

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

12th JANUARY 2021

At the **VIRTUAL MEETING** of the **FULL COUNCIL** held on Tuesday 12th January 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

Rev. Trevor Copeland was unable to attend due to long term illness.

In attendance:- Christine Lambie-Davies, Steffan Lemke-Elms, Stephen Jones, Dr Stephen Finch

326 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 330 – Cllr G. Beer Minute 336 – Cllr C. Davies

Minute 339 – Cllr J. Gilasbey has dispensation to speak but not vote.

327 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

- Full Council 1st and 8th December 2020
- Policy & Resources Committee 1st December 2020
- Estates Committee 8th December 2020
- Finance Committee 8th December 2020

328 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The report had been circulated and was accepted. Additional information:

A meeting has been held with the funding officer for the Coastal Communities Project.

A meeting with the Ten Towns Initiative will be held this week.

Matters arising from Full Council on 1st December 2020

329 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 3rd December 2020. It was noted that Mynydd y Garreg hall is interested in acquiring solar panels.

330 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.

To help enable action to be taken by the trustees a meeting has been arranged for 14th January 2021 so that councillors and trustees can discuss ways to resolve the very serious issues.

331 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.

332 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.

333 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. Information received from local councils who have youth representatives will be circulated.

334 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.

335 OUTSOURCING OF PROJECT OFFICER

The need for attracting grant funding for various projects in the town has been recognised. A funding bid has been made. For clarity, this minute will be combined with Minute 336 below. Note and **Close** this item.

336 COASTAL COMMUNITIES – FUNDING BID

Christine Lambie-Davies, Steffan Lemke-Elms and Stephen Jones attended and gave a presentation on the progress of the funding bid. Stage 1 has been successful. The results of the Stage 2 application will not be known until the end of March. Various changes to the bid were outlined and a full breakdown of costs was given. 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.

Christine and Steffan were thanked for the work done in submitting the bid, it is much appreciated.

337 COMMUNITY HALLS AND ORGANISATIONS

No activity reported due to Pandemic lockdown. It was noted that virtual meetings of many organisations have been taking place.

338 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.

339 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. It was noted that a consultation phase will extend from 11/1/21 to 21/2/21 and all previous observations / correspondence on the matter will be disregarded. The council therefore **RESOLVED** to formally respond to the consultation reaffirming previous sentiments of support expressed at the pre/consultation stage.

Resident will be encouraged to respond to the consultation via all media methods of communication available.

340 BUDGET – 2021-2022

The budget was agreed and ratified by Full Council on 8th December 2020. Note and **Close** this item.

341 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

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

Heavy fully laden lorries from the local quarry are speeding down the hill in Mynydd y Garreg causing anxiety to residents. Data from speed cameras will be checked. It was **RESOLVED** to write to the quarry manager expressing concerns over speeding and request he ensure his drivers observe the speed limit and drive with consideration for other road users and local householders

Go Safe Scheme – residents are keen to proceed with speed gun training. The scheme should be advertised on the web and social media.

342 MAYOR’S DIARY / FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
	No events due to Pandemic lockdown	

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

DATE	APPOINTMENT	
02.02.21	Full Council and Policy & Resources Committee	6.30pm
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343 NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF MAYOR 2021 - 2022

Notification was given of the election of mayor. The usual secret ballot with ballot slips is not possible due to virtual meetings. It was **RESOLVED** that the ballot would be conducted by e-mail – the town clerk being the only one to see the voting.

344 CORRESPONDENCE – December 2020 / January 2021

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