

## KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

22nd SEPTEMBER 2020

At the {virtual} **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** of the **FULL COUNCIL** held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 at 6.30pm.

Present	Town Mayor	D. Lloyd-Waterford
	Deputy Mayor	A.Jenkins
	Councillors	J. Gilasbey, C.Peters, C.Peters-Bond, G.Beer, J.Bezant, J.James
	Town Clerk	V. O'Reilly
	Town Secretary	A Padgett
	Admin. Assistant	O.Davies
Apologies	Councillors	J.Mayne, P.Thompson,C.Davies

### **162 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Minute 166 - The town clerk advised Councillor A.Jenkins that he had a prejudicial interest. He declared an interest and left the meeting.

### **163 COUNCILLOR RESIGNATIONS "in camera"**

It was noted that 4 councillors had resigned during the last 6 months. Reasons expressed in the resignation letters were considered and the positive outcomes noted below.

### **164 RECRUITMENT PLAN**

It was recognized that some individuals become councillors with expectations that are not realistic. Recruitment details should include, duties, responsibilities and the commitment expected from councillors. The Code of Conduct should be available for potential candidates to consider. Training schedules should be specified and potential councillors should be aware of training requirements. It should be made clear that any political party allegiance must not override the local decision-making democratic process. An experienced councillor will be allocated to a new councillor as Mentor for an induction period. The need for team working should be made evident.

### **165 ADVERTISING**

The usual methods, website, noticeboards, word of mouth will continue. In addition, local organisations will be targeted along with social media. Local press and local magazines should have the vacancy information. Community projects should be highlighted so that interested parties could join the council and participate in making them happen. The current virtual meetings rule enables members of the community to join a council meeting while remaining in their homes, participation should be encouraged.

### **166 GRANT FUNDING – COASTAL COMMUNITIES**

A self-funding project officer has, with the assistance of the town clerk, prepared a funding bid for "Rebranding Kidwelly". Members had been provided with comprehensive details of the bid, which included a Black Cat Trail and glamping facilities in Mynydd y Garreg. A public consultation will be held. It was recognized that this was a first stage bid and many additional details would need to be considered should this stage of the application be successful. The town clerk was thanked for her work in the speedy preparation of this funding bid – closing date 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the 1<sup>st</sup> stage bid.

## **167 CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS**

A meeting will be arranged with the lighting contractor to assess the feasibility of new festoons on the square and 2 new replacement lamppost decorations for Mynydd y Garreg. No official switch-on event will be held but a video recording will be made for the website. Barriers will be ordered for the trees in Plough Gardens and New Street.

A picket fence was considered to protect the main tree. Costs of fencing, delivery logistics and possible painting will be sought.

It was noted that many works of art and craft had already been produced to attach to the barriers by members of the community and they were much appreciated. These will be incorporated into the square decorations. Requirements for siting these works will be considered and the number of barriers ordered according to need.

It was **RESOLVED** that picket fencing be put around the main tree (logistics allowing) and barriers be ordered for placement of the works of art.