KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

4th FEBRUARY 2020

At the **MEETING** of the **FULL COUNCIL** held at the Council Offices, Kidwelly on Tuesday 4th February 2020 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, P.Thompson, J.James C.Peters, C.Peters-Bond, G.Beer, L.Jones, J.Parry,

S.Ratty

Town Clerk Virginia O'Reilly

Town Secretary A Padgett

Apologies Councillors

Rev Trevor Copeland was unable to attend.

Ann Gilley, Co-op Pioneer attended and gave a presentation on the craft project planned for the square this summer. A meeting will be held on 6th February 2020 to plan the details. It was **RESOLVED** to support the scheme. The craft committee will report its activities to council.

537 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 541 – Cllr C.Davies declared an interest and Cllr J.Gilasbey left the room Minute 546 - Cllr C. Peters declared an interest.

538 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND POLICIES

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

- Full Council 7th January 2020
- Policy & Resources 7th January 2020
- Estates Committee 14th January 2020
- Finance Committee 14th January 2020

539 POLICE REPORT

It was noted that the police are no longer able to attend council meetings or prepare specific reports, due to lack of resources. Alternative sources of information gathering are available on the police website, freely accessible to the public. A request will be made for the police to report to council the outcomes from the PACT meetings. This item will therefore be **Closed** and in future included in the reports section of the minutes.

540 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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

<u>Telema</u>t – a further site has been held. Logistical planning and finance were discussed. Officials / owners of Kidwelly Rugby Club, The White Lion, J & Co and Cadw have been contacted for permission to install a hub unit on their property.

History Shed experience – a consultation meeting will be held on 10th February 2020.

Matters arising from Full Council on 7th January 2020

541 COMMUNITY ENERGY PROJECT – G.V.E.C.

An updated Memorandum of Understanding, dated 7th January 2020 has been signed. The trustees of the Gwenllian Centre have decided not to lease the land adjacent to the hall to G.V.E.C. as they wish to use it as an astroturf pitch. An alternative site will be sought.

542 INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM

The museum is 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 artefacts.

543 DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY PARKS

Park Stephens Inclusive and Accessible Play Project – the installation of the equipment has been completed.

544 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. Further contact will be made. Cllr P. Thompson had presented a report which explained the options available and outlined criteria for recruitment. A cost of £750 would be incurred if a commercial company was used for recruitment. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the co-option route and advertise in schools, colleges and on social media, aiming to appoint by April/May 2020.

545 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.

546 LAND AT CLOS YR ONNEN

An area of land at Clos yr Onnen, in the ownership of the housing developers, has now been cleared and drainage installed. The developers wish to transfer the land, free of charge, with absolute title, to the town council. Residents' views are unclear as to the future usage of the land. A meeting with community representatives has been arranged for 18th February 2020. A flyer promoting this meeting will be hand delivered.

547 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.

548 WORLD WAR 11 COMMEMORATIONS

VE Day will be remembered on 8th May and Armed Forces Day on 29th June 2020. Various organisations within the town will collaborate on events. It was previously **RESOLVED** to support the initiates with assistance in printing leaflets and the hire of a hall for a community tea.

549 FESTIVAL OF CREATIVITY

A food, art and music festival will be held on 29th August 2020. A report on activities planned will be circulated.

550 FOOD BANK

Two initiatives had originally been proposed by organisations within the town:

- 1. A food bank housed in a container to be placed at the rear of the Gwenllian Centre, to be set up and manned
- 2. A collection/delivery service for food donated by various member of organisations and churches within the town. To be arranged by a different group to the above.

It was noted that the Gwenllian Centre had now agreed to site a container to house a food bank at the rear of the hall. Note and **Close** this item.

551 COMMUNITY HALLS AND ORGANISATIONS

<u>Princess Gwenllian Centre</u> – A written report had been circulated.

<u>Mynydd y Garreg hall</u> – Cllr C.Peters-Bond informed members that he had stood down as Chair of the hall trustees. He would, however, remain a committee member.

<u>Twinning Association</u> – At the AGM all officers were re-elected. A Twmpath will be held in Mynydd Hall on 29th February 2020 to fundraise.

552 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

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

BT has removed 3 phone boxes. A request to reinstate the one on the town square will be made, preferably a red box. A request for Kidwelly to be included in the forthcoming broadband upgrade has been made.

An electric power point has been installed in the Gwenllian Centre car park.

553 MAYOR'S DIARY / FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
3 rd February 2020	Mynyddygarreg Hall Trustees Meeting	6.30pm
4 th February 2020	Full Council and Policy and Resources Committee	6.30pm
8 th February 2020	Chairman of Llanelli Rural Council's Charity Tea	3.00pm
10 th February 2020	The History Shed Experience Public Meeting	6.30pm
11 th February 2020	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm
27 th February 2020	Princess Gwenllian Centre Trustees Meeting	6.30pm
28 th February 2020	St David's Day Dinner, Rotary Club of Pembrey	7.00pm
29 th February 2020	Twmpath Dawns - Kidwelly Twinning Association	7.00pm

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
2 nd March 2020	Mynyddygarreg Hall Trustees Meeting	6.30pm
3 rd March 2020	Full Council and Policy and Resources Committee	6.30pm
10 th March 2020	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm
26 th March 2020	Princess Gwenllian Centre Trustees Meeting	6.30pm

554 ELECTION OF MAYOR 2020 – 2021

Councillor Dena Lloyd-Waterford was elected as mayor for 2020 – 2021. Note and **Close** this item.

555 TO APPROVE VIREMENTS TO THE BUDGET

Budget virements had been considered by the Finance Committee on 14th January 2020. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations of the committee. An addition virement was made to address the additional cost of tree felling due to ash die back:£1400 was allocated to 4037 Estates Maintenance: £1100 from 4763 donations and £300 from 4008 staff training. Note and **Close** this item.

556 TO APPROVE THE BUDGET NEWSLETTER

A Budget newsletter had been produced. Certain amendments were made. It was **RESOLVED** to submit the newsletter to the county council for insertion and distribution with the county council tax demand to Kidwelly and Mynydd y Garreg residents. Note and **Close** this item.

557 OUTSOURCING OF PROJECT OFFICER

The need for attracting grant funding for various projects in the town was recognised. A self-employed project officer will be sought, payment for services being taken as a percentage of any grant procured. It was **RESOLVED** to make enquiries as to the availability of such a person.

558 CORRESPONDENCE – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020

There was no correspondence. Note and **Close** this item.