KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

10th OCTOBER 2023

At the meeting of the Hybrid FINANCE COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 10th October 2023 following the Community Development Committee meeting.

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| resent | Town Mayor | C.Peters |
|  | Deputy Mayor | C.Morgan |
|  | Councillor | C.Peters-Bond, A.Herbert, G.Bras, J.Maclaughland, G.Beer, S.John, J.Gilasbey, L.Jones, H.Griffiths, J.Tarsnane |
|  | Town Clerk | Virginia O’Reilly |
|  | Town Secretary | A.Padgett |
| Apologies | Councillors | S.Ratty, E.Reeves-Davies, J.Westlake |
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**177 MEMBERS’ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Minute 183 – councillor G.Bras left the room

Minute 184 – councillors, L.Jones, G.Beer and J.Tarsnane left the meeting

**178 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Financial statements up to 30.09.23 had been circulated and were agreed

**179 BILLS FOR PAYMENT – OCTOBER 2023**

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|  |  | **Invoice** | **Description** | **Total** | **Cat** |
| 1 | Legion | \*\*\*\* | Remembrance wreath | 50.00 | R |
| 2 | Matthew Leader | 423558 | Fencing | 1400.00 | E |
| 3 | Sidell | 29403 | Drain clearing | 132.00 | E |
| 4 | KTC Staff | \*\*\*\* | Salaries September | 4380.89 | R |
| 5 | Ellis Samuel | ES 6 | Estates Contract | 1996.00 | E |
| 6 | HMRC | \*\*\*\* | Staff PAYE September | 1145.85 | R |
| 7 | Mayor | \*\*\*\* | Travel | 90.00 | R |
| 8 | M&S | \*\*\*\* | Flowers | 40.00 | R |
| 9 | SWS | 1809 | Survey Part 2 | 240.00 | E |
| 10 | Safe fence | 29490 | Christmas barriers | 490.90 | R |
| 11 | Sovereign | 135279 | Play equipment | 478.80 | R |
| 12 | Mayor | \*\*\*\* | Tranche [2] | 290.00 | R |
| 13 | Water for you | 190585 | Water | 6.38 | R |
| 14 | Capita | 86255 | Pre planning – New Street | 250 | E |
| 15 | Thomas Carroll | 523887390 | H.R. management services | 4162.75 | R |

Statutory provisions:- Items 1-15 – Local Government Act 1972 s111

Categories:- C = capital R = revenue E = estates S= suspense P= project Res = reserve

It was **RESOLVED** to pay the Bills for Payment. Note and **Close** this table from the minutes.

**180 DIRECT DEBITS – SEPTEMBER 2023**

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| 1 | 06.09.23 | Cathedral Leasing | Feminine hygiene bins | 349.34 |
| 2 | 06.09.23 | 3RSIT | Phone/Computer Maintenance | 377.82 |
| 3 | 08.09.23 | Lloyds | Service Charges | 7.00 |
| 4 | 11.09.23 | 3RSIT | Domain name | 30.00 |
| 5 | 14.09.23 | EDF Energy | Electricity toilets | 90.80 |
| 6 | 18.09.23 | British gas | Electricity | 358.46 |
| 7 | 20.09.23 | British gas | PGC gas | 50.16 |
| 8 | 25.09.23 | Cathedral Leasing | Feminine hygiene bins | 62.40 |

Statutory provisions:- Items 1,3, 5-8 Local Government Act 1972 s111. Items 2,4 Telecom Act 1984. Note and **Close** this table from the minutes.

###### **Matters Arising from the Finance Committee Meeting 12th September 2023**

**181 BLACK CAT BADGES**

Samples were examined. In general, members did not feel that they were of sufficient quality therefore further consideration was put off until November’s meeting.

**182 COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Cllr Herbert wants to know about quality assurance, WCAB accessibility and will send further questions to town clerk.

**183 MYNYDD HALL FUNDING**

Some committee members attended. They were thanked for their work. A detailed written request for funding had been received and was read out. The hours of the caretaker will be extended. It was acknowledged that the hall was the centre of the community and its efficient running enhanced the community spirit which pervaded the activities and events held there. The council will look favourably on supporting any future maintenance work needed at the hall.

It was **RESOLVED** to grant the £10k requested in the budget for 2024-2025. Note and **Close** this item.

**184 PRINCESS GWENLLIAN CENTRE FUNDING**

**A – Heating**

The heating system is inadequate. The vestibule needs a new combi-boiler to heat the front part of the building. 2 smaller more efficient boilers are required for the different sections of the rear hall. This work should be done as soon as possible as the new Gym needs heating and a hot water supply. More extensive work can be done when the C.I.C. is formed and grants can be applied for. Utility bills need to be divided between hall and council. The work will cost £46k. There is £41k left in the budget for renovations. It was **RESOLVED** to go ahead with the work, taking £36k from the budget and using £10k from capital.

**B – Annual Grant**

It was **RESOLVED** to release the £12k allocated in the current budget for hall running costs.

It was further **RESOLVED** to grant £24k in the budget for the year 2024-2025. This will allow for the employment of a manager, enabling more events to be held, increase efficiency therefore leading to increased income and ultimate self-sufficiency. The level of grant will be reviewed annually dependant on need.

**185 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE URDD**

It was **RESOLVED** to grant the £300 allocated in the budget. Note and **Close** this item.

**186 CHRISTMAS EXPENDITURE**

It is anticipated that the spend on Christmas items will exceed the £350 allocated in the budget. It was previously agreed that, if necessary, a budget virement would be approved at the next Full Council when estimated expenditure could be quantified.

**187 BUDGET 2024-2025**

The budget was considered. An additional £8k had been added for play equipment in Mynydd park. Staff training costs have been increased. Mynydd hall will receive £10k and PGC £24k.

**188 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

There were referrals from other committees.

**189 CORRESPONDENCE – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2023**

There was no correspondence not dealt with above.