6.30pm
7 th December 2018	Mynydd y Garreg Christmas Lighting	6.30pm
7th December 2018	Christmas Carol Service, Mynyddygarreg	7.00pm
11th December 2018	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm
13th December 2018	Lessons and Carols Service, St Mary's Church	7.00pm
14th December 2018	Llanelli Town Council Christmas Evening	7.00pm
15th December 2018	Christmas Fantasia, Hywel Girls' Choir & Boy Singers	7.00pm

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
8th January 2019	Full Council & General Purposes Committee	6.30pm
15th January 2019	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm

379 TO APPROVE THE BUDGET 2019 - 2020

It was **RESOLVED** to increase the precept by 22.9% to a figure of £165,715 for the year 2019-2020.

For - 7		Against - 5
A.Jenkins	J.Mayne	D.Lloyd-Waterford
S.Ratty	C.Davies	G.Beer
S.Davies	P.Thompson	C.Peters-Bond
G.Jones		L.Jones
		J.Gilasbey

It was noted that the increase includes;-

Additional costs of £20k for maintenance of the toilets and parks which have been transferred to the town council from the county council to prevent their closure.

Additional costs of £7,236 for councillor's allowance and allowance for dependants. There is a legal requirement to provide funding. However members may choose not to make a claim. Note and **Close** this item.

380 TO APPROVE THE PENSION REGULATIONS

After due consideration it was **RESOLVED** to approve the discretionary policies under the Local Government Pension Scheme. Note and **Close** this item.

381 JOINT OPEN DAY

It was **RESOLVED** to hold an official "Open Day" in the new year. It was suggested that the High Sheriff of Carmarthenshire be invited to officially open Phase 2. Arrangements for the ceremony will be made jointly with the trustees of the hall.

382 DEFIBRILLATOR MAINTENANCE

It was recognised that both council defibrillators need regular maintenance. Mark Gower, of the Wales Ambulance Service has been extremely helpful in advising on this issue. It was **RESOLVED** to accept his offer to look after the equipment in the future. Note and **Close** this item.

383 CORRESPONDENCE – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018

There was no correspondence. Note and **Close** this item.