

## KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

**2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

At the **VIRTUAL MEETING** of the **FULL COUNCIL** held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 at 6.30pm.

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

PSCO Helen Fender Rural Crime Officer, had been invited to attend and inform members of the situation relating to cockling activities in the estuary. Proposed legislation to tighten the permit process and directives for governing cockling activities is not forthcoming. Members were aware of the need for stricter regulation as the experience of previous years has caused so many policing problems. The council will inform the Minister responsible of its concerns and request sight of the proposed legislation. It will also lobby the M.P. and A.M. for assistance in this matter.

### **381 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Minute 392 – Cllr J. Gilasbey has dispensation to speak but not vote.

Minute 385 – Cllr G. Beer

### **382 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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

- Full Council 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021
- Policy & Resources Committee 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021
- Estates Committee 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021
- Finance Committee 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### **383 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The report had been circulated and was accepted.

### **Matters arising from Full Council on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

### **384 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020. It had been noted that Mynydd y Garreg hall is interested in acquiring solar panels.

### **385 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.

C.A.V.S. will hold a meeting with the town council on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 6.30pm to discuss the issues and will also arrange a meeting with the hall trustees.

### **386 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.

### **387 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.

### **388 YOUTH REPRESENTATION**

It was previously **RESOLVED** to agree, in principle, 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.

### **389 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **390 COASTAL COMMUNITIES – FUNDING BID**

The results of the Stage 2 application will not be known until the end of March. It was noted that the bid necessitated a partnership agreement between the council and Kidwelly Community Hub. Details will be forthcoming. Cllrs C.Davies and P.Thompson will apply for dispensation to speak on this matter as they are directors of the Hub.

### **391 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 and will be considered further by the Estates Committee.

### **392 YSGOL MYNYDD Y GARREG**

The county council intend to close Ysgol Mynydd y Garreg, transferring pupils to the newly built Ysgol Gwennlian. Governor and community meetings have been held to support retention of the school. An article has appeared in “The Guardian”. Members were informed that construction on the new school has stopped.

It was noted that a consultation phase will extend from 11/1/21 to 21/2/21 however, lockdown is preventing any meaningful consultation. Therefore it was **RESOLVED** to ask the county council for a postponement of the consultation period until after lockdown.

### **393 NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF MAYOR 2021 - 2022**

Two nominations had been received. The usual secret ballot with ballot slips was not possible due to virtual meetings. It was previously **RESOLVED** that the ballot would be conducted by e-mail – the town clerk being the only one to see the voting. She confirmed that 11 votes had been returned. Councillor Christopher Peters-Bond was elected. Note and **Close** this item.

### **394 COMMUNITY HALLS AND ORGANISATIONS**

No activity reported due to Pandemic lockdown. It was noted that virtual meetings of many organisations have been taking place. Ysgol Gwennlian governors will meet on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021. Mynydd Hall trustees will meet on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

### **395 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

The report had been circulated, items noted, and was accepted. A request for earlier access to the report had been complied with. Additional items:-

Remedial work on the drains in Mynydd y Garreg will be expedited.

Ten Towns representatives will meet with the town council.

Consultation over the fence at Ger y Gwendraeth park area is ongoing.

### **396 MAYOR’S DIARY / FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT</b>	
	No events due to Pandemic lockdown	

### **FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT</b>	
02.03.21	Full Council and Policy & Resources Committee	6.30pm
09.03.21	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm
13.04.21	Full Council and Policy & Resources Committee	6.30pm
20.04.21	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm

### **397 GER Y GWENDRAETH LEISURE AREA**

The chair of the parc community group had requested clarity on the council's position regarding the park development. The town clerk had responded detailing the process and the necessary administrative steps involved. £30k has been set aside in the budget for this playground and seating area. It was noted that the group was not properly constituted.

The town council has no resources to project manage the development but can consider any fully costed and detailed proposal from a properly constituted body. It was noted that both Phase 1 and 2 of the Parc Stephens development had been successfully completed under the direction of Anne Gilley, Co-op Pioneer. Members expressed their support for Mrs Gilley should she undertake this project.

It was **RESOLVED** to consider any valid proposal for the leisure area from a formally constituted body. Support would be given to the Co-op Pioneer due to her previous, effective and successful experience of working with community groups.

### **398 CORRESPONDENCE – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021**

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