KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

25th APRIL 2023

At the meeting of the Hybrid FINANCE COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 25th April 2023 following the Estates Committee meeting.

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| Present | Town Mayor | C.Peters |
|  | Deputy Mayor |  |
|  | Councillors | J.Gilasbey, C.Peters-Bond, J.Westlake, L.Jones  H.Griffiths, A.Herbert, G.Bras, J.Tarsnane |
|  | Town Clerk  Estates Officer | Virginia O’Reilly  Mark Stephens |
|  | Town Secretary | A Padgett |
| Apologies | Councillors | C.Morgan, G.Beer, D.Lloyd-Waterford, S.Ratty, E.Reeves-Davies,J.MacLaghland |
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**442 MEMBERS’ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Minute 447 – Councillor G.Bras declared an interest and did not vote.

**443 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Financial statements up to 31.03.23 had been circulated and were agreed. End of year documents have been taken to the accountant.

**444 BILLS FOR PAYMENT – APRIL 2023**

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|  |  | **Invoice** | **Description** | **Total** | **Cat** |
| 1 | Ellis Samuel | ES 1 | Estates contract | 1996.00 | E |
| 2 | One Voice Wales | 6524 | Cllr training up to February 2023 | 315.00 | R |
| 3 | One Voice Wales | 7044 | Cllr training March 2023 | 245.00 | R |
| 4 | One Voice Wales | \*\*\* | Annual membership | 671.00 | R |
| 5 | Swiss Valley | 128170 | Floral baskets | 1101.60 | E |
| 6 | CCC | 80024226 | Rates | 3905.50 | R |
| 7 | CCC | 450010220 | Cemetery rates | 60.46 | E |
| 8 | Eastern Stone | 11198 | PGC car park | 1654.99 | R |
| 9 | Second Life | 7855-6 | Picnic benches | 5364.00 | P |
| 10 | ABS | 270 | Fire maintenance | 213.30 | R |
| 11 | Eric James | 2969 | Ditching & fencing | 2427.00 | E |
| 12 | Castle const. | 1003 | Mynydd footpath | 19742.27 | E |
| 13 | E.Samuel | ES12a | Tree cutting Parc Stephens | 2690.00 | E |
| 14 | Stephen Clarke | ST4 | Electrician | 740.00 | R |
| 15 | Wenallt | 791 | Footpath cutting | 3199.20 | E |
| 16 | Dragon Play | 2623577 | Park equipment maintenance | 1981.20 | E |
| 17 | Darkins | 2468 | Architect - town square | 3092.40 | C |
| 18 | Sidell | 28171 | Drain blockage | 132.00 | E |

Statutory provisions:- Items 1-18 – Local Government Act 1972 s111

Categories:- C = capital R = revenue E = estates S= suspense P= project Res = reserve

It was **RESOLVED** to pay the Bills for Payment. Note and **Close** this table from the minutes.

**445 DIRECT DEBITS – MARCH 2023**

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| 1 | 08.03.23 | 3RSIT | Phone/Computer Maintenance | 219.60 |
| 2 | 14.03.23 | EDF Energy | Electricity toilets | 68.31 |
| 3 | 17.03.23 | British Gas | Electricity | 2173.38 |
| 4 | 17.03.23 | Lloyds | Service Charges | 10.40 |
| 5 | 20.03.23 | British Gas | PGC gas | 533.28 |
| 6 | 23.03.23 | Cathedral Leasing | Feminine hygiene bins | 46.80 |

Statutory provisions:- Items 2-6 Local Government Act 1972 s111. Item 1, Telecom Act 1984. Note and **Close** this table from the minutes.

###### **Matters Arising from the Finance Committee Meeting 14th March 2023**

**446 BLACK CAT TOURISM STRATEGY**

No further data was available. The previous lottery survey update had reported:-

106 responses processed, more awaited. 92% were from local residents 23% from business owners 86% supported the heritage trail initiative 66% the bypass banners 96% the food festival

It had been noted that opportunities for start up businesses are needed, transportation links need improvement with bike and walking routes from the St Ishmael’s camp made safe. 62% favoured more parking facilities. More communication on social media and via the website with the council was requested.

**447 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

1. Mynydd y Garreg coronation event funding – it was previously **RESOLVED** to donate £140 towards the hall hire. It was further **RESOLVED** to contribute £100 for sundry items.

2. Town square decoration – it was **RESOLVED** to donate £80 towards decorations for the coronation.

3. Eco Festival – costings are awaited

**448 COUNCIL INSURANCE**

It was **RESOLVED** to renew the insurance with Zurich Municipal for a further year at a cost of £6,520. Note and Close this item.

**449 COUNCILLOR E-MAILS**

It was recognised that the current e-mail system is inadequate for purpose. It was **RESOLVED** to change the system to Outlook at a cost of £6 per month per mailbox. The change over will be phased in over the next few months. Note and **Close** this item.

**450 MAYORAL CHAINS**

It was noted that the mayoral chains are in need of maintenance and revaluation. It was recognised that this would be expensive but necessary to retain historical integrity of the items. Costs will be investigated, from both Frattorini and a suitable local jeweller.

**451 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

There were no referrals from other committees not dealt with above.

**452 CORRESPONDENCE – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023**

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