

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

10th APRIL 2018

At the meeting of the **POLICY & STRATEGY COMMITTEE** held at the Princess Gwennlian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 10th April 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, D.Lloyd-Waterford, L.Jones
	Town Clerk	V. O'Reilly
	Town Secretary	A Padgett
Apologies	Councillors	

Jonathan Summers – CETMA – Community Engagement, technology, Media & Arts attended and gave a presentation about the organisation – Minute 631.

630 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 12th April 2018 – Cllr Greg Jones

Friday 13th April 2018 – Cllr Greg Jones

Matters Arising from the Policy & Strategy Committee Meeting of 9th January 2017

631 MARKETING / TOURISM / COMMERCE

Mr Summers requested the support of the town council in his endeavours to bring together professional craft makers and speciality food retailers in the region to develop their businesses. He specifically wished to set up sustainable outdoor craft markets in Kidwelly in the summer.

He was informed that a local community group was planning to hold its own market. These groups could co-ordinate their efforts. Mr Summers will liaise with Cllr T. Burnett.

The Marketing/tourism/commerce group met on 22nd March 2018. It was reported that:-

An unincorporated association had been formed. The group had sub-divided into 4 sections
Commerce

Various ideas were being promoted, eg horrible histories tour of Kidwelly, ghost walks, formation of a small business chamber of commerce.

Market

Investigations into the types of markets that would be applicable in the area are being considered – possible venues, castle area, industrial museum.

Festivals

Various ideas are being considered

Community events

Tidy Kidwelly Day is planned for 13th May 2018. A Duck Race and a Santa Run are planned.

It was noted that a Newsletter is due for publication.

632 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. Members overseeing this project will be Cllrs A.Jenkins, C.Davies, T.Burnett, J.Gilasbey, V.Bevan-Jones, G.Jones and G.Beer.

633 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.

634 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.

635 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.

636 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.

637 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 previously **RESOLVED** that Cllr G.Beer investigate options for improving connectivity in general.