

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

9th JANUARY 2018

At the meeting of the **POLICY & STRATEGY COMMITTEE** held at the Parish Rooms, Kidwelly on Tuesday 9th January 2018

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

446 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Meals on Wheels rota was arranged:-

Thursday 11th January 2018 – Cllr Greg Jones

Friday 12th January 2018 – Cllr Greg Jones

Matters Arising from the Policy & Strategy Committee Meeting of 3rd October 2017

447 MARKETING / TOURISM / COMMERCE

A Marketing/ Tourism/ Commerce Working Group comprising of Cllrs A.Jenkins, C.Peters-Bond, V.Bevan-Jones, G.Jones, C.Davies and T.Burnett has been set up. Cllrs C.Davies, P.Thompson and J.Gilasbey will join the group. A meeting has been arranged for 15th January 2018 at 6.30pm. A more manageable title for the working group will be found.

448 TOWN SQUARE DEVELOPMENT

The development will depend on the asset transfer of the square. It was resolved to take over the square including the toilets on 20th October 2015. Plans have previously been drawn up for the square enhancement. These will be made available. The town clerk will check on the status of the land ownership and asset transfer. Members overseeing this project will be Cllrs A.Jenkins, C.Davies, T.Burnett, J.Gilasbey, V.Bevan-Jones, G.Jones and G.Beer.

449 WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

Statistically Kidwelly has the highest proportion of over 45s in the County. As with the previous meeting, it was noted that much of the Council's work had already embarked on several key areas and a suggestion was made to report / promote what the Council has already achieved and to exploit the benefits of the area. It was previously **RESOLVED** that Cllr Thompson, Cllr Lloyd-Waterford and Cllr Burns would attend Carmarthenshire's PSB. No further meetings have been held.

450 PREFERRED CONTRACTOR LIST

The Town Clerk had previously reported that One Voice Wales has advised that obtaining a preferred list was legal. Examples of a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire had been circulated to members. It was noted that there wasn't any need to change the tender contract and the PQQ would be bound to KTC tendering policies. It was previously agreed that the Town Clerk and Estates Officer would draw a draft PQQ and bring it to the committee for approval.

451 REVIEWING TENDERING PROCESS

Discussions will be held about working in partnership with other community councils in the locality with the possibility of looking into sharing resources/best practice models. At the previous meeting it was agreed that a pre-tender evaluation matrix be drawn to ensure that tender applications adhere to the criteria before being considered by members, therefore allowing applicants to remain anonymous and ensuring the tendering process remains transparent. Concerns had been raised about the openness of such a process and it had also been noted that such a process wouldn't be as controversial as a preferred contractor list.

452 CLUSTERING

Carmarthen Town Council has received funding to support community councils who wish to undertake joint working arrangements; sharing resources to reduce costs. It was agreed that the town clerk should explore the options. It was noted that this way of working could mean a loss of work for local contractors. It could also lead to communities losing their independence and being absorbed into larger authorities.

453 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Community Business for Social Action (CBSA) is arranging a Public Consultation Day on Saturday 3rd February 2018 in the Gwenllian Centre. Residents in the community will be encouraged to give their views on the needs of the community. Councillors will attend and be present to inform members of the community of the council's strategic plans. A policy pack will be made available.

454 MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE

It was noted that mobile phone coverage in the area is poor. Council owned land could be used for installation of a mast. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr G.Beer investigate options for improving connectivity in general.