

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

BUDGET SETTING

27th NOVEMBER 2012

At a Budget Setting MEETING of the Council held in the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 27th November 2012

Present:-	Town Mayor	J. Gilasbey
	Chair	R.Thomas
	Councillors:	K.Davies, B.Huws,N.Howell-Davies, L.Finch-Jones, H.Jones, M.Thomas
	Town Clerk	Geraint Thomas
	Town Secretary	Anna Padgett
Apologies:	Councillors:	R.Davies

342 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

343 TO CONSIDER THE BUDGET FOR 2013 - 2014

The Town Clerk had circulated a spread sheet detailing budget proposals. He outlined the current financial position of the council. He referred to the fact that there is likely to be an overspend in the current financial year of £8k. To allow for all aspects outlined in the proposals for 2013-2014 would mean an increase in precept of 19%.

Discussion ensued.

The following were considered as areas where income could be generated and savings could possibly be made:-

1. The need to achieve realistic commercial rents from the estate. This issue was referred to the Finance Committee on 11th December 2012.
2. It was agreed to reduce the amount allocated to Mayoral Functions by £500 – to £2500
3. Telephone costs will be considered
4. Trade Refuse collection costs and Feminine Hygiene arrangements will be queried with the Princess Gwenllian Hall Trust
5. Accounting costs – a meeting will be held with the accountants on 6th December 2012
6. Reduction in photocopying costs will be looked at
7. The £500 allocated to the carnival will be split between Kidwelly and Mynydd y Garreg

A reduction in staffing costs was considered. It was **RESOLVED** to discuss this issue “*in camera*” as it related to personnel matters. Thanks were expressed to the Town Clerk for his work on the Budget. The Town Clerk and Town Secretary left the meeting.