

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

7th JULY 2020

At the VIRTUAL meeting of the **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held on Tuesday 7th July 2020

Present	Town Mayor	D.Lloyd-Waterford
	Deputy Mayor	A.Jenkins
	Councillors	J.Gilasbey, J.Bezant, G.Beer, J.James, J.Mayne, P.Thompson, C.Peters, C.Peters-Bond
	Town Clerk	Virginia O'Reilly
	Town Secretary	A Padgett
	Admin Assist.	Owain Davies
Apologies	Councillors	T.Burnett
No apologies		C.Davies

66 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

67 RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The current document is under review. Further information will be sought from One Voice Wales, Society for Local Council Clerks and the county council.

68 COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

The publication of the Newsletter has been delayed due to lockdown. Various methods of distribution and type of content were considered. Members were asked to provide ideas on content and how to disseminate the information to Councillor Peters-Bond by the end of next week.

69 POLICY FOR RELEASE OF GRANTS

The existing Community Grants Policy had been circulated. It was noted that it does not specify the mechanism for distributing the funds. As current budget provision includes several grants of over £5k it is not financially viable to pay out all grants at the beginning of the financial year when only one part of the precept has been received. Various options were considered. It was **RESOLVED** that:-

All grants under £2k can be paid **on request** at any time

All grants over £2k will be paid after the 2nd instalment of the precept, **on request**

All grants over £5k will be split into 3 equal payments, corresponding to precept dates, **on request**.

Organisations which have funds allocated in the budget will be informed of this new arrangement which will commence in the next financial year.

Note and **Close** this item.

70 FORWARD PLAN

Due to the pandemic lockdown, development plans have been put on hold. Communications have been difficult. A new answer phone system has been installed which should ease the situation. The new IT system should be in place before the next session of council meetings. The 10 Towns Project has been put on hold, causing delays in development of the town square and other planned initiatives.

It was **RESOLVED** that:-

First priority project should be the Pandemic Black Cat and Historic Wall Pictures. It is a current issue and it would appear that Covid 19 funding initiatives may be available.

Second priority project should be development of the play area at Ger y Gwendraeth as there is money available in the budget.

Initial talks with the planning officer will be instigated to assess what is possible.