

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

7th JULY 2020

At the **VIRTUAL MEETING** of the **FULL COUNCIL** held on Tuesday 7th July 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, C.Peters-Bond, G.Beer
	Town Clerk	Virginia O'Reilly
	Town Secretary	A Padgett
	Admin Assist.	Owain Davies
	Estates Officer	Mark Stephens {Minute 65 (2) only}
Apologies	Councillors	T.Burnett
No apologies		C.Davies

49 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 63 – Councillor J.Mayne left the meeting.

50 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND POLICIES

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

- Full Council 2nd and 9th June 2020
- Estates Committee 9th June 2020
- Finance Committee 9th June 2020

51 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The report had been circulated and was accepted. It was noted that although the office was closed to the public, staff members were attending on a self-isolating rota basis and working from home at other times.

Matters arising from Full Council on 2nd June 2020

52 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 astro turf pitch. An alternative site will be sought.

53 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.

54 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.

55 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. A cost of £750 would be incurred if a commercial company was used for recruitment. It was previously **RESOLVED** to adopt the co-option route and advertise in schools, colleges and on social media. An advertisement will be prepared and possible candidates approached. An activity plan will be drafted to identify tasks to be worked on by the youth representatives.

56 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.

57 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.

58 COMMUNITY HALLS AND ORGANISATIONS

No activity reported due to Pandemic lockdown. It was noted that virtual meetings of many organisations have been taking place.

59 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

The report had been circulated. Matters arising:-

The grass cutting schedule is underway. A specific request for work on Kidwelly and Mynydd y Garreg footpaths to be expedited will be made.

Go Safe Scheme – training in the use of the speed gun has been halted during lockdown but plans are in place to proceed as soon as possible.

60 MAYOR'S DIARY / FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
	No events due to Pandemic lockdown	

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
14.07.20	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm

61 EXECUTIVE ACTION DURING RECESS

It was **RESOLVED** that Executive Powers be delegated to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Chair(s) of relevant Committee(s) during the summer recess. Any action taken during this period will follow the established procedures.

62 CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

A zoom meeting is to be set up to discuss arrangements. The mayor asked members who wished to attend to contact the office to agree a date.

63 I.T.SYSTEM

Specifications for upgrade costs had been sent to providers. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the validity of the 3 quotes under £5k which had been submitted. It was **RESOLVED** to accept Option 1 with the amendment of a higher specification for the equipment listed for the estates officer. This would be under a 3 year lease contract. Budget virements and final costs will be presented at the Finance Committee on 14th July 2020. It was noted that 9 members voted for the resolution but Councillor J.Gilasbey abstained. Note and **Close** this item.

64 THE WAY FORWARD

The current data base of organisations and volunteer groups that exist in the town is out-dated. Members were requested to provide details of contacts to enable an accurate list to be compiled. Responsibility for items such as gateway planters will be noted. Dialogue with the Welfare Committee and Town Forum will be instigated. The 10 Towns Project will continue when possible. Funding for the Pandemic Black Cat and historic wall pictures initiative is being sought by a self-funding project officer. This matter will be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee. Note and **Close** this item.

65 CORRESPONDENCE – JUNE/JULY 2020

1	Ann Gilley	An invitation to an event to thank volunteers for work on the Sensory Garden had been extended but declined. Members expressed disappointment at this response. It was recognised that joint working with other organisations is essential for future developments such as the skatepark. Community involvement will be actively sought. Note and Close this item.
2	Kingfisher Seafoods (KS)	<p>A very detailed proposal has been received from Kingfisher Seafoods Ltd to manage the cockle extraction via Kidwelly Quay. A full Risk Assessment and Management Plan has been received and circulated to members prior to this meeting. As the local cockle beds open on 8th July it was deemed urgent that a decision be made at this Full Council.</p> <p>The proposal:- KS has exclusive access to the cockle beds via Kidwelly slipway. It will provide a £500 bond and £500 per week during the open season. It will manage Health and Safety issues, erect fencing and direct its contractors away from public areas so the public will have unimpeded access to the Quay and Canal.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed over independent cocklers invading the slipway at weekends. It was noted that as the beds were only open on a Wednesday, this activity would be illegal. New strong bollards are being erected at access points to the slipway – licence holders only having keys.</p> <p>It was noted that KS is a reputable company which operates on behalf of Morcombe Town Council, with whom the estates officer is in contact.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to accept the company's proposal and grant a licence noting that all income will be ringfenced for maintenance of the Quay area. It was noted that 8 members voted for the resolution but Councillors J.Gilasbey and D.Lloyd-Waterford abstained. This matter was referred to the Estates Committee on 14th July 2020. Note and Close this item.</p>