KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

10th JANUARY 2023

At the MEETING of the FULL COUNCIL held on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 6.30pm.

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| Present | Town Mayor | C.Peters |
|  | Deputy Mayor | C.Morgan |
|  | Councillors | J. Gilasbey, G.Beer, G.Bras, H.Griffiths, S.Ratty, C.Peters-Bond, J.Tarsnane, J.Westlake, A.Herbert, D.Lloyd-Waterford, E.Reeves-Davies |
|  | Town Clerk | Virginia O’Reilly |
|  | Town Secretary | A Padgett |
| Apologies | Councillors |  |

Members were informed that due to the resignation of Councillor J.James (former Deputy Mayor) Councillor C.Morgan was appointed Deputy Mayor.

264 MEMBER’S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 279 – Councillor J.Tarsnane left the meeting.

**265 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the following minutes be confirmed:-

* Full Council 6th December 2022
* Establishment Committee 6th December 2022
* Estates Committee 13th December 2022
* Finance Committee 13th December 2022
* Full Council 13th December 2022

**266 TOWN CLERK’S REPORT**

No report was available due to the holiday recess.

**Matters arising from Full Council on 6th December 2022**

**267 DEVELOPMENT OF TOWN SQUARE**

Concept designs had been prepared and put on view at the Co-op and town square. The architect had attended both sites and had been available for consultations. Comment slips had been made available to the public. A final plan was submitted for planning permission.

**268 PRINCESS GWENLLIAN CENTRE – FUTURE GOVERNANCE**

The Nurture Centre is unable to take over the lease of the hall at present. Various options for future management are being investigated. Setting up a charity will be considered, as a charity would be exempt from the non-domestic council tax charge of £63k. It had been recognised that the current operation is functioning well. It was previously agreed to keep the status quo until the end of March 2023.

**269 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR**

An election has not been requested. The co-option process will begin.

**270 ASSISTANT FOR ESTATES OFFICER**

It was recognised that the workload of the estates officer has increased exponentially due to the level of development work being carried out in the town. The Establishment Committee *“in camera”* agreed to the appointment of an assistant.

**271 MOBILE CONECTIVITY AND SMART METERS**

Communication within the Kidwelly area is poor. Technology is not in place to enable smart meters to be used, possibly preventing electricity users to attract reduced tariff deals from their suppliers. Base line infrastructure is not present, making working from home difficult. Market traders are losing trade because of poor signals. The county council is already working with providers but more needs to be done urgently. A working group to progress the matter had been proposed.

**272 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

No report submitted. Two county councillors have been allocated to this electoral area. Councillor Lewis Davies will be invited to attend Kidwelly Estates Committee to provide a report as this will not clash with the Llansaint Community meetings which he attends.

**273 COMMUNITY HALLS SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS**

**Mynydd hall**: The bar refurbishment is complete, the opening was held on 23rd December.

**Twinning Association**:- A fundraising evening will be held on 10th February 2023 at Mynydd y Garreg Hall.

**Ysgol y Castell**: The new school will be opening on 11th January 2023.

**Saturday Market**:- The market will receive a “highly commended” commendation at the forthcoming market trader award ceremony on 29th January 2023. The market committee was congratulated on this prestigious award. The press will be informed.

**274 MAYOR’S DIARY / FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

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| | DATE | APPOINTMENT |  |
| 10th February 2023 | Twinning Fundraiser at Mynydd y Garreg Hall | 7.00pm |

**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

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| DATE |  |  |
| 10th January 2023 | Full Council  | 6.30pm |
| 17th January 2023 | Estates and Finance Committees | 6.30pm |
| 7th February 2023 | Full Council and Policy and Strategy Committee | 6.30pm |
| 14th February 2023 | Estates and Finance Committees | 6.30pm |

**275 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLORS**

Members were notified that councillors J.James and C.Davies had resigned. The county council will be informed.

**276 APPOINTMENTS DUE TO RESIGNATIONS**

The following positions were filled by councillors:-

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| Chair of Policy | A.Herbert | Welfare Committee | J.Gilasbey |
| Deputy Chair of Policy | E.Reeves-Davies | Welfare Committee | D.Lloyd-Waterford |
| Youth Council | A.Herbert |  |  |
| Governor Ysgol Mynydd y Garreg | G.Bras | Mynydd y Garreg hall rep. | J.Gilasbey |

**277 CHRISTMAS**

A de-briefing meeting will be held in February and planning for next Christmas will begin. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase new lights in the current sales. Enhanced lighting in the town and in Mynydd y Garreg is planned. This matter will be considered further by the Policy & Strategy Committee. Note and Close this item.

**278 CORRESPONDENCE – DECEMBER 2022/JANUARY 2023**

There was no correspondence not considered above. Note and **Close** this item.

The Black Cat Strategy below was considered last on the agenda so that a councillor who left the meeting at this stage could participate in the previous part of the meeting.

**279 BLACK CAT TOURISM STRATEGY - *“in camera”***

A meeting between the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chairs of Committees and the 2 remaining Directors of the Hub took place on 20th December 2022. As a result, a draft proposal for further action had been prepared and circulated. This proposal was considered by Full Council, with the following resolutions being passed:- It was **RESOLVED** that:-

1. The Dissolution of partnership agreement

Kidwelly Town Council (KTC) accepts the proposed dissolution of the partnership agreement between itself and Kidwelly Community Hub CIC (The Hub) with regards to the running of the Black Cat Strategy from the received date of the letter of intention of the dissolution by The Hub of 13 December 2022.

1. Intellectual property

KTC and The Hub will continue to retain equal joint ownership of all Intellectual Property (IP) that results from work undertaken as part of the Black Cat Strategy, including the Gwên Gwen festival. The council grants a temporary 12 month agreement for The Hub and its newly created, standalone CIC intended to run future festivals the right to use the joint IP on a not-for-profit basis. A future long-term arrangement for licensing the use of the IP by the newly formed CIC will be agreed prior to any extension of the agreement, that results in the creation of a community benefit fund that distributes any royalty payments, to be jointly administered by KTC and The Hub.

1. Dissolution of the Hub

Should The Hub dissolve, then assets, including IP would revert to the ownership of KTC as the sole remaining partner.

1. Accounts

All accounts, including outstanding invoices and due revenue to be settled within 30 days subject to due process, with accounts to be independently audited. Any project revenue held by Nurture Magu CIC on behalf of The Hub will be subject to due process by KTC.

1. Assets

All assets purchased as part of The Black Cat Strategy to be identified, valued and returned to KTC, with digital devices provided unlocked.

1. Digital data

All digital data, including but not limited to public and business survey data, digital branding designs to be returned to KTC.

1. It was **NOT RESOLVED**

A pro-rata contractual payment to The Hub’s director up to the dissolution date of 13 December will be made by KTC without prejudice.

Further information regarding this issue will be sought before any payments will be made.

**Additional items to be noted:-**

Was a public consultation held regarding design of banners – has a design been created?

Councillor J.Tarsnane had made proposals for further activities in the event of money being available and the lottery being agreeable.