

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

2nd MARCH 2021

At the **VIRTUAL MEETING** of the **FULL COUNCIL** held on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at 6.30pm.

Present	Town Mayor	D. Lloyd-Waterford
	Deputy Mayor	A.Jenkins
	Councillors	J. Gilasbey, J. Mayne, J.Bezant, J.James, G.Beer, C.Peters, C.Peters-Bond
	Town Clerk	Virginia O'Reilly
	Town Secretary	A Padgett
	Admin Assist.	Owain Davies
Apologies	Councillors	P.Thompson
No apologies		C.Davies

437 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

438 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

- Full Council 2nd February 2021
- Policy & Resources Committee 2nd February 2021
- Estates Committee 9th February 2021
- Finance Committee 9th February 2021

439 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The report had been circulated and was accepted.

Matters arising from Full Council on 2nd February 2021

440 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 met with Carmarthen Energy, and GVEC on 3rd December 2020. It had been noted that Mynydd y Garreg hall is interested in acquiring solar panels.

441 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 hall trustees to progress the matter.

442 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.

443 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.

444 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.

445 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.

446 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.

447 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.

448 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. An article has appeared in "The Guardian". Members were informed that construction on the new school has stopped. It was noted that the consultation phase has been extended.

449 GER Y GWENDRAETH LEISURE AREA

£30k has been set aside in the budget for this playground and seating area. 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.

The town clerk and Anne Gilley, Co-op pioneer have met with officers from the National Lottery. The grant People and Places is not appropriate. Awards for All is a possibility. A grant payable under the Covid regulations may be applicable. These will be considered.

450 COMMUNITY HALLS AND ORGANISATIONS

No activity reported due to Pandemic lockdown. It was noted that virtual meetings of many organisations have been taking place. Mynydd Hall trustees will meet on 8th March 2021 as will the Carnival Committee.

451 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 and Kingswood will be expedited.

Ten Towns representatives will meet with the town council.

Two new P.C.S.O.s have been appointed and “meet and greet” sessions will be arranged.

452 MAYOR’S DIARY / FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
	No events due to Pandemic lockdown	

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
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

453 BUDGET VIREMENTS

Code	Item	Budget	Actual Spend	Deficit	Increase by
4014	Electricity	£1,500.00	£2,351.00	£851.00	£ 1,500.00
4018	IT	£1,000.00	£1,514.00	£514.00	£ 1,000.00
4071	Park	£30,000.00	£35,000.00	£5,000.00	£ 5,000.00
4036	Estates	£40,000.00	£14,000.00		£ 10,000.00
					£17,500.00
					Decrease by
4019	Marketing	£ 3,000.00	£ 482.00		£ 2,500.00
4041	Playground	£ 4,400.00	£ -		£ 4,000.00
4049	Floral	£ 6,000.00	£ 610.00		£ 3,000.00
4210	Election	£ 13,000.00	£ 4,000.00		£ 8,000.00
					£17,500.00
	Current budget 2020-2021		Amended		
4201	Tranche	£ 1,650.00	£ 1,500.00		
4204	Functions	£ 1,200.00	£ 1,350.00		

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

454 STANDING ORDERS

A section to include procedures for regulating virtual council meetings will be included.

455 STAFFING ISSUES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the pay arrangements as agreed by the Establishment Committee on 2nd March 2021 and increase the hours of the estates officer by 4 to 20 hours per week. Note and **Close** this item.

456 CORRESPONDENCE – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2021

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