

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

1st DECEMBER 2020

At the **VIRTUAL MEETING** of the **FULL COUNCIL** held on Tuesday 1st December 2020 at 6.30pm.

Present	Town Mayor	D. Lloyd-Waterford
	Deputy Mayor	A.Jenkins
	Councillors	J. Gilasbey, J. Mayne, J.Bezant, J.James, G.Beer, C.Peters, C.Peters-Bond, P.Thompson
	Town Clerk	Virginia O'Reilly
	Town Secretary	A Padgett
	Admin Assist.	Owain Davies
Apologies	Councillors	C.Davies

Rev. Trevor Copeland was unable to attend due to illness.

265 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 269 – Councillor G.Beer declared an interest and left the meeting. Due to technical difficulties he was unable to re-join the meeting.

Minute 282 – Councillors J.Gilasbey declared an interest and left the meeting. It was noted that she has applied for a dispensation.

266 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

- Full Council 3rd November 2020
- Policy & Resources Committee 3rd November 2020
- Estates Committee 10th November 2020
- Finance Committee 10th November 2020

267 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The report had been circulated and was accepted.

Telemat – footfall from the castle needs to be captured but CADW has refused to participate. M.P and M.S will be contacted to assist. Various locations for installations are being considered. The county council will be asked to fund further routers.

Matters arising from Full Council on 3rd November 2020

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

Information from Carmarthen Energy has been received regarding installation of solar panels onto rooftops. The town clerk and estates officer will meet with Carmarthen Energy, and GVEC on 3rd December 2020. It was noted that Mynydd y Garreg hall is interested in acquiring solar panels.

269 PRINCESS GWENLLIAN CENTRE – FUTURE GOVERNANCE

Geldarts, solicitors specialising in Charity Law and One Voice Wales have advised the council on its legal position regarding the hall constitution, the lease, the relationship with the Charity Commission and the legal position of all parties and individuals involved.

The LEASE:- if forfeited, the hall and land returns to the town council and no other body.

The CONSTITUTION:- present position - an unincorporated body with trustees personally liable. Legal advice is that an organisation running a community hall should be an incorporated body.

It was noted that the council wholeheartedly supports the community hall, but only the trustees are able to change the constitution. To help enable action to be taken by the trustees, it was **RESOLVED** that councillors and trustees meet and discuss ways to resolve the very serious issues.

270 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. Meetings to resolve the governance issues are ongoing.

271 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.

272 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. Cllr P. Thompson had previously presented a report which explained the options available and outlined criteria for recruitment. Information received from local councils who have youth representatives will be circulated.

273 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 was held on 18th February 2020. A further meeting will be arranged at the end of lockdown. The developers will be invited to attend. A flyer promoting this meeting will be hand delivered. Maps and information contained in a land survey will be available.

274 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. One individual has been identified. A Visioning Day will be arranged to consult with residents as to their views regarding the future of the town and its environs.

275 COMMUNITY HALLS AND ORGANISATIONS

No activity reported due to Pandemic lockdown. It was noted that virtual meetings of many organisations have been taking place. Minutes had been circulated from Mynydd y Garreg Hall and the Kidwelly Twinning Association. Ysgol Gwenllian – report to be circulated.

276 CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

It was reported that the lights had been turned on and craft bombing decorations were on the square. Note and **Close** this item.

277 COASTAL COMMUNITIES – FUNDING BID

A virtual consultation meeting was held on 4th November 2020. The deadline for the Stage 2 submission was 6th November 2020. Further discussions will continue in January 2021.

278 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

The report had been circulated, items noted, and was accepted.

279 MAYOR’S DIARY / FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
	No events due to Pandemic lockdown	

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
01.12.20	Full Council and Policy & Resources Committee	6.30pm
08.12.20	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm
05.01.21	Full Council and Policy & Resources Committee	6.30pm
12.01.21	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm

280 DONATION TO FOOD BANK

Councillor J.Gilasbey had requested consideration of 3 items: Donation to Burry Port Food Bank from this year’s budget: a donation be put into next year’s budget: a basket to receive food donations be placed in Kidwelly Council offices.

Concern was expressed that donations given to the Burry Port Food Bank would not benefit Kidwelly residents. Councillor Gilasbey will get a formal written assurance that any donation from Kidwelly council will be distributed to local residents. The possibility of a food bank in Kidwelly was muted. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

Note and **Close** this item.

281 FUTURE OF 24 STATION ROAD

Estimated cost of refurbishment of the property had been calculated at £27,610. It was noted that the decision to refurbish for rental or sell as it is, is not urgent. However, it was **RESOLVED** to include £28k in the budget for 2021-2022 should the option for refurbishment be chosen. This matter will be considered further at the Estates Committee meeting on 8th December 2020.

282 YSGOL MYNYDD Y GARREG

The county council intend to close Ysgol Mynydd y Garreg, transferring pupils to the newly built Ysgol Gwenllian. Governor and community meetings have been held to support retention of the school. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to write to the county council, as a matter of urgency, strongly requesting that they reverse their decision. It was noted that Kidwelly council fully support the building of the new school. These views will be publicised.

283 BUDGET VIREMENTS – 2020-2021

It was **RESOLVED** to apply the following virements.

Virement from			Virement to				
4202	Cllr allowance	102	£1,000.00	4021	101	Telephone	£4,500.00
4203	Dependants	102	£3,500.00				
4210	Elections	102	£1,000.00	4058	101	Accountancy for bookkeeper	£1,000.00

Note and Close this item.

284 BUDGET – 2021-2022

The 6th draft of the budget was considered. The option for including payment and reimbursement of caretaker wages was deemed not relevant for the coming year. It was **RESOLVED** not to go through the budget item by item on-line as this had been done by all councillors individually on 5 previous occasions and all comments had been noted and amendments made.

285 CORRESPONDENCE – November/December 2020

1	Mr Huw Morris	Concerns over speeding and parking in Priory Street were noted. 38 residents had signed the request for action. The county councillor is monitoring the situation. Note and Close this item
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