

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

9th SEPTEMBER 2020

At the **VIRTUAL MEETING** of the **FULL COUNCIL** held on Tuesday 9th September 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, C.Davies
	Town Clerk	Virginia O'Reilly
	Town Secretary	A Padgett
	Admin Assist.	Owain Davies
Apologies	Councillors	

Rev. Trevor Copeland attended and gave prayers before the commencement of the meeting. Brian Rees, trustee of the Gwenllian Centre and Anne Gilley, Co-op Pioneer, attended.

Members were informed that Councillor Tony Burnett had resigned. There are now 5 vacancies. Concern was expressed over the rapid rate of resignations in such a short time. It was **RESOLVED** to hold an Extraordinary Full Council on 22nd September 2020 to discuss the causes of the resignations, to formulate a plan for retention of members and discuss the best way of advertising the vacancies. The opportunity to discuss Christmas arrangements will also be taken at this meeting – with delegated powers being allocated.

103 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

104 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND POLICIES

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

- Full Council 7th and 28th July 2020
- Policy & Resources Committee 7th July 2020
- Estates Committee 14th July 2020
- Finance Committee 14th July 2020

105 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The report had been circulated and was accepted. It was noted that return to work risk assessments had been carried out. Virtual meetings will continue until advice changes.

It was reported that those cocklers holding council licences were not accessing the beds from Kidwelly Quay, but via Ferryside, thus no fees had been received. The current licence allows access to no other cocklers, consequently no income is expected.

Telemat has been installed in 3 locations and is working well. The other 2 sites will, hopefully, be online soon.

Matters arising from Full Council on 7th July 2020

106 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.

107 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.

108 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.

109 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.

110 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.

111 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.

112 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 from Mynydd Hall had been circulated.

113 EXECUTIVE ACTION DURING RECESS

No Executive Action had been taken during the recess. Note and **Close** this item.

114 CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

It was agreed that the lights be switched on but with a limited number present. This event could be filmed and placed on social media and on the website. It was noted that craft bombing is taking place for decorating the square. Various possibilities were considered for the decorations. It was agreed that the purchase of a shorter fence around the tree be investigated. Councillors D.Lloyd-Waterford, J.Gilasbey and J.Bezant will research options and report to the Finance Committee on 15th September 2020.

115 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

The report had been circulated. Matters arising:- Parking issues continue to be a problem. Consultation with residents has been on hold due to the pandemic.

116 MAYOR'S DIARY / FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
	No events due to Pandemic lockdown	

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
15.09.20	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm
22.09.20	Extraordinary Full Council	6.30pm
06.10.20	Full Council and Policy & Resources Committee	6.30pm
13.10.20	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm

117 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 - £15k being apportioned to Ger y Gwendraeth.

Design plans have not been prepared for Ger y Gwendraeth and consultation with residents is needed to assess their requirements. This could be done in the coming months, with a full plan prepared for submission early in the next financial year.

It was **RESOLVED** that the full £30k allocated for park development be released to Parc Stephens, phase 2, and areas in the budget will be identified that could be vired to cover the £5k shortfall.

118 PANDEMIC COSTS

It was **RESOLVED** to pay for expenses incurred during home working. This will be according to the rate agreed by One Voice Wales. Note and Close this item.

119 PROTOCOL FOR CONTACTING OUTSIDE AGENCIES

It was noted that One Voice Wales communication protocol indicates that its officers will only accept enquiries from the Town Clerk and Mayor. Members were advised that any queries they may have should be channelled via the Town Clerk, in the first instance, rather than directly to any advice agency or organisation. Note and **Close** this item.

120 PRINCESS GWENLLIAN CENTRE – FUTURE GOVERNANCE

The centre remains closed. It was noted that there are few active trustees. Due to the trust and charity commission rules, individual trustees are responsible for the hall finances and ultimately could be expected to pay off hall debts with personal finances.

A community interest group, Nurture Centre Carmarthen, has expressed an interest in supporting the hall. The group will meet with the hall trustees on 10th September 2020 to discuss ways of developing the facilities for the benefit of the community hall users. Members will be informed of all discussions and proposals.

121 GRANTS AND DONATIONS POLICY

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt amendment 7 to the Grants and Donations Policy as agreed by the Policy & Resources Committee on 7th July 2020. Note and **Close** this item.

122 REPRESENTATIVES FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Princess Gwennlian Centre	Mayor – Councillor D.Lloyd-Waterford Councillor – J.Gilasbey Councillor – C.Peters
Mynydd y Garreg Hall	Mayor – Councillor D.Lloyd-Waterford Councillor – C.Peters-Bond Councillor – J.James
One Voice Wales	Mayor – Councillor D.Lloyd-Waterford Deputy – Councillor A.Jenkins
Kidwelly Welfare Committee	Mayor – Councillor D.Lloyd-Waterford Councillor – J.James
Kidwelly Twinning Association	Councillor – J.Gilasbey
Youth Council	Councillor – J.Gilasbey
Kidwelly Community Hub	Councillor – C.Davies
Parc Stephens Community Association	Councillor - P.Thompson
Industrial Museum	Councillor – J.Gilasbey Councillor – C.Peters
Gwendraeth Group of Community Councils	Councillor – D.Lloyd-Waterford Councillor – J.Gilasbey
Kidwelly in Bloom	Councillor – J.Gilasbey
G.V.E.C.	Councillor – G.Beer

It was noted that Councillor J.Bezant remains governor of Ysgol y Castell. Governors for Ysgol Gwennlian and Ysgol Mynydd y Garreg will be nominated after a re-organisation has been carried out by the county council. Councillor J.Gilasbey will report from governors' meetings until appointments can be made.

123 E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR MEMBERS

For security reasons, members will be issued with individual council e-mail addresses. The office will provide instructions for setting this up. Note and **Close** this item.

124 CORRESPONDENCE – During recess 2020

There was no correspondence not considered elsewhere.