

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

7th JANUARY 2020

At the **MEETING** of the **FULL COUNCIL** held at the Council Offices, Kidwelly on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 6.30pm.

Present	Town Mayor	C.Davies
	Deputy Mayor	T.Burnett
Apologies	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
	Town Clerk	Virginia O'Reilly
	Town Secretary	A Padgett
	Councillors	J.Parry, S.Ratty

Rev Trevor Copeland was ill and had sent in his apologies

Councillor June James was welcomed as the newly elected councilor for Castle Ward.

Tara Fisher and Jonathan Williams, attended and gave a presentation to explain how the Fairtrade concept was helping those in the developing world. Fairtrade Fortnight is always held on over the last week of February and first week of March each year. The Mayor will attend some of the activities planned. Fairtrade will also attend events held by the council. Council involvement with Fairtrade would comply with requirements of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act.

478 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 482 – Cllrs C.Davies and J.Gilasbey left the room
Minute 487 - Cllr C. Peters left the room.

479 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND POLICIES

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

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

480 POLICE REPORT

The police were not in attendance and had not submitted a report.

481 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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

Telemat – a site visit was held on 3rd December 2019. Four optimal sites were identified and logistical planning and finance were discussed. Officials / owners of Kidwelly Rugby Club, The White Lion, J & Co and Cadw will be contacted for permission to install a hub unit on their property.

Councillors J.Mayne and G.Beer volunteered to remove and store the Nativity figures.

Matters arising from Full Council on 3rd December 2019

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

Cllr P.Thompson had submitted a report. A tri-partite meeting will be arranged between the town council, Gwennllian 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. Changes had been made to the expired memorandum of Understanding:- Change of name from Ynghyd to Kidwelly Community Hub: amend the date to 7th January 2020: add a clause allowing a sub-lease. It was also agreed to delete the use biofuels clause. It was **RESOLVED** to sign the amended memorandum of Understanding.

483 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 artifacts.

484 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.

485 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. It was agreed to defer the matter until the next meeting for members to consider the report.

486 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.

487 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. It was noted that if grassed, the maintenance costs would be approximately £500 per annum. Various uses for the land have been proposed: a kick about area: allotment site: community garden. Residents views are unclear. Some members expressed concern that taking over additional land when there are no funds to develop the recreational land we already own would be unjustifiable.

It was **RESOLVED** to defer the decision to transfer the land until the views of residents had been explored via a community meeting to be arranged as soon as possible.

488 VACANCY OF COUNCILLOR

An election was held on 2nd January 2020. Councillor June James was elected as councillor for Castle Ward. Note and **Close** this item.

489 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.

490 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 initiatives with assistance in printing leaflets and the hire of a hall for a community tea.

491 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.

492 POST OF BOOKKEEPER

A self-employed bookkeeper has been appointed and commenced work on 2nd January 2020. Note and **Close** this item.

493 COMMUNITY HALLS AND ORGANISATIONS

Princess Gwenllian Centre – A written report had been circulated.

Mynydd y Garreg hall – A meeting will be held on 13th January 2020.

494 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

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

Additional traffic wardens have been deployed and the Robo Car is operational in the Kidwelly area.

495 MAYOR'S DIARY / FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
7 th January 2020	Full Council and Policy and Resources Committee	6.30pm
13 th January 2020	Mynyddygarreg Hall Trustees Meeting	6.30pm
14 th January 2020	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm
30 th January 2020	Princess Gwenllian Centre Trustees Meeting	6.30pm

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

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
11 th February 2020	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm
27 th February 2020	Princess Gwenllian Centre Trustees Meeting	6.30pm

496 FOOD BANK

Two initiatives have 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 **RESOLVED** to have a food depository box at the council offices – on trial for a three month period. The staff to monitor the situation.

497 ELECTION OF MAYOR 2020 – 2021

Members were informed that the election for the mayor for 2020 – 2021 will take place at Full Council on 4th February 2020.

498 CORRESPONDENCE – DECEMBER/JANUARY 2019/2020

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