

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

6th OCTOBER 2020

At the **VIRTUAL MEETING** of the **FULL COUNCIL** held on Tuesday 6th October 2020 at 6.30pm.

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

Rev. Trevor Copeland attended and gave prayers before the commencement of the meeting.
Ms Heike Griffiths attended.

168 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

169 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

- Full Council 8th September 2020
- Policy & Resources Committee 8th September 2020
- Estates Committee 15th September 2020
- Finance Committee 15th September 2020
- Extraordinary Full Council 22nd September 2020

It was noted that Councillor C.Davies requested that a further discussion on the Recruitment Plan (Extraordinary Full Council on 22nd September 2020) be arranged.

170 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The report had been circulated and was accepted. It was noted that additional Telemat sites are being sought and a site visit is to be arranged.

Matters arising from Full Council on 8th September 2020

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

An updated Memorandum of Understanding 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 astro turf pitch. An alternative site will be sought.

172 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.

173 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.

174 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. It was also previously **RESOLVED** to adopt the co-option route and advertise in schools, colleges and on social media. It was noted that several South Wales community councils had youth representatives and would be contacted for information.

175 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.

176 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.

177 COMMUNITY HALLS AND ORGANISATIONS

No activity reported due to Pandemic lockdown. It was noted that virtual meetings of many organisations have been taking place. Gwennllian Hall trustees will meet on 8th October and Mynydd Hall trustees on 12th October 2020. Minutes will be circulated. Ysgol Gwennllian has a governor's meeting scheduled.

178 CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

A site visit with the lights contractor has been carried out and prices for additional lights are awaited both for the town and Mynydd y Garreg. It was noted that the tree at Plough Gardens is rotten and will be removed before Christmas. Options for decorations at this site will be considered for next year as the electrical connections will remain in place.

At a meeting with the craft bombers it was agreed that their works of art could be attached to lower barriers. It was therefore **RESOLVED** to (a) place lower crowd barriers around the tree on the square onto which crafts could be put (b) place the usual taller fences at convenient locations nearby on which to display additional art (c) provide picket fence for the tree in Mynydd y Garreg.

179 PARC STEPHENS PLAY PROJECT – PHASE 2

A detailed, fully costed, proposal had been submitted by Anne Gilley outlining a scheme for phase 2 of the Parc Stephens play area development at a cost of £40k. £5k has been collected via fund raising. £30k has been allocated in the council budget for park development. The play equipment has been ordered. Note and **Close** this item.

180 PRINCESS GWENLLIAN CENTRE – FUTURE GOVERNANCE

The centre remains closed. A community interest group, Nurture Centre Carmarthen, had expressed an interest in supporting the hall. The group met with the hall trustees on 10th September 2020 to discuss ways of developing the facilities for the benefit of the community hall users. The trustees did not wish to take up the proposals put forward. It was noted that the furlough scheme (hall caretaker) ends this month. The hall trustees meet on 8th October 2020. They will be asked to provide information on the repayment of caretaker salary and future plans for the hall re-opening.

181 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

The report had been circulated.

182 MAYOR'S DIARY / FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
	No events due to Pandemic lockdown	

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
06.10.20	Full Council and Policy & Resources Committee	6.30pm
13.10.20	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm
03.11.20	Full Council and Policy & Resources Committee	6.30pm
10.11.20	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm

183 COASTAL COMMUNITIES – FUNDING BID

The town clerk and consultant were thanked for their work on the funding bid for Stage 1. A community meeting held virtually had revealed many suggested projects which will be incorporated into future strategic plans.

184 CORRESPONDENCE – September/October 2020

The Deputy Mayor took the chair.

Four items of correspondence had been received from members of the public regarding relationships between the mayor, an individual and a proposed park development.

The mayor had provided a written statement in her defence which was read out.

The town clerk had taken advice on the issues:-

1. The town clerk reported that correspondence between the mayor and an individual was of a personal nature and did not fall under the remit of the council to discuss. A complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman could be made if the matter could not be resolved amicably.
2. Correspondence directed to councillors could be considered but the council has no jurisdiction over councillor behaviour. A breach of the Code of Conduct could be reported to the Monitoring Officer for observations. Councillors expressed their views and dismay over the escalation of the dispute. All efforts will be made to negotiate a satisfactory outcome for all parties.