

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

8th JANUARY 2019

At the meeting of the **FULL COUNCIL** held at the Council Offices, Kidwelly on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 6.30pm.

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

Rev Trevor Copeland offered prayers before the commencement of the meeting.
Seimon Pugh-Jones attended and gave a presentation about The History Shed Experience.
Details of this are at Minute 440 below.

428 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 431 – Cllrs P.Thompson and C.Davies left the room.

Minute 432 – Councillor J.Gilasbey left the room.

429 POLICING MATTERS

The police were unable to attend with no written report provided. They will be requested to submit a report. The town clerk will write to the Chief Constable requesting a police presence at Full Council or the provision of a written report if unable to attend. The next PACT meeting will be held on 16th January 2019.

430 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND POLICIES

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

- Full Council 4th December 2018
- General Purposes Committee 4th December 2018
- Estates Committee 11th December 2018
- Finance Committee 11th December 2018

Matters arising from Full Council on 4th December 2018

431 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 will be made for written information regarding the present position and any available minutes.

432 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 noted that the town council has not allocated a specific sum of money as a donation to support the museum in next year's budget, but the museum can apply for a grant. The town clerk will respond to an e-mail received from the trustees of the museum seeking clarity on the position of the council representative. It was **RESOLVED** that the town clerk and mayor meet with officers of the county council, clarify the present position and investigate a way forward to ensure the future of the museum.

433 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.

434 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.

435 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.

436 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.

437 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 successful and £5k obtained. This must be spent by 31st March 2019. The installation of a roundabout was considered most appropriate. The town clerk will seek quotes. Further funding options will be explored with schools and community groups being involved.

438 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

439 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLORS

1. A request to hold an election has been received. Notice of Election will be published on 17th January 2019. The election will be held on 21st February 2019. The use of Notice of Election cards instead of polling cards will be considered at Finance Committee.

2. Councillor Sion Davies informed members that he would be resigning to take up a teaching post in China. Members wished him well and thanked him for his work on the town council. The county council will be informed once his resignation has been confirmed in writing.

440 TO CONSIDER THE HISTORY SHED EXPERIENCE

Seimon Pugh-Jones attended and explained the current position of the project. The History Shed Experience, 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. Other locations will also be considered. The mayor and estates officer will meet with Mr Pugh-Jones to progress the possibility of re-location to Kidwelly.

441 JOINT OPEN DAY

It was previously **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.

442 COMMUNITY HALLS

Members were reminded that written reports are required.

Mynydd Hall – A written report had been circulated. It was noted that the chair of the trustees has resigned. The town clerk will write to thank him for his work. It was reported that the defibrillator case at the hall had been smashed. The police have been informed and the matter is in hand.

Gwenllian Hall – No meetings held over the Christmas period. It was reported that 20 paving slabs had been smashed at the rear of the hall preventing safe access to the lift and rear door. The matter is in hand. Volunteers to assist at functions held at the hall were requested. No response was forthcoming.

443 REPORTS FROM SCHOOL GOVERNORS, YOUTH COUNCIL, OTHER REPRESENTATIVES

Members were reminded that written reports are required.

Schools – Schools had been closed over Christmas.

Kidwelly Industrial Museum – No notice of meetings had been received

County Councillor Report – a written report had been circulated

The town clerk will, in future provide a written progress report.

444 MAYOR'S DIARY / FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
8th January 2019	Full Council & General Purposes Committee	6.30pm
15th January 2019	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm
18 th January 2019	Llanelli Town Mayor's Charity Evening	7.00pm

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
5th February 2019	Full Council & Policy & Strategy Committee	6.30pm
12th February 2019	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm

445 NOTICE OF NOMINATION OF MAYOR – 2019-2020

Nomination forms were circulated. Voting for mayor for 2019-2020 will take place at Full Council on 5th February 2019.

446 CORRESPONDENCE – DECEMBER 2018/ JANUARY 2019

James Murphy, Mace bearer has resigned his position. The town clerk will respond with thanks for his diligence during his period in office. The mayor will provide a gift in recognition of his service. A press article will be written to inform the public of the role of the mace bearer and publicise the vacancy. For clarity this item will be renamed "Vacancy of Mace bearer". Note and **Close** this item.