

## KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

**1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

At the Hybrid **MEETING** of the **FULL COUNCIL** held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 at 6.30pm.

Present	Town Mayor	
	Deputy Mayor	J.James
	Councillors	J. Gilasbey, G.Beer, G.Bras, H.Griffiths, S.Ratty, J.Tarsnane, J.Westlake, A.Herbert, D.Lloyd- Waterford, C.Davies, E.Reeves-Davies
	Town Clerk	Virginia O'Reilly
	Town Secretary	A Padgett
	Admin Assist.	Owain Davies
Apologies	Councillors	C.Peters, C.Peters-Bond, C.Morgan

The Deputy Mayor informed members that Councillor C.Morgan had suffered a close family bereavement. Condolences will be sent.

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

Minute 183 – Cllrs J.Gilasbey and G.Bras declared an interest and left the room.

### **174 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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

- Full Council 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022
- Policy & Community Development 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022
- Estates Committee 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022
- Finance Committee 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### **175 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The report had been circulated and was accepted. Noted:-  
A site visit from Telemat is still awaited.

### **Matters arising from Full Council on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

#### **176 PRINCESS GWENLLIAN CENTRE – FUTURE GOVERNANCE**

The Nurture Centre is unable to take over the lease of the hall at present. Various options for future management are being investigated. Setting up a charity will be considered, as a charity would be exempt from the non-domestic council tax charge of £63k. It had been recognised that the current operation is functioning well. It was previously agreed to keep the status quo until the end of March 2023.

#### **177 DEVELOPMENT OF TOWN SQUARE**

Concept designs had been prepared and put on view at the Co-op and town square. The architect had attended both sites and had been available for consultations. Comment slips had been made available to the public. A final plan was previously agreed and resolved to send for planning permission.

### **178 BLACK CAT TOURISM STRATEGY REPORT**

It was reported that the project officer has resigned. Her letter was read out and considered. She will be thanked for the work she has done on the project. It was acknowledged that problems of harassment and bullying had arisen. Working conditions in a hostile environment had led to staff resignations. It was **RESOLVED** that a special Strategy De-briefing Meeting will be held in an attempt to reconcile differences and find ways of supporting the project, the staff and the community.

A meeting with Lottery officer Chris Baker was held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 when the above issues were considered along with project progress. It was noted that the festival was a great success. Financial statements were looked at. Outcome:- the 2 remaining project workers would continue until the project end at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Three events would be organised before then. Considerable work has been done on web design and this would continue. Public consultation has been carried out for branding, initial designs having been created. Three final options will be presented to the community. Monthly reports will be submitted to the lottery officer and town council and progress will be monitored.

### **179 HALBERDIER / MACE BEARER**

The role of Halberdier in the town's history was recognised. Three vacancies exist, along with the position of Mace Bearer. It was previously **RESOLVED** that as these are usually hereditary appointments, family members of the existing role holders will be contacted with a view to becoming Halberdiers or Mace Bearer. No response from the families has been received. It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor A.Herbert take on the role of Mace Bearer. Note and **Close** this item.

### **180 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

County councillor C.Davies was unable to provide a written report.

### **181 COMMUNITY HALLS SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS**

**Mynydd hall:** 5<sup>th</sup> November Fireworks night, 27<sup>th</sup> November Christmas Craft Fayre. Volunteers for these events would be very welcome.

**Llanelli Rural and Police meeting:** Concerns were expressed over incidents at the town toilets and in Parc Stephens. Police have initiated more patrols. Police also attended Kidwelly market and had a contact stall where they provided police information.

### **182 MAYOR'S DIARY / FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	
01/11/2022	Full Council and Policy and Community Development Committee	18:30
05/11/2022	Kidwelly Market	9:00
05/11/2022	Fireworks Display at Mynyddygarreg Hall	18:30
07/11/2022	Mynyddygarreg Hall Committee meeting	18:30
07/11/2022	Llanelli Rural Council Charity Evening	19:00
08/11/2022	Estates and Finance Committees	18:30
09/11/2022	One Voice Wales & SLCC Joint event	9:30
14/11/2022	Llanelli Festival of Light	18:00
15/11/2022	Budget Setting	18:30
24/11/2022	Christmas Lighting event	18:00
27/11/2022	Mynyddygarreg Hall Christmas Food and Craft Fair	12:00

## **FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>		
01/11/2022	Full Council and Policy and Community Development Committee	6:30
08/11/2022	Estates and Finance Committees	6:30
13/11/2022	Remembrance Day	9:15
14/11/2022	Llanelli Festival of Light	6:00
15/11/2022	Budget Setting	6:30
24/11/2022	Christmas Lighting event	6:00
06/12/22	Full Council and Policy and Community Development Committee	6:30
13/12/22	Estates and Finance Committees	6:30

The protocol for Remembrance Day was explained.

### **183 FOOD BANK DONATION**

The mayor will donate £800 from the Mayoral Functions Allowance to the food bank. Note and **Close** this item.

### **184 MYNYDD Y GARREG FOOTPATH**

The town clerk confirmed that this project can be funded from capital. It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the path. Note and **Close** this item.

### **185 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR**

Members were informed that Councillor Edan Davies had resigned due to the closure of his business and his move away. A letter of appreciation will be sent. The county council will be informed. This item will now be entitled Appointment of Councillor.

### **186 ASSISTANT FOR ESTATES OFFICER**

It was recognised that the workload of the estates officer has increased exponentially due to the level of development work being carried out in the town. It was **RESOLVED**, in principal, to initiate procedures for making an appointment. This will be considered further by the Establishment Committee.

### **187 OFFICE CLOSURE ON FRIDAYS**

The possibility of closing the office on a Friday morning was considered. It is now open for 3 hours 9.00 – noon. This would release administrative staff for more effective working for the rest of the week. This will be considered further by the Establishment Committee.

### **188 ONE VOICE WALES REPRESENTATIVE**

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are representatives. If they are unable to attend, councillors J. Westlake, H. Griffiths, G. Beer and J. Tarsnane will stand in whenever appropriate. Note and **Close** this item.

### **189 CORRESPONDENCE – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2022**

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