KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

3rd OCTOBER 2023

At the Hybrid MEETING of the FULL COUNCIL held on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 6.30pm.

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| Present | Town Mayor | C.Peters |
|  | Deputy Mayor | C.Morgan |
|  | Councillors | J. Gilasbey, C.Peters-Bond, A.Herbert, J.Maclaughland, G.Bras, L.Jones |
|  | Town Clerk | Virginia O’Reilly |
|  | Town Secretary | A Padgett |
| Apologies  No aplologies | Councillors | H.Griffiths, S.John, J.Westlake, G.Beer, S.Ratty  E.Reeves-Davies, J.Tarsnane |
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150 MEMBER’S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 154 – Cllor J.Maclaughland declared an interest and Cllr Jones left the room

**151 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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

* Full Council 5th September 2023
* Policy Committee 5th September 2023
* Estates Committee 12th September 2023
* Finance Committee 12th September 2023

**152 TOWN CLERK’S REPORT**

The town clerk had been on leave. A 2 month report will be submitted at the next meeting.

**153 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

C.Cllr C.Davies attended. Her written report had been circulated. Matters arising:-

The youth hut may be demolished due to its dilapidated condition and a possible replacement provided. It was noted that a youth worker had not been in position for several years. These matters will be considered at a meeting to be arranged with the county council to discuss the options available.

10 towns application for funding has been submitted. It was recognised that a new pathway would be of considerable benefit to the community. A consultation event may be considered.

The Tin Works bridge needs to be replaced. No information is forthcoming regarding, type of new bridge, design, the length of time the road will be closed or alternative access issues. The community needs to be informed of the county council’s intentions.

**Matters arising from Full Council on 5th September 2023**

**154 PRINCESS GWENLLIAN CENTRE – FUTURE GOVERNANCE**

The trustees have taken over management of the hall from Nurture, as from 1st September 2023. A detailed financial report had been circulated. Mr R. Davies, treasurer, was thanked for his work. Due to lack of councillors present, consideration of the funding for the hall was referred to the Finance Committee on 10th October 2023.

**155 CONECTIVITY**

Councillor Herbert had submitted comprehensive minutes of a meeting held with Lee Waters MS and county councillor Lewis Davies on 17th February 2023. The meeting had identified the many problems, the most urgent being: base line infrastructure is not present, making working from home difficult, market traders are losing trade because of poor signals. A working group to progress the matter lead by Councillor Herbert with councillors Beer and Maclaughland to assist has been set up.

**156 LOTTERY UPDATE**

A meeting with the Lottery Officer has taken place. He confirmed that all is in order and once the £2,400 remaining has been spent on work to the benches, the project can be concluded and the accounts published.

Banners – have been manufactured and delivery is awaited. The current lamppost brackets do not comply with pending legislation. Consequently new stronger brackets have been ordered. The county council has funding for signage. An application for a grant towards the installation will be made. The banners will be erected in the spring after the bad winter weather has passed.

**157 HALBERDIERS**

There are 6 halberdier positions, only 3 being filled by hereditary precedent. The 3 vacancies will now be offered to those outside the designated families. An outline of the historical position will be posted on the website and social media.

**158 KIDWELLY INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM**

Malcolm MacDonald had submitted a report outlining the position at the museum. Concern was expressed at the total lack of any progress at the site, the county council showing no interest in restoration work. New trustees are needed. The town clerk will write to the county council to request action. It was noted that the county is ignoring the recommendations made in the consultation report they themselves had commissioned.

**159 DEVELOPMENT OF TOWN SQUARE**

Due to delay on the part of the county council during the tender process, the cost of the project has escalated by £90k. The county council will pay £175k and the town council approximately £132k for the development.

It was previously **RESOLVED** that land known as GL25, near Commissioner’s Bridge, be put up as collateral and a legal charge on the property be imposed by the county council.

**160 PROPOSED POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACE REVIEW**

A review is being undertaken as required every 5 years. This will commence on 12th October 2023. Consultation period will close on 9th November. Note and **Close** this item.

**161 COMMUNITY HALLS SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS**

**Mynydd hall**: A beer festival was held on 23rd September 2023. It was noted that lots of volunteers helped and the atmosphere was “fantastic”. 27th October 2023 – Haloween children’s party, the Deputy Mayor to judge the costumes. 5th November 2023 – Fireworks night, it is always well attended and people come from far and wide.

**PGC:** A licence is awaited.The fitness rooms are being decorated. Fire exits have been marked. The waste management system will be managed by the hall. A craft fayre will be held on 3rd December 2023. A Food and Drink event is being planned for 23rd March 2024. The trustees were thanked for their hard work.

**Police:**- No meeting have been held due to councillor J.Gilasbey’s family bereavement.

**162 MAYOR’S DIARY / FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

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| | DATE | APPOINTMENT |  |
| 4th September | Kidwelly Growth Team Revenue Project | 6 p.m. |
| 7th September | PGC Meeting | 6 p.m. |
| 9th September | pOpera by Candlelight, Zirenz in Concert Ffwrnes Theatre Llanelli | 6 p.m. |
| 11th September | Carnival Meeting | 6.00 p.m. |
| 14th September | Ffasiwn a Ffizz – Eglwys Sant Teilo, Mynyddygarreg | 7.00 p.m. |
| 15th September | Old Town Hall Meeting | 6.00 p.m. |
| 18th September | Old Town Hall Meeting | 6.15 p.m. |
| 23rd September | Mynyddygarreg Beer Festival |  |
| 28th September | Llanelli Town Mayor’s Charity Quiz Night | 6.00 p.m. |
| 8th October | Scouts AGM – Pontyberem Memorial Hall | 3.30 p.m. |

**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

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| DATE |  |  |
| 3rd October | Full Council and Policy Committee | 6.30 pm |
| 10th October | Estates, Community Development and Finance Committees | 6.30 pm |
| 7th November | Full Council and Policy Committee | 6.30 pm |
| 14th November | Estates, Community Development and Finance Committees | 6.30 pm |

**163 BUDGET 2024-2025**

The second draft of the budget had been circulated. Members were requested to consider the expenditure sheet and prepare for discussion at the Finance Committee on 10th October 2023.

**164 CORRESPONDENCE – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2023**

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