KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

13th February 2024

At a Hybrid meeting of the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 13th February 2024

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| Present | Town Mayor | C.Peters |
|  | Deputy Mayor | C.Morgan |
|  | Councillor | C.Peters-Bond, A.Herbert, G.Bras, J.Gilasbey, L.Jones, G Beer, Liz Reeves-Davies, H. Griffiths |
|  | Town Clerk | Virginia O’Reilly |
|  | Town Secretary | J Bell |
| Apologies | Councillors | J Westlake, J Maclaughland |
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**352 MEMBERS’ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**353 MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

**354 CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS**

RT Electrics hold our stock of Christmas lights at present. Some stock needs replacing. KTC needs photos of lights and costings in order make decisions regarding purchasing new lights and possibly extra lights. Meeting to be held between RT Electrics and Estates Manager to see the sites and discuss what is needed especially regarding ducts for lighting new areas. Mynyddygarreg could do with more lights. An inventory is needed in terms of what lighting is broken and what needs replacing.

A housebuilder wanted to sponsor our lights 2023 – it may be worth approaching them to see if they’re still interested for 2024 lights.

A discussion arose regarding some stall holders at the Christmas Lights Market. Cllr Herbert re-iterated that additional charges for card transactions are illegal. He has corresponded with Simon Ratty and will be vigilant in future monthly markets.

Cllr Bras supported the idea of Christmas lighting event planning meetings to start earlier than September. Hybrid meetings can be held in the Council Chamber and no room hire costs would be incurred.

Concern was expressed that the Christmas trees on the buildings haven’t been removed. The contractor will remove them when he is able to remove the lighting from the Town Square.

**355 FLORAL ENHANCEMENT**

Regarding baskets and half moons for the summer. Quotes have been received to refill our baskets and half-moons. Swiss Valley Nursery have quoted £23 per basket (inc VAT), totalling £1173.00 including VAT, which is the cheapest quote. They have provided our baskets for several years previously. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote from Swiss Valley, especially as the display last year was so colourful.

There are new areas which would benefit from floral enhancement. There is £500 left in the budget and it was **RESOLVED** to use this to increase the enhancement.

**356 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence but it was noted from the Deputy Mayor that Nanette is retiring and has served the community for over 50 years – letter of thanks, bouquet and Mayor and Deputy Mayor will present this to her.