

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

6th SEPTEMBER 2022

At the **MEETING** of the **FULL COUNCIL** held on Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 6.30pm.

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

A minute silence was held in respect of the former town secretary, Jennifer Denman. The Mayor had attended the funeral on behalf of the council.

Certificates of appreciation will be presented to Mike Davies and Julian Edwards for their contribution to keeping the community tidy.

The matter of standing to speak during Full Council will be considered when reviewing Standing Orders.

86 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 94 - Cllr C.Davies left the meeting

Minute 99 = Cllr H.Griffiths declared an interest and did not vote.

87 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

- Full Council 5th July 2022
- Policy & Community Development 5th July 2022
- Estates Committee 12th July 2022
- Finance Committee 12th July 2022

88 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The report had been circulated and was accepted. It was noted that:- telemat installations need to be carried out: Sources of feedback for the Gwen Gwen Festival will be investigated.

Matters arising from Full Council on 5th July 2022

89 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 was recognised that the current operation is functioning well. Payment of the manager will be considered by the Finance Committee. It was reported that The Hub has now closed and those involved could now help the hall. It was agreed to keep the status quo until the end of March 2023.

90 LEASE FOR THE HISTORY SHED EXPERIENCE

The planning application has been approved. This matter was referred to the estates committee for further action. Note and **Close** this item.

91 DEVELOPMENT OF TOWN SQUARE

Concept designs have been prepared and have been put on view at the Co-op and town square. The architect attended both sites and was available for consultations. Comment slips were made available to the public. The presence of an ancient dwelling on the site may affect the ultimate design. The plans need to be prepared and submitted for planning permission as soon as possible.

92 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

The county councillor was unable to provide a written report due to commitments at the Gwen Gwen Festival.

93 COMMUNITY HALLS SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS

Mynydd hall: The next trustees meeting will be held on 12th September 2022. The Beer Festival is on 17th September 2022. Tickets are available for pre-booking and on the day.

94 BLACK CAT TOURISM STRATEGY REPORT

A report is awaited. Full financial data will be made available as soon as possible. It was acknowledged that a very heavy workload was undertaken by the organisers and extremely stressful interactions with those holding negative views of the festival were encountered. They were thanked for making the event so successful in spite of conflict.

It was recognised that the town clerk and staff had worked extra hours during the festival period. This will be considered at the Finance Committee.

Concern was expressed by council regarding the delay in the provision of financial information available following the festival.

It was **RESOLVED** to consider the financial report at the next Finance Committee and hold a special Festival De-briefing Meeting when all data has been received.

95 PHOTOGRAPH OF FULL COUNCIL

It is customary for a photograph of councillors to be taken for display in the Council Chamber. This will be taken at the commencement of a Full Council meeting when all members are present.

96 EXECUTIVE ACTION DURING RECESS

During recess, quotes for a conference system had been received to enable hybrid meetings to be held. A specification was agreed and the equipment was installed at a cost of £4258. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the executive action taken and pay the invoice. Note and **Close** this item.

97 MAYOR'S DIARY / FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	
02/09/2022	Funeral of former member of staff	12:00
03/09/2022	Kidwelly Market	9:00
04/09/2022	Mynyddygarreg Hall Trustees Meeting	6.30
06/09/2022	Full Council and Policy and Community Development Committee	6:30
13/09/2022	Estates and Finance Committees	6:30
17/09/2022	Eisteddfod yr Urdd Proclamation Festival	10:30
25/09/2022	Carmarthenshire Scouts Council AGM	6:30

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

<u>DATE</u>		
06.09.22	Full Council and Policy & Community Development Committee	6.30
13.09.22	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30
04.10.22	Full Council and Policy & Community Development Committee	6.30
11.10.22	Estates and Finance Committees	6.30

98 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR / DEPUTY

Due to the resignation of Councillor E. Reeves-Davies the following appointments were made:-

Chair of Policy & Community Development – Councillor J. James

Deputy Chair of Finance – Councillor C. Morgan

Note and **Close** this item.

99 FLAGPOLE AT SENSORY GARDEN

The Sensory Garden has been awarded the very prestigious Green Flag status. To recognise this, it was **RESOLVED** to purchase a flagpole on which to display the flag. Thanks were expressed to all volunteers who maintain the garden. Note and **Close** this item.

100 FINANCE AND SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOLKIT 2022

The toolkit summary forms had been previously circulated. Part 1 of the assessment will be undertaken by the town clerk and Mayor. This will then be presented to the Policy Committee for consideration. Part 2, the setting of priorities, will be undertaken by councillors. Note and **Close** this item.

101 CRAFT BOMBING VANDALISM

Concern was expressed over the destruction of some of the crafts which had been placed around the town during the summer. Various monitoring options were considered including CCTV and sensing monitors. It was recognised that there was a lack of police presence in the town. The town clerk will address this. It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor J. Gilasbey represent the council during police/community liaison meetings. Note and **Close** this item.

102 CODE OF CONDUCT

Code of conduct training is vital for all councillors. It is available on-line and in person, although a problem with on-line connection has been experienced. Timing of courses is not always convenient. In house training can be arranged if necessary. All councillor training has to be included in the training plan. Note and **Close** this item.

103 CORRESPONDENCE – JUNE/JULY 2022

1	Anne Gilley	A letter informing the council that she is resigning as Co-op Pioneer has been received. She was commended for the exemplary work she has undertaken herself and for the leadership she has exhibited to the volunteers. Note and Close this item.
2	Helene Cresser	The Carnival Committee has sent a letter of thanks for the assistance given at the carnival on 9 th July 2022. The hard work undertaken by the Carnival Committee was recognised. It was noted that the 2022 carnival was one of the best. Note and Close this item.