

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

1st OCTOBER 2019

At the **MEETING** of the **FULL COUNCIL** held at the Council Offices, Kidwelly on Tuesday 1st October 2019 at 6.30pm.

Present	Town Mayor	C.Davies
	Deputy Mayor	T.Burnett
	Councillors	J. Gilasbey, B.A.Williams D. Lloyd-Waterford, J. Mayne, J.Bezant, A.Jenkins, J.Parry, G.Beer
	Town Clerk	Virginia O'Reilly
Apologies	Town Secretary	A Padgett
	Councillors	L.Jones, C.Peters, C.Peters-Bond, P.Thompson, S.Ratty
No apologies	Councillors	

Rev Trevor Copeland attended and gave prayers before the commencement of the meeting.

Mr Stephen Jones attended and informed members of an incident at the junction of Station Road with the town square when a pushchair was in contact with a car on the corner at the Rugby Club. He indicated that many such occurrences had happened and a serious accident was inevitable. It was noted that the Fire Service had objected to the installation of a corner bollard as it would impede their response times. It was reported that the county council is aware of the problem of cars mounting the pavement to turn into Station Road and is seeking a solution. Representation will be made to the county council.

267 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

268 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND POLICIES

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

- Full Council 3rd September 2019
- Policy & Resources Committee 3rd September 2019
- Estates Committee 10th September 2019
- Finance Committee 10th September 2019

Councillor T.Burnett arrived.

269 POLICE REPORT

The police had attended the meeting with the Fisheries officials as reported above. PCSO McNally had handed the town clerk 2 letters of apology from young people who had lit a fire at Glan yr Afon during the summer. They were read out and accepted.

270 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The clerk's report had been circulated was considered and was accepted.

Cockle beds – members were informed of a meeting held that afternoon with the Fisheries Officials and Police regarding the cockle beds. The problem of managing the activity at the Quay was discussed.

Members reported incidents of anti-social behaviour, verbal abuse to residents by the cocklers and damage to the car park area. The estates officer will meet with the cockle processor to discuss the issues and seek remuneration for damages. A further meeting with the Fisheries Officers will be arranged.

History Shed Experience – a letter of complaint from Peter Collett regarding the consultation process for the location of the Shed at Glan yr Afon was circulated. The town clerk will respond.

Matters arising from Full Council on 3rd September 2019

271 COMMUNITY ENERGY PROJECT

Three town council owned sites have been identified as possible areas for development. Consultation with residents will be carried out. The town council Memorandum of Understanding with GVEC will be renewed.

272 INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM

The museum is closed as the county council will no longer finance staff to run it and extensive work is needed to make safe - the Headframe and the chimney stack – at a cost of over £400k. A consultant has produced a report on options available. A request for sight of the report will be made.

273 PROMOTION OF WELSH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

It was agreed to move forward with policies which reflect the promotion of the Welsh language and culture. The bi-lingual website and translation is nearing completion. Some of the historical sections need translating.

274 DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY PARKS

Park Stephens Inclusive and Accessible Play Project – the installation of the equipment has not been completed. Problems have been encountered as the park is low lying. Rainwater is flooding any foundations dug and the excavation fills up when the tide come in. The council has previously confirmed that future maintenance and insurance of the play area will be its responsibility. The town clerk will investigate how the equipment will be gifted to the council.

Mynydd y Garreg Park – the work has been signed off and payment made to the contractors. The Section 106 monies will be reclaimed.

275 YOUTH REPRESENTATION

It was previously **RESOLVED** to agree, in principal, to appoint 2 youth representatives to the town council. They would be allowed to speak but not vote. Recruitment information has been sent to schools and colleges. One school has requested further information. Emily Kaye, Welsh Youth Parliament member for Llanelli, will be invited to attend Full Council to advise on recruitment and procedural matters.

276 VACANCY OF MACE BEARER

An advertisement has been placed on the council website and on social media sites. An article could be written outlining the historical importance of this ancient position and published in the press.

277 LAND AT CLOS YR ONNEN

An area of land at Clos yr Onnen, in the ownership of the housing developers, has been left desolate. It was agreed in principle to take over the ownership and maintenance of the area from the developer with him transferring land to the town council subject to terms being agreed with the developer in respect of clearing the land and dealing with drainage issues. The overgrowth has been removed but rubble left which must be cleared before transfer. It was agreed to wait over winter to see what the long term drainage problem is like. Removal of the vegetation may have exacerbated the waterlogging of the ground.

278 TELEMAT – TOWN WIFI SYSTEM

Finance may be available for a town wifi system 80% funded via the county council. Total cost to the town council would be 20% of a possible £8k. This would be useful for marketing purposes and data analysis. 4-5 hubs would be needed, one preferably being the castle. Host businesses for the hubs will be sought. Timing of payments will be requested. This matter was referred to Finance Committee. Note and **Close** this item.

279 JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES LITERATURE STALL

The organisation wishes to be allowed to place a literature stall on the town square. Further details were requested and are awaited.

280 PARC PENDRE PLAY AREA

A request for a Pump Track at the former play park has been made. It was recognised that the area was suitable for such a facility, being near a housing development. The land is owned by the county council, which wants to sell the land by tender. First refusal will therefore not be available to the town council. A community group is being formed to fund-raise and develop this community asset.

The county council has put up the land for sale by tender on the open market. The county will be requested to consider an asset transfer to the town council. They will be informed of the involvement of the community group and the importance of such a community asset.

281 VACANCY OF COUNCILLOR

Members were informed that the county council has been told of the resignation of Councillor Greg Jones. A further resignation had been received from Councillor Simon Ratty but this was subsequently withdrawn before the meeting. It was noted that a Notice of Vacancy will be published on Monday 7th October 2019.

282 BOUNDARY COMMISSION

Members were informed that the Boundary Commission has published its recommendations which would merge areas of Kidwelly, St Ishmael and Llandyfaelog. The Welsh Government has been informed of the town council's concerns, objections and proposals. In order of preference 1. Retention of the existing ward boundaries with an increase to a 2 member ward 2. Include Four Roads to increase the register numbers to justify a second member and harmonise with the county average.

283 COMMUNITY HALLS AND ORGANISATIONS

Princess Gwenllian Centre – A written report / financial statements had been circulated and were considered.

Mynydd y Garreg hall – A meeting will be held on 7th October 2019

School Governors – Reports to follow

The Hub – A written report was considered. Next meeting to be held on 24th October 2019

Ni-Us – A written report outlining the proposed Festival of Creativity was considered. See Minute 292 below

284 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

A report had been circulated and was considered. Matters arising:-

Members were informed that the new rubbish collection arrangements will be publicised.

All county schools will, in future, hold a minute silence each year on the anniversary of the Aberfan Disaster.

285 MAYOR'S DIARY / FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
1 st October 2019	Greeting guests from Agen at Kidwelly Quay	11.00am
1 st October 2019	Full Council and Policy and Resources Committee	6.30pm
5 th October 2019	One Voice Wales AGM, Pontrhydfendigaid	10.00am
7 th October 2019	Mynyddygarreg Hall Trustees Meeting	6.30pm
8 th October 2019	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm
10 th October 2019	Chair of CCC - Charity Italian Evening, Llanelli	7.30pm
12 th October 2019	Côr Dyffryn Tywi Annual Concert, Gwenllian Centre	7.00pm
14 th October 2019	Llanelli Town Council Mayor's Charity Evening	7.00pm
23 rd October 2019	Burry Port Opera – 'Don Pasquale'	7.00pm
24 th October 2019	Gwenllian Group Women's Institute Autumn Meeting	7.00pm
31 st October 2019	Princess Gwenllian Centre Trustees Meeting	6.30pm

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
4 th November 2019	Mynyddygarreg Hall Trustees Meeting	6.30pm
5 th November 2019	Full Council and Policy and Resources Committee	6.30pm
8 th November 2019	Llanelli Rural Council Charity Fundraiser	7.00pm
12 th November 2019	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm
19 th November 2019	Budget Setting	6.30pm
28 th November 2019	Princess Gwenllian Centre Trustees Meeting	6.30pm
28 th November 2019	Christmas Lighting event	6.30pm

286 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR S. RATTY

This matter was considered at Minute 281. Note and **Close** this item.

287 SELECTION OF PANEL FOR COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

It was **RESOLVED** that the panel should comprise of The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairs of Committees and 2 further councillors depending on the nature of the complaint and the expertise of the available councillors. Note and **Close** this item.

288 TO CONFIRM SALE OF H3

It was noted that the trees on the boundary of H3 had been cut down. It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the sale as soon as possible. Note and **Close** this item.

289 CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

A committee meeting will be held on 4th October 2019 at 6.30pm in the council offices.

290 COUNCILLOR USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA - ATTENDANCE AT EVENTS

Councillors were advised to be restrained in their comments on social media and remember that they are bound by the Code of Conduct and the council’s Media Policy. If the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are not available to attend events on behalf of the council, every effort should be made to find a councillor to represent the town. Councillors D.Lloyd-Waterford and J.Gilasbey will attend the One Voice Wales Area Committee meeting on 3rd October 2019 in Pontyberem. Note and **Close** this item.

291 WORLD WAR 11 COMMEMORATIONS

The Royal British Legion is meeting on 14th November 2019 to co-ordinate arrangements for events to be held next year. VE Day will be remembered on 8th May and Armed Forces Day on 29th June 2019. Various organisations within the town will collaborate on events. It was **RESOLVED** to support the initiatives with assistance in printing leaflets and the hire of a hall for a community tea.

292 FESTIVAL OF CREATIVITY

A food, art and music festival will be held in late spring – date to be decided.

293 BUDGET VIREMENTS 2019-2020

It was **RESOLVED** to make the virements below to pay for the following:-
War Memorial cleaning - £3150 Repair of town clock - £1756

From			To	
4202	Cllr allowances	£2500	4036	Estates maintenance
4203	Cllr allowances for dependants	£650	4036	Estates maintenance
4203	Cllr allowances for dependants	£1756	4303	Clock maintenance

Note and **Close** this item.

294 BUDGET UPDATE 2020-2021

Further consideration was given to the budget. It was **RESOLVED** to hold the Budget Finalisation meeting on 26th November rather than on 19th November 2019 as originally planned.

295 CORRESPONDENCE – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2019

1	Carmarthenshire County Council	Members were informed that the bid for “Safe Routes” funding has been unsuccessful. A request to supply reasons for the decision will be made. Note and Close this item.
2	Coity Community Council	It was agreed that the Mayor second the motion proposed by Coity Community Council at the One Voice Wales Conference. “This motion calls for the Executive Board to develop a 5 year strategic plan for One Voice Wales which will ensure that the organisation is appropriately structured to provide high quality support to the Town and Community Council sector.” Note and

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