

## KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

**3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

At the **MEETING** of the **FULL COUNCIL** held at the Council Offices, Kidwelly on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 at 6.30pm.

Present	Town Mayor	
	Deputy Mayor	T.Burnett
	Councillors	J. Gilasbey, B.A.Williams D. Lloyd-Waterford, J. Mayne, J.Bezant, A.Jenkins, J.Parry, P.Thompson C.Peters, C.Peters-Bond, G.Beer
	Town Clerk	Virginia O'Reilly
	Town Secretary	A Padgett
Apologies	Councillors	L.Jones, S.Ratty, C.Davies

Rev Trevor Copeland was unable to attend.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

### **420 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND POLICIES**

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

- Full Council 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019
- Estates Committee 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019
- Finance Committee 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019
- Finance Committee 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019
- Establishment Committee 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### **421 POLICE REPORT**

The police were not in attendance and had not submitted a report. It was noted that crime statistics and incident reports are available on the Police website. PACT meetings will recommence on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. Police will also attend county councillor surgeries. Two new PCSOs are in post. Council initiatives to assist in crime prevention will be explored.

### **422 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

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

History Shed - A public consultation meeting will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to consider the History Shed location.

Celtic Routes – potential collaboration with the Eastern Seaboard of Ireland to promote tourism: to liaise with Carmarthenshire County Council.

Telemat – a site visit was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019. Optimal sites were identified and logistical planning and finance were discussed.

## **Matters arising from Full Council on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

### **423 COMMUNITY ENERGY PROJECT – G.V.E.C.**

Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were circulated. It was noted that other environmental projects based in the town are being planned. A tri-partite meeting will be arranged between the town council, Gwennlian Centre and GVEC to discuss using land currently leased by the hall. Progress on the project will be posted on the council website to inform residents of the project and provide accurate information to dispel false rumours which are circulating on social media.

### **424 INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM**

Members were informed that the museum was to have a new status by becoming a C.I.O. a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. It is hoped that this will encourage new trustees to be appointed. No timescale for opening the museum has been contemplated as so much work needs to be done to make the site safe. The town clerk will meet with the County Archivist regarding future storage of town council artifacts.

### **425 DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY PARKS**

Park Stephens Inclusive and Accessible Play Project – the installation of the equipment has been completed. The estates officer will sign off on the project.

### **426 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.

### **427 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.

### **428 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.

### **429 VACANCY OF COUNCILLOR**

Members were informed that an election has been requested. Notices of Election have been posted. Two candidates will stand, one Labour, one Plaid Cymru. An election will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020.

#### **430 BOUNDARY COMMISSION**

Members had been previously 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. An acknowledgement has been received from Julie James AM.

#### **431 CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS**

A successful lighting evening was held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Congratulations were extended to Santa & Mrs Claus. Carols sung on the square were accompanied by the Salvation Army Band. Mynydd y Garreg lights will be illuminated on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 6.30pm, accompanied by festivities in the hall. The tree and new lights were commended.

A sub-committee to plan for Christmas events in 2020 will meet in February 2020. Note and **Close** this item.

#### **432 WORLD WAR 11 COMMEMORATIONS**

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

#### **433 FESTIVAL OF CREATIVITY**

A food, art and music festival will be held in late spring – date to be decided. The possibility of holding it on the same day as the Civic Service will be investigated.

#### **434 POST OF BOOKKEEPER**

Interview date has been arranged for 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Attending will be the Mayor, Chair of Finance Committee, Councillor C.Peters-Bond and the town clerk. The outcome will be reported to Finance Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

#### **435 COMMUNITY HALLS AND ORGANISATIONS**

**Princess Gwenllian Centre** – A written report / financial statements had been circulated.

**Mynydd y Garreg hall** – A meeting was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019.

**School Governors** – Reports to follow

#### **436 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

The report had been circulated. Additional information required/provided:-

Pump track – a site is needed as Parc Pendre former park is not available

Fence – Ger y gwendraeth play area will be fenced

Community Orchard – location in Parc Stephens car park – referred to Estates Committee

Food Banks – setting up a food bank - referred to Full Council for consideration

10 Towns – It was noted that this initiative could be very beneficial to town developments

#### **437 MAYOR'S DIARY / FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019	Full Council and Policy and Resources Committee	6.30pm
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Mynyddygarreg Lights	6.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Pop-up food market	9.30am
8 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Friends of St Peters Church Christmas Concert	6.00pm
9 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Swansea Excelsior Ladies Choir, St Mary's Church	6.45pm
10 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Lessons and Carols	7.00pm
21 <sup>st</sup> December 2019	Community Carol Singing	6.00pm
21 <sup>st</sup> December 2019	Llanelli Town Mayor's Christmas Concert	7.00pm

#### **FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Full Council and Policy and Resources Committee	6.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm

#### **438 CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING / SOCIAL MEDIA PROTOCOLS**

The Code of Conduct Training Policy was amended at the Policy & Resources Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019. Members were reminded that compliance with the Social Media Policy was a requirement of the Code of Conduct. Any postings on social media must state that opinions expressed are those of the individual and not of the council or councillors.

Note and **Close** this item.

#### **439 TO APPROVE BUDGET 2020 - 2021**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the budget for 2020 – 2021, increasing the precept by 77.88% to a figure of £284,827 for the year 2020-2021. It was further **RESOLVED** to prepare a budget information sheet, including graphical representations of the budget allocations and a summary of spending intentions for distribution to residents. Note and **Close** this item.

#### **440 CORRESPONDENCE – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019**

1	Anne Gilley Co-op Pioneer	A proposal to yarn bomb the town centre over the summer has been made. "Summer" will be the theme. It was agreed, in principle, to support this initiative. Mrs Gilley will be invited to attend Full Council on 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 to outline proposals. Note and <b>Close</b> this item.
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