

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

6th JULY 2021

At the **VIRTUAL MEETING** of the **FULL COUNCIL** held on Tuesday 6th July 2021 at 6.30pm.

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

Mr David Jones “10 Towns Initiative” attended and gave a presentation outlining the progress of the project. Five members of the public also attended.

He outlined the county Economic Recovery Strategy and how the project follows this. He stated the priority actions, the challenges and various ways of accessing funding streams. The website platform will go live and members of the public will be encouraged to submit comments.

Councillor A.Jenkins arrived.

Minute 73 was taken at this time.

59 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 65 – Councillor C.Davies declared an interest and left the meeting.

60 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

- Full Council 8th June 2021
- Policy & Resources 8th June 2021
- Estates Committee 15th June 2021
- Finance Committee 15th June 2021

61 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The town clerk gave a written report which had been circulated.

Matters arising from Full Council on 8th June 2021

62 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. Due to a bereavement, this issue has not been progressed.

63 INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM

The museum is to have a new status by becoming a C.I.O. a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. It was noted that this change is ongoing. The town clerk will request a progress report and an anticipated opening time.

64 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.

65 COASTAL COMMUNITIES – FUNDING BID

Confirmation of a successful bid of £269k has been received. A project officer has been appointed and will manage the project. 3 part time officers will be appointed: tourism officer, events co-ordinator and a digital marketing officer. Job descriptions and job advertisements are being prepared along with a press release.

Partnership Agreement – it was **RESOLVED** to approve the agreement. The monitoring committee will consist of the Mayor and Chair of Finance from the town council and 2 representatives from the Hub. Councillor J. James is the council representative to the Hub. As the funding bid was successful this item will be re-named “ Black Cat Tourism Strategy” (BCTS) as agreed with the Lottery.

66 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.

67 GER Y GWENDRAETH LEISURE AREA

£30k has been set aside in the budget for this playground and seating area. The equipment has been ordered and should be installed by the end of summer.

68 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

The report had been circulated, items noted, and was accepted. Additional items:- Highways issues in Bridge Street and Ferry Road have arisen. A site meeting with CCC officers, councillors and residents will be arranged. Concern over restrictions affecting tourism and local businesses will be expressed. Information from county officers will be sought. This matter was referred to the Estates Committee, due to the impending recess.

69 COMMUNITY HALLS AND ORGANISATIONS

No activity reported due to Pandemic lockdown. Mynydd hall AGM was postponed until 14th July 2021, minutes are awaited.

70 MAYOR'S DIARY / FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
3rd July 2021	Kidwelly Saturday market	10.00am
During recess	Opening of new art gallery	
During recess	Opening of refurbished Chocolate shop	

It was noted that the Saturday market is very successful attracting over 20 stalls.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	
06.07.21	Full Council and Policy & Community Development Committee	6.30pm
13.07.21	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm
	Summer recess	
07.09.21	Full Council and Policy & Community Development Committee	6.30pm
14.09.21	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm

71 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING TENDER

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the tender of £4325 per annum for a five year contract. It was recognised that additional lights will be purchased over this period and installation will be costed separately. Note and **Close** this item.

72 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.

73 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Mrs Anne Gilley as councillor for Castle Ward. Note and **Close** this item.

74 CORRESPONDENCE – MAY/JUNE 2021

Water Street residents had requested information on the development of their local park. Members were informed that an estimated £20k will be needed for equipment. It was noted that funding for this park will be included in the budget for next year. If the budget allows, it may be possible to purchase equipment in this financial year. Note and **Close** this item.