

## KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021

At the **VIRTUAL MEETING** of the **FULL COUNCIL** held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 6.30pm.

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

A minute silence was held in respect of the death of H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. A link to the national Book of Condolence has been put on the council website.

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

There were no declarations of interest

### **499 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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

- Full Council 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021
- Policy & Resources Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021
- Estates Committee 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021
- Finance Committee 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### **500 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The report had been circulated and was accepted. Thanks was expressed for the work done on the Coastal Communities Funding bid. Further explanation was given on new IT systems, staff training and Audit Commission arrangements. Joint working with the county council on projects at the Quay and Canal were proposed.

### **Matters arising from Full Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021**

#### **501 COMMUNITY ENERGY PROJECT – G.V.E.C.**

Information from Carmarthen Energy has been received regarding installation of solar panels. The town clerk and estates officer have met with Carmarthen Energy, and GVEC. It had been noted that Mynydd y Garreg hall is interested in acquiring solar panels.

#### **502 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.

### **503 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.

A letter from the hall trustees requesting council help in creating a new constitution has been received. The town clerk had responded that this was not in the remit of the council. Subsequently the chair of the trustees has stated his wish to set up a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

The town clerk will investigate the legal relationship between the trust and the council if this is enacted. She will also explore the financial commitment made to the hall in the past and its bearing on the current situation..

### **504 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.

### **505 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.

### **506 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.

### **507 COASTAL COMMUNITIES – FUNDING BID**

Confirmation of a successful bid of £269k is awaited. Once this has been received 4 part time officers will be appointed: project manager, tourism officer, events co-ordinator and a workshop co-ordinator. Job descriptions and job advertisements are being prepared along with a press release outlining the bid proposals.

### **508 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. Note and **Close** this item.

### **509 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.

### **510 GER Y GWENDRAETH LEISURE AREA**

£30k has been set aside in the budget for this playground and seating area. The county council has provided £500 towards the fencing. Design plans are awaited.

### **511 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 minutes are awaited.

### **512 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

The report had been circulated, items noted, and was accepted. Additional items:-  
A new access road at Station Road is being considered. Litter picks are being organised. Joint working, CCC and KTC at the Canal is ongoing.  
It was noted that the bus shelter at Meinciau Road needs attention. Other shelters are also in need of cleaning.

### **513 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>	
11.05.21	AGM	6.30pm
11.05.21	Full Council and urgent Committee matters	7.00pm
08.06.21	Full Council and Policy & Resources Committee	6.30pm
15.06.21	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30pm

### **514 STANDING ORDERS**

A section to include procedures for regulating virtual council meetings will be included. A time limit for Code of Conduct training will be added. Contractual values will be confirmed. The Chair of Finance Committee must undertake Module 21 of the One Voice Wales training programme. Note and **Close** this item.

### **515 MEMBERSHIP OF ONE VOICE WALES**

It was **RESOLVED** to renew membership at a cost of £594 for the forthcoming year. Note and **Close** this item.

### **516 CORRESPONDENCE – MARCH/APRIL 2021**

Kidwelly Allotment Association	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to donate the £300 requested for maintenance work at the allotment. It was recognised that the association was a valuable asset to the community. Note and <b>Close</b> this item.
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