

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

7th NOVEMBER 2019

At the **MEETING** of the **FULL COUNCIL** held at the Council Offices, Kidwelly on Thursday 7th November 2019 at 6.30pm.

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

Rev Trevor Copeland attended and gave prayers before the commencement of the meeting. Congratulations on becoming Rural Dean were expressed.

In the absence of the mayor and deputy mayor, Cllr J.Gilasbey took the chair.

It was **RESOLVED** to postpone Policy & Resources Committee meetings until the budget for 2020-2021 is finalized to enable time for further debate.

Andrew Bailey and Gareth Thorburn attended as representatives of the Kidwelly Parks Sporting Association. Mr Bailey gave a presentation outlining the development of the park, its current usage and plans for the future. Financial information was supplied. Drainage work has been carried out but additional work is needed on ground between the pitches – cost £5,300. A new changing room and storage area are planned. The association requested financial assistance. On behalf of the council, the chair thanked the volunteers who tended to the park and contributed to community wellbeing. It was noted that the association also maintained areas in the ownership of the town council.

347 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 352, 370 – Cllr J.Gilasbey declared an interest

Budget consideration Minute 372 –

Cllr J.Gilasbey left the room – Industrial Museum, Ty Golau, History Shed

Cllr P.Thompson – did not vote – The Hub, History Shed

Cllr B.A.Williams – left the room – Ni Us

348 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND POLICIES

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

- Full Council 1st October 2019
- Policy & Resources Committee 1st October 2019
- Estates Committee 8th October 2019
- Finance Committee 8th October 2019
- Finance Committee 22nd October 2019
- Establishment Committee 22nd October 2019

349 POLICE REPORT

The police were not in attendance and had not submitted a report. It was noted however, that the PACT meetings will recommence on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

350 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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

The community consultation meeting to consider Telemat will be held on 25th November 2019. Information has been circulated to local businesses.

The report noted that the Crown Estate's requirement for the council to pay legal fees incurred by entering into a lease for the foreshore had been dropped and the rent had been reduced to £400 per annum. It was also noted that the cockle beds are now closed.

Matters arising from Full Council on 1st October 2019

351 COMMUNITY ENERGY PROJECT

A meeting with Hap Warton from GVEC has been held. The town council Memorandum of Understanding with GVEC will be renewed. GVEC will consult with PGC as to the use of the site adjacent to the Gwenllian Centre.

352 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.

353 PROMOTION OF WELSH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

It was agreed to move forward with policies which reflect the promotion of the Welsh language and culture. This matter was referred to Policy & Resources Committee. Note and **Close** this item.

354 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. Anne Gilley, Co-op Pioneer, has expressed disappointment that no letter of thanks had been sent to those who worked on the garden. A response will be sent. It was noted that the S4C film of the sensory garden was well received. It was acknowledged that communication between members and the public should be more open.

355 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.

356 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.

357 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.

358 JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES LITERATURE STALL

The organisation wishes to be allowed to place a literature stall on the town square. Further details had been provided. It was **RESOLVED** to refer the matter to the Policy & Resources Committee to draw up guidelines for the future use of the square. Note and **Close** this item.

359 PARC PENDRE PLAY AREA

A request for a Pump Track at the former play park has been made by local residents. Members were informed that the county housing department has development plans for the area and the land would not be put up for sale. Asset transfer to the town council is therefore not an option. Possible alternative sites could be found. It was noted that the residents could petition and make representation to the county council for the track to be built at that site. County Councillor J.Gilasbey will liaise with the residents to progress the matter with the county council. Note and **Close** this item.

360 VACANCY OF COUNCILLOR

Members were informed that an election has been requested. Notices of Election will be posted on 22nd November 2019. An ensuing election would be held on 2nd January 2020.

361 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.

362 CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

A committee meeting will be arranged as soon as possible. It is not known how many stalls have been booked.

363 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 previously **RESOLVED** to support the initiatives with assistance in printing leaflets and the hire of a hall for a community tea.

364 FESTIVAL OF CREATIVITY

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

365 COMMUNITY HALLS AND ORGANISATIONS

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

Mynydd y Garreg hall – A meeting will be held on 11th November 2019.

School Governors – Reports to follow

366 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

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

Information regarding Safe Routes and the subsequent impact on the Community Orchard will be sought.

10 Rural Towns Initiative – a consultation timetable is being drawn up

A meeting with Transport for Wales is being arranged to discuss train stopping at Kidwelly and the lack of facilities at Kidwelly station.

367 MAYOR'S DIARY / FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
4 th November 2019	Festival of Light, Llanelli	6.00pm
4 th November 2019	Mynyddygarreg Hall Trustees Meeting	6.30pm
7 th November 2019	Full Council and Policy and Resources Committee	6.30pm
8 th November 2019	Llanelli Rural Council Charity Fundraiser	7.00pm
10 th November 2019	Kidwelly Remembrance Service	9.45am
12 th November 2019	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm
26 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

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
3 rd December 2019	Full Council and Policy and Resources Committee	6.30pm
6 th December 2019	Mynydd y Garreg Christmas Lights	6.30pm
10 th December 2019	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm
12 th December 2019	Lessons and Carols	7.00pm
21 st December 2019	Llanelli Town Mayor's Christmas Concert	7.00pm

Remembrance Service 10th November 2019 – members were requested to meet at the Rugby Club at 9.15am to accompany the mayor to St Mary's Church. Councillor J.Mayne volunteered to transport the halberds and other items to the Rugby Club.

368 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION FOR WALES

The Independent Remuneration Panel's draft annual report 2020/21 had been circulated. The consultation period ends on 10th December 2019. Observations should be made directly to the panel. Note and **Close** this item.

369 KOMPAN PLAY AREA COMPETITION

Kompan, a company which manufactures play equipment has initiated a 50% match funded competition. The deadline for entries is 8th December 2019. Cllr C.Davies is designing the logo which is required. Note and **Close** this item.

370 INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM – ARTEFACT STORAGE

Members were informed that council owned artefacts were in storage in the Industrial Museum under conditions that were not ideal eg. lack of heating and dampness. The town clerk will meet with the county archivist Terry Wells to discuss options for the preservation and future storage of the items. For brevity this item will, in future, be merged with Minute 352 above. Note and **Close** this item.

371 CORRESPONDENCE – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2019

There was no correspondence not dealt with in the above minutes. Note and **Close** this item.

372 BUDGET UPDATE 2020-2021

Further consideration was given to the budget. Cllr D.Lloyd-Waterford took the chair. Amendments were made to the budget sheets provided. Thanks were expressed to Owain Davies for his work on the Welsh Website translation.

An updated spreadsheet with the amended figures will be prepared for further debate at the next meeting of the Finance Committee on 12th November 2019.

At 9.00pm it was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders for the discussion to continue.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm