

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

5th OCTOBER 2021

At the **VIRTUAL MEETING** of the **FULL COUNCIL** held on Tuesday 5th October 2021 at 6.30pm.

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

Members of the public present:- Joan Dibble, Dr S.Finch

Carol Morgan was sworn in as councillor for Castle Ward and welcomed to the council.

The Mayor informed council of the flooding that had occurred the previous evening. He thanked members of the community who had worked hard during the downpour to keep the flood waters doing more damage.

Black Cat Tourism Strategy

A presentation was given by the 4 members of the project team who introduced themselves and outlined their planned strategy - Christine Lamble-Davies, Michelle Collins, Suki Baynton, Aled Westlake. The project logo was shown and details of the first event to be held on the square were given. A summary of proposed activities was outlined. Members will be given regular updates on project progress.

191 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 204 – Councillor J.Gillasbey declared an interest and left the meeting.

192 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

- Full Council 7th September 2021
- Policy & Community Development 7th September 2021
- Full Council 14th September 2021
- Estates Committee 14th September 2021
- Finance Committee 14th September 2021

193 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The town clerk gave a written report which had been circulated. She updated members on the progress of Telemat and 10 towns initiative. The Remembrance Day Service and Parade will be held on 14th November 2021. Usual arrangements will apply

Matters arising from Full Council on 7th September 2021

194 PRINCESS GWENLLIAN CENTRE – FUTURE GOVERNANCE

Members were informed that the present trust would dissolve on 5th November 2021 and the building would revert to the town council. An interim caretaker will manage bookings and cleaning until a management organisation can take over. Health and Safety and insurance issues are being resolved. The estates officer had prepared Expression of Interest documents to invite organisations to tender for the management. It was agreed that these should be advertised immediately. A scoring matrix has been prepared for the final tenders. A lease will be drawn up. The council will not be responsible for bad debts of the management organisation. The county council will be requested to freeze rates during the transition period.

195 INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM

The museum is to have a new status by becoming a C.I.O. a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. New trustees are being sought. A meeting has been scheduled with all parties attending in an effort to resolve the current problems. The community should be informed of the outcome of the meeting. Cllr A.Jenkins wished it noted that distress had been caused by the length of time the museum had been closed and its resulting negative effect on the town and tourism.

196 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. This matter was considered by the Estates Committee on 14th September 2021 when it was resolved not to transfer the land into the ownership of the town council but to assist the residents to manage the land themselves. Note and **Close** this item.

197 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. The consultation phase has been extended.

198 GER Y GWENDRAETH PARK

£30k has been set aside in the budget for this playground and seating area. The equipment has been ordered. Installation start date is 1st November 2021 and should take 2 weeks. Fencing issues will be dealt with by the estates officer, committee chair and Cllr A. Gilley.

199 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

The report had been circulated, items noted, and was accepted. Additional items discussed:-
Flooding – the county will investigate the issues which caused the flooding. A request to see the report and future plans to avoid a recurrence was made.

Bus shelter – new panels ordered and will be painted – in interim needs cleaning

Pobl Homes – drainage needs investigating

Parking/yellow lines – under consideration

Grass verges in town – list of specific areas will be supplied

Paths and pavements – to be addressed

Safe Routes – bid failed. Other funding sources being investigated.

200 COMMUNITY HALLS AND ORGANISATIONS

No activity reported due to Pandemic lockdown. Mynydd hall AGM was held, face to face, indoors on 4th October 2021. Minutes are awaited. Mynydd events: 29th October 2021, Haloween Party, 5th November 2021, Fireworks – safety marshals needed, 11th December 2021, Christmas Fayre, January 2022 St Dwynwen event.

201 MAYOR'S DIARY / FORTHCOMING EVENTS

No events have taken place but the Mayor will attend the Bowls Club Presentation on 15th October 2021 and judge the Haloween costumes in Mynydd y Garreg on 29th October 2021.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	
05.10.21	Full Council and Policy & Community Development Committee	6.30pm
12.10.21	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm
02.11.21	Full Council and Policy & Community Development Committee	6.30pm
09.11.21	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm

202 LEASE FOR THE HISTORY SHED EXPERIENCE

The planning application is in the consultation phase. The county council will handle the consultation process. If the application is successful a lease will be drawn up.

203 BOUNDARY COMMISSION REPORT

In formation regarding the boundary changes had been circulated and were noted. Note and **Close** this item.

204 BUDGET VIREMENTS

Code	Item	Budget	Actual Spend	Deficit	Increase by
4070	Cemetery	£ 10,000.00	£ 19,000.00	£ 9,000.00	£ 9,000.00
4768	H.S.Experience	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,760.00	£ 760.00	£ 760.00
4072	Parklets	£ 5,000.00	£ 8,500.00	£ 3,500.00	£ 3,500.00
	Town Square				£13,260.00
					Decrease by
4074	House	£ 28,000.00	£ -		£ 9,000.00
4202	Cllr allow	£ 2,900.00	£ -		£ 760.00
4049	Floral	£ 6,000.00	£ -		£ 3,500.00
4072	Square	£ 5,000.00	£ -		£ -
					£13,260.00

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the virements. Note and **Close** this item.

205 CORRESPONDENCE – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021

There was no correspondence not considered above. Note and **Close** this item.