11th JANUARY 2011

At the Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 11th January 2011

Present:- Town Mayor F.Burke-Lloyd

Deputy Mayor J.Gilasbey (Chair)

Councillors: S.Finch, D.J.Jones, H.Gilasbey, R.Davies, B.Huws, R.Thomas,

G.G.Jones, J.Lane T.Burns, K.Davies

Town Clerk Geraint Thomas

Town Secretary A Padgett

Translator Lynda Kirkham-Jones

Apologies Councillors

513 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Arising from the General Purposes Committee Meeting of 7th December 2010

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

514 TRAFFIC CONTROL

Horeb Road

£35,000 has been allocated for traffic calming measures as part of the Section 106 payment in relation to the proposed new housing development in the area. Planning permission is awaited.

515 CAR PARK OFF STATION ROAD

A member of the Civil Enforcement team will visit the car park during the week to report back on the railing/lining works completed to date.

516 PROPOSED YELLOW LINES

A request has been made for the lines outside the Rugby Club to be extended further along Station Road. A parking survey carried out has concluded that the junction with Bridge Street is already protected with existing prohibitions and further restrictions will diminish the availability of on street parking. Extending the lines was not recommended. The results of this survey will be questioned.

517 CYCLE LANES

Councillor Byron Huws had provided guidelines for the use of Cycle Lanes. The County Council has indicated its support of cycle lanes and a meeting with an officer of the council will be arranged.

518 SPEED LIMITS

- 1. A 20mph speed limit is being considered in certain areas of the town.
- 2. Speed Limits on the By-Pass. The Highways Officer and Traffic Engineer from the County Council consider that lowering the speed limit on certain sections of the By-Pass is not in line with national guidelines on setting local speed limits. This will be investigated further.
- 3. Monksford Street It was **RESOLVED** to apply for two "Active Message Signs" to be installed in Monksford Street. Funding will not be available until the financial year 2011-2012. An underground power supply would be required. Estimated cost would be £2000 per sign which would be shared with County Council.

An integrated highways management plan which would include strategic management of roads, pavements and signage is needed for the Town. A Highways Issues Sub-Group will be convened to consider this. Councillors Huws, Davies, Jones, Burns, Lane, J.Gilasbey and Thomas expressed an interest in being members of this group. A meeting will be held on 25th January 2011 at 6.30pm to progress the matter.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

DOG FOULING

Burns Pet Nutrition has sponsored 2 bag dispensers which have been installed at Glan yr Afon and the Quay.

The proposed recycling site near the former optical factory is unsuitable for a recycling centre. Further sites will be sought

521 PARKS STEERING GROUP

The next meeting of the Parks Steering Group will be on 14th January 2011.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS

Dissatisfaction with the work of the illuminations provider was expressed at a meeting with the contractor on 10th January 2011. The County Council is providing a report on the status of the columns which supported the illuminations. No payment will be made until the problems have been resolved. The motifs and the tree lights have been removed. The Town Clerk was thanked for his out of hours commitment to this issue. It was agreed that planning for the 2011 events would begin early in 2011.

NOTICEBOARDS

It was agreed to investigate costs for noticeboards that would be in three sections to display news from Kidwelly, Mynyddygarreg and the Town Council. Quotes are awaited. It was noted that the use of noticeboards should comply with the "Marketing the Gap" strategy.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Glan yr Afon – in the last PACT meeting it had been reported that feedback from the community had indicated that the problems have diminished. The Police are monitoring anti-social behaviour on the Town Square. It was reported that doorbells were being stolen and car aerials damaged. The police will be informed. This matter will be dealt with under Policing Matter in Full Council. Note and Close this item.

GARAGES AT HOREB ROAD

No further information has been received.

526 TREES AT PORTH Y CASTELL

Complaints have been received about the height of the trees which overhang the roadway at Porth y Castell. The County Council has agreed to cut back the trees.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following rota was arranged:Thursday 10th February 2011 – Councillors T.Burns and R.Davies

Friday 11th February 2011 - Councillors H and J Gilasbey

528 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

1. Improvements to signage at junction of Alstred Street to Banc Pendre. The County Council technician is undertaking a feasibility study of placing directional arrow markings to guide those turning left or right out of this junction.

529 ISSUES ARISING IN THE RECESS

It was reported that pipes had burst in the Council property at 2 Bridge Street. Remedial work had been carried out so that the Hairdresser's water supply was available. A stop cock will be fitted to the supply for the upper floors. The invoice will be presented at the Finance Committee when available. Note and **Close** this item.

530 CORRESPONDENCE – JANUARY 2011

There was no correspondence.

531 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS –JANUARY 2011

There was no other business.

1st FEBRUARY 2011

At the Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 1st February 2011

Present:- Town Mayor F.Burke-Lloyd

Deputy Mayor J.Gilasbey (Chair)

Councillors: S.Finch, D.J.Jones, H.Gilasbey, R.Davies, B.Huws,

T.Burns, J Lane, R.Thomas

Town Clerk Geraint Thomas
Town Secretary A Padgett

Translator Lynda Kirkham-Jones

Apologies Councillors G.G.Jones, K.Davies

574 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Arising from the General Purposes Committee Meeting of 11th January 2011

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Highways issues will be considered by the Highways Improvement sub-group. The first meeting of this group was held on 25th January 2011. Minutes have been circulated.

575 TRAFFIC CONTROL

Horeb Road

£35,000 has been allocated for traffic calming measures as part of the Section 106 payment in relation to the proposed new housing development in the area. Planning permission is awaited.

576 CAR PARK OFF STATION ROAD

The company contracted to carry out the marking of the car park can no longer undertake the work. A different contractor has been found.

577 PROPOSED YELLOW LINES

A request has been made for the lines outside the Rugby Club to be extended further along Station Road. A parking survey carried out has concluded that the junction with Bridge Street is already protected with existing prohibitions and further restrictions will diminish the availability of on street parking. Extending the lines was not recommended. The results of this survey will be questioned.

578 CYCLE LANES

Councillor Byron Huws has met with an officer of the County Council regarding the introduction of cycle lanes. This was deemed impractical due to the narrow nature of the Kidwelly streets. Note and **Close** this item.

579 TRAFFIC CONTROL

- 1. A 20mph speed limit is being considered in certain areas of the town.
- 2. By-Pass. Provision of a central island to facilitate pedestrian crossing to Mynydd y Garreg will be considered.
- 3. Monksford Street It was **RESOLVED** to apply for two "Active Message Signs" to be installed in Monksford Street. Funding will not be available until the financial year 2011-2012. An underground power supply would be required. Estimated costs of £2000 per sign would be shared with County Council.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

DOG FOULING 580

Burns Pet Nutrition has sponsored 2 bag dispensers which have been installed at Glan yr Afon and the Quay. Councillors F.Burke-Lloyd and S.Finch volunteered to refill the dispensers when necessary. Note and Close this item.

581 RECYCLING

The proposed recycling site near the former optical factory is unsuitable for a recycling centre. Further sites will be sought

PARKS STEERING GROUP

The next meeting of the Parks Steering Group will be held on 11th February 2011. Minutes of the meeting on 14th January 2010 had been circulated. Setting up a sports association to apply for grants will be progressed.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS - 2011

A meeting is to be arranged to plan the event for next November.

NOTICEBOARDS

It was agreed to investigate costs for noticeboards that would be in three sections to display news from Kidwelly, Mynyddygarreg and the Town Council. Quotes are awaited. It was noted that the use of noticeboards should comply with the "Marketing the Gap" strategy. A suggestion that the noticeboards should be doublesided was considered.

585 GARAGES AT HOREB ROAD

Members were informed that officers of the County Council will conduct a site visit on 4th February 2011 to assess the usage of the garages.

TREES AT PORTH Y CASTELL

Complaints have been received about the height of the trees which overhang the roadway at Porth y Castell. The County Council has agreed to cut back the trees.

587 MEALS ON WHEELS The following rota was arranged:-

Thursday 10th March 2011 – Councillors J.Lane and T.Burns

Friday 11th March 2011 - Councillors H and J Gilasbey Thursday 17th March 2011 - Councillor Ray Davies

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor K.Davies had provided a written report which was circulated.

FLORAL ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE 2011 SEASON

A meeting of the sub-committee will be held on 2nd February 2011 at 2.00pm to consider floral enhancements in the town during the coming season.

590 THE CAT'S WHISKERS NEWSLETTER

Councillors F.Burke-Lloyd, J.Gilasbey and Stephen Finch will work on producing the next edition of the newsletter. It was suggested that activities monitored by the sub-committees be included. Councillor R.Thomas was not in support of the newsletter as a Council initiative, preferring individual councillors to provide their own information to the public.

591 CORRESPONDENCE – FEBRUARY 2011

There was no correspondence.

592 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS –FEBRUARY 2011

- 1. A request for assistance in distributing leaflets for the "Yes" vote for the Referendum on 3rd March 2011 was made. Note and **Close** this item.
- 2. An International Evening" will be held at the Princess Gwenllian Centre on 18th February 2011. Note and **Close** this item.

1st MARCH 2011

At the Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 1st March 2011

Present:- Town Mayor F.Burke-Lloyd

Deputy Mayor J.Gilasbey (Chair)

Councillors: S.Finch, D.J.Jones, H.Gilasbey, R.Davies, B.Huws,

R.Thomas, G.G.Jones, K.Davies

Town Clerk Geraint Thomas

Town Secretary A Padgett

Translator Lynda Kirkham-Jones

Apologies Councillors T.Burns, J.Lane

644 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Arising from the General Purposes Committee Meeting of 1st February 2011

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

645 TRAFFIC CONTROL

Horeb Road

£35,000 has been allocated for traffic calming measures as part of the Section 106 payment in relation to the proposed new housing development in the area. Planning permission is awaited.

646 CAR PARK OFF STATION ROAD

It was reported that the marking of the car park will take place in three weeks time.

647 PROPOSED YELLOW LINES

A request has been made for the lines outside the Rugby Club to be extended further along Station Road. A parking survey carried out has concluded that the junction with Bridge Street is already protected with existing prohibitions and further restrictions will diminish the availability of on street parking. Extending the lines was not recommended. The results of this survey will be questioned.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

649 RECYCLING

The proposed recycling site near the former optical factory is unsuitable for a recycling centre. Further sites will be sought

650 PARKS STEERING GROUP

The meeting of the Parks Steering Group scheduled for 11th February 2011 was postponed. Two meetings have been held to consider works to the Bowls Pavilion. Minutes were circulated. A County Council Grants Officer is prepared to meet the Bowls Club Committee to assist in seeking funding for the pavilion.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS – 2011

The Town Clerk, Mayor and deputy Mayor will meet with RT Electrics during the coming week to consider options for the event next November.

NOTICEBOARDS

It was **RESOLVED** not to proceed with the purchase of Town Noticeboards at the present time. It is possible that noticeboards could be integrated with the interpretation panels used in "Marketing the Gaps". Note and Close this item.

653 GARAGES AT HOREB ROAD

Members were informed that officers of the County Council will conduct a site visit on 4th February 2011 to assess the usage of the garages.

TREES AT PORTH Y CASTELL

Complaints have been received about the height of the trees which overhang the roadway at Porth y Castell. The County Council has agreed to cut back the trees.

655 MEALS ON WHEELS

The following rota was arranged:-

Thursday 14th April 2011 – Councillor R.Davies

Friday 15th April 2011 -Councillor F.Burke-Lloyd

656 FLORAL ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE 2011 SEASON

A meeting of the sub-committee was held on 2nd February 2011. A report had been circulated. A further meeting will be held on 2nd March 2011. Concern was expressed about the logistics of watering hanging baskets. The siting of the baskets will be a vital element in the overall aesthetic appeal of the floral displays.

THE CAT'S WHISKERS NEWSLETTER

Councillors F.Burke-Lloyd, J.Gilasbey and Stephen Finch will work on producing the next edition of the newsletter. It was suggested that activities monitored by the sub-committees be included.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor K.Davies provided information on the car park – see Minute 646.

It was noted that last year Kidwelly Library had 3,471 visits at a cost of £3.55 per visit. Although the facility is not under notice of closure, the usage needs to increase to ensure a service provision for the future. Residents should be encouraged to use the Library.

659 THE FUTURE OF BWS BACH

Lack of demand for Bws Bach has lead to the threat of withdrawal of the service, which is heavily subsidised. The new bus timetable has improved the service. A stop at the museum could be included as could a link with the proposed Gwendraeth Valley service. A publicity campaign will be initiated.

660 CORRESPONDENCE – MARCH 2011

1	Environment	Details of a Flood Awareness Programme have been received. The Town Clerk, Project
	Agency Wales	Officer and County Councillor K.Davies will meet the agency to consider the options for
		the Council.

661 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS –MARCH 2011

Co-option of Councillor for Mynydd y Garreg ward.

Concerns were expressed over the failure to co-opt a member for the Mynydd y Garreg Ward, which is a legal requirement. It was therefore proposed to invite the 4 applicants who have shown an interest in the vacancy, to attend for an interview. It was **RESOLVED** to invite the 4 applicants to interview. This matter will be considered further at Full Council. Note and **Close** this item.

5th APRIL 2011

At the Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday $5^{\rm th}$ April 2011

Present:- Town Mayor F.Burke-Lloyd

Deputy Mayor J.Gilasbey (Chair)

Councillors: S.Finch, D.J.Jones, H.Gilasbey, R.Davies, B.Huws, A.Jenkins

R.Thomas, K.Davies, T.Burns, J.Lane

Town Clerk Geraint Thomas

Town Secretary A Padgett

Translator Lynda Kirkham-Jones

Apologies Councillors G.G.Jones

708 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Arising from the General Purposes Committee Meeting of 1st March 2011

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

709 TRAFFIC CONTROL – MYNYDD Y GARREG

Horeb Road

£35,000 has been allocated for traffic calming measures as part of the Section 106 payment in relation to the proposed new housing development in the area. Planning permission is awaited.

710 TRAFFIC CONTROL - KIDWELLY

A scheme for traffic calming measures in Ferry Road has been proposed. A public consultation will take place before any traffic humps can be installed.

Two arrows will be placed on the road at Alstred Street where it meets Causeway Street to indicate the alternative directions that can be taken.

711 CAR PARK OFF STATION ROAD

It was reported that the marking of the car park will take place on 6th April 2011. The County Council has been informed that the first garage door on the right is not a door to a garage and therefore does not need hash markings at the entrance.

712 PROPOSED YELLOW LINES

A request has been made for the lines outside the Rugby Club to be extended further along Station Road. A plan showing the new proposals has been created after discussions with the County Council and Fire Service. This will be available in the near future.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

713 RECYCLING

The proposed recycling site near the former optical factory is unsuitable for a recycling centre. Further sites will be sought

714 PARKS STEERING GROUP

The meeting of the Parks Steering Group scheduled for 11th February 2011 was postponed. Two meetings have been held to consider works to the Bowls Pavilion. Minutes had been circulated. A County Council Grants Officer is prepared to meet the Bowls Club Committee to assist in seeking funding for the pavilion.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

715 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS – 2011

The Town Clerk, Mayor and Deputy Mayor have met with a representative of RT Electrics to consider options for the event next November. Details are awaited. Public involvement will be sought when making the arrangements.

716 GARAGES AT HOREB ROAD

Members were informed that officers of the County Council are endeavouring to find the tenants of the garages. Only one individual has come forward. The legal department is considering the action which can be taken to reclaim the garages.

717 TREES AT PORTH Y CASTELL

Complaints have been received about the height of the trees which overhang the roadway at Porth y Castell. The County Council has agreed to cut back the trees.

718 MEALS ON WHEELS

The following rota was arranged:-

Thursday 14th April 2011 – Councillor R.Davies Friday 15th April 2011 - Councillor S.Finch Thursday 12th May 2011 – Councillor T.Burns Friday 13th May 2011 - Councillor H.Gilasbey

Note and Close this item.

719 FLORAL ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE 2011 SEASON

Various options for floral displays were presented. It was decided to concentrate the displays on the Square and Bridge Street and also at the Gateways. Sample artificial hanging baskets were shown. As constant watering is required for baskets it was **RESOLVED** that hanging baskets with artificial flowers be purchased. Live plants would be purchased for the other displays. A licence for planting flower beds at the Gateway roundabouts will be required. Organisations have been approached regarding sponsorship of displays. A meeting will be arranged with "Workways" with regard to gardening schemes. The sub-group will progress the floral arrangements while monitoring the budget. It was **RESOLVED** that £200 of the floral budget be retained for the purchase of daffodil bulbs in the autumn. The County Council will be requested to cut back the banks on the By-Pass.

720 THE CAT'S WHISKERS NEWSLETTER

Councillors F.Burke-Lloyd, J.Gilasbey and Stephen Finch are working on producing the next edition of the newsletter. A draft will be presented at the next meeting.

721 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

This was included in Minutes 710,711,712 and 716

722 THE FUTURE OF BWS BACH

Lack of demand for Bws Bach has lead to the threat of withdrawal of the service, which is heavily subsidised. The new bus timetable has improved the service. A stop at the museum could be included as could a link with the proposed Gwendraeth Valley service. A publicity campaign will be initiated.

723 CORRESPONDENCE – MARCH 2011

	Flood Awareness Programme. This was considered in the Project Officers Report
Agency Wales	presented to Full Council on 5 th April 2011. Note and Close this item.

724 THE PURCHASE OF A "BLACK CAT" FLAG

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a "Black Cat" Town Flag. This will consist of a yellow/gold flag with the Town Logo of the cat at the centre. There will be no words on the flag. The placement of a flagpole on the Town Square will be considered further, as will an interpretation board telling of the Black Cat Legend.

725 CORRESPONDENCE – APRIL 2011

There was no correspondence. Note and **Close** this item.

726 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS –APRIL 2011

There was no urgent business. Note and **Close** this item.

The Chair of the General Purposes Committee thanked members and staff for their help during her year as Chair.

10th MAY 2011

At the Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 10^{th} May 2011

Present:- Town Mayor J.Gilasbey

Deputy Mayor S.Finch Chair H.Gilasbey

Councillors: D.J.Jones, R.Davies, B.Huws, A.Jenkins, R.Thomas, K.Davies, T.Burns

F.Burke-Lloyd, G.G.Jones

Town Clerk Geraint Thomas

Town Secretary A Padgett

Translator Lynda Kirkham-Jones

Apologies Councillors J.Lane

15 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Arising from the General Purposes Committee Meeting of 5th April 2011

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

16 TRAFFIC CONTROL – MYNYDD Y GARREG

Horeb Road

£35,000 has been allocated for traffic calming measures as part of the Section 106 payment in relation to the proposed new housing development in the area. Planning permission is awaited.

17 TRAFFIC CONTROL - KIDWELLY

A scheme for traffic calming measures in Ferry Road has been proposed. A public consultation will take place before any traffic humps can be installed.

Two arrows will be placed on the road at Alstred Street where it meets Causeway Street to indicate the alternative directions that can be taken.

18 CAR PARK OFF STATION ROAD

It was reported that, apart for one minor alteration, the marking of the car park has been completed. Note and **Close** this item.

19 PROPOSED YELLOW LINES

A plan showing the proposals for yellow lines in Station Road was circulated. Although the plan did not fully reflect the extent of the lines agreed at the site meeting on 1st March 2011, it was **RESOLVED** to accept them. Note and **Close** this item.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

20 RECYCLING

The proposed recycling site near the former optical factory is unsuitable for a recycling centre. Further sites will be sought

PARKS STEERING GROUP

Works to the Bowls Pavilion have been completed.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS – 2011

The Town Clerk and Mayor will progress the matter. An initial meeting, to be arranged as soon as possible, will be held with councillors. Public involvement will then be sought.

GARAGES AT HOREB ROAD

Members were informed that officers of the County Council are endeavouring to find the tenants of the garages. Only one individual has come forward. The legal department is considering the action which can be taken to reclaim the garages.

TREES AT PORTH Y CASTELL

Complaints have been received about the height of the trees which overhang the roadway at Porth y Castell. The County Council has agreed to cut back the trees.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following rota was arranged:-

Thursday 9th June 2011 – Friday 10th June 2011 - Thursday 16th June 2011 -Councillor Tegwen Burns Councillor Huw Gilasbey

Councillors Fran Burke-Lloyd and Andrew Jenkins

Note and **Close** this item.

26 FLORAL ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE 2011 SEASON

Hanging baskets with artificial flowers have been ordered for the Town Square as they will not require watering. Live plants will be purchased for the other displays. A licence for planting flower beds at the Gateway roundabouts will be applied for and contractors engaged for this planting work. The sub-group will meet on 18th May 2011.

THE CAT'S WHISKERS NEWSLETTER

Councillors F.Burke-Lloyd, J.Gilasbey and Stephen Finch are working on producing the next edition of the newsletter. A draft will be presented at the next meeting.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor Keith Davies will arrange for the County Tourism Officer to meet with Town Councillors regarding strategies for promoting the town. It was also reported that there is money available from the County Council for Carnival activities.

THE FUTURE OF BWS BACH

Lack of demand for Bws Bach has lead to the threat of withdrawal of the service, which is heavily subsidised. The new bus timetable has improved the service. A stop at the museum could be included as could a link with the proposed Gwendraeth Valley service. A publicity campaign will be initiated.

30 THE PURCHASE OF A "BLACK CAT" FLAG
A "Black Cat" Town Flag and a display flag have been purchased. The flag was flown for the Mayor's Inauguration Ceremony on 8th May 2011 and much admired by residents. The Brittany Flag will be flown at future Inauguration ceremonies. Consideration will be given to additional flagpoles in the town square. Note and **Close** this item.

31 ARMED FORCES DAY
It was **RESOLVED** to hold the Armed Forces Day flag raising ceremony on Tuesday 21st June 2011 at 11.00am. The Royal British Legion will be consulted on arrangements.

<u>32 CORRESPONDENCE – MAY 2011</u> There was no correspondence. Note and **Close** this item.

33 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS –MAY 2011 There was no urgent business. Note and Close this item.

7th JUNE 2011

At the Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 7th June 2011

Present:- Town Mayor J.Gilasbey

Deputy Mayor S.Finch Chair H.Gilasbey

Councillors: D.J.Jones, R.Davies, B.Huws, A.Jenkins, R.Thomas, J.Lane

K.Davies, F.Burke-Lloyd, G.G.Jones

Town Clerk Geraint Thomas

Town Secretary A Padgett

Translator Lynda Finch-Jones

Apologies Councillors T.Burns

78 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Arising from the General Purposes Committee Meeting of 10th May 2011

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

79 TRAFFIC CONTROL – MYNYDD Y GARREG

Horeb Road

£35,000 has been allocated for traffic calming measures as part of the Section 106 payment in relation to the proposed new housing development in the area. Planning permission is awaited.

80 TRAFFIC CONTROL - KIDWELLY

A scheme for traffic calming measures in Ferry Road is presently being drafted. A public consultation will take place before any traffic humps can be installed. This work will be carried out within this year's budget.

The County Council will be requested to install Traffic Control Speed Indicators in Monksford Street as previously agreed. Costs being allocated, 50% from each authority.

Two arrows will be placed on the road at Alstred Street where it meets Causeway Street to indicate the alternative directions that can be taken.

81 CAR PARK OFF STATION ROAD

It was reported that the marking of the car park has been completed. It was **RESOLVED** to request the County Council to make Regulation Orders to a] restrict the use of the hatched areas for disabled parking to holders of Blue Badges only b] restrict parking on the red hatched area – penalty charge notices for non-compliance to be enforced.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

82 RECYCLING

The proposed recycling site near the former optical factory is unsuitable for a recycling centre. Further sites will be sought

83 PARKS STEERING GROUP

The next meeting of the steering group will be held on 14th June 2011.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

84 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS – 2011

The Town Clerk and Mayor will progress the matter. An initial meeting, to be arranged as soon as possible with R.T.Electrics to consider the options available. Public involvement will then be sought.

85 GARAGES AT HOREB ROAD

Members were informed that officers of the County Council are endeavouring to find the tenants of the garages. Only one individual has come forward. The legal department is considering the action which can be taken to reclaim the garages.

86 TREES AT PORTH Y CASTELL

Complaints have been received about the height of the trees which overhang the roadway at Porth y Castell. The County Council has agreed to cut back the trees, but are awaiting an appropriate time as workmen are presently fully engaged in grass cutting.

87 MEALS ON WHEELS

The following rota was arranged:-

Thursday 9th June 2011 – Councillor Tegwen Burns
Friday 10th June 2011 - Councillor Huw Gilasbey
Thursday 16th June 2011 - Councillor Fran Burke-Lloyd

Thursday 14th July 2011 - Councillor Jean Lane Friday 15th July 2011 - Councillor Huw Gilasbey

Note and Close this item.

88 FLORAL ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE 2011 SEASON

Hanging baskets with artificial flowers have been ordered for the Town Square as they will not require watering. Live plants will be purchased for the other displays. A licence for planting flower beds at the Gateway roundabouts will be applied for and contractors engaged for this planting work. Minutes of the meeting on 18th May 2011 were circulated.

89 THE CAT'S WHISKERS NEWSLETTER

The sub-committee will meet to consider the format of the newsletter and the publication date.

90 THE FUTURE OF BWS BACH

Lack of demand for Bws Bach has lead to the threat of withdrawal of the service, which is heavily subsidised. The new bus timetable has improved the service. A stop at the museum could be included as could a link with the proposed Gwendraeth Valley service. A publicity campaign will be initiated.

91 ARMED FORCES DAY

It was **RESOLVED** to hold the Armed Forces Day flag raising ceremony on Tuesday 21st June 2011 at 11.00am. The Royal British Legion have been consulted on arrangements.

92 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

A meeting with the County Tourism Officer Huw Parsons was held on 7th June 2011. Strategies for promoting the town were considered. It was agreed that information about Kidwelly should be more accessible on the County website. Councillors will have input into the content.

Problems with double parking and speeding along Horeb Road have been encountered. The Traffic Management department of the county council will ascertain the views of the Fire Authority regarding access issue for the emergency services.

Further issues were reported under Minutes 80 and 81

93 INSTALLATION OF CCTV

Installing CCTV to monitor the Town Square and/or Quay area was considered. It was noted that no money in the budget had been allocated for this, and monitoring the footage recorded would be a problem. It was **RESOLVED** to investigate all issues relating to the installation of CCTV on the Town Square.

94 LITTER PICK AT YSGOL MYNYDD Y GARREG

Ysgol Mynydd y Garreg is participating in the Green Flag Scheme. The headteacher has invited councillors to join the children in a litter pick on 17th June 2011. Note and **Close** this item.

95 NON STOP TRAINS THROUGH KIDWELLY

The new Arriva Trains timetable has curtailed stops at Kidwelly station. The Town Council fully supports all efforts to ensure a full service is available to passengers who wish to use Kidwelly station.

96 CORRESPONDENCE – JUNE 2011

Ī	1	Carmarthenshire	Notification of the opening of the cockle beds has been received. Note and Close this
		County Council	item.

97 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – JUNE 2011

- 1. Dog excrement at Glan yr Afon. The council contractor has reported that he was covered with dog excrement while cutting the grass at the nature reserve. Provision of additional bins and bag dispensers was considered. Legal options to penalise those who do not remove their dog waste will be investigated. This matter was referred to the Estates Committee. Note and **Close** this item.
- 2. Website it was noted that the website is presently being updated and the Welsh content will be enhanced. Note and **Close** this item.
- 3. Town Toilets It was reported that residents and visitors to the town have been unable to use the toilets at weekends and evenings because of reduced opening hours. The Town Clerk is to pursue options to ensure that the toilet facilities are retained and hours are extended. This item will be re-named "Public Toilets".

5thth JULY 2011

At the Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 5th July 2011

Present:- Town Mayor J.Gilasbey

Deputy Mayor S.Finch Chair H.Gilasbey

Councillors: R.Davies, B.Huws, A.Jenkins, R.Thomas, J.Lane

F.Burke-Lloyd, T.Burns

Town Clerk Geraint Thomas

Town Secretary A Padgett

Translator Lynda Finch-Jones Apologies Councillors K.Davies, D.Jones

150 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Arising from the General Purposes Committee Meeting of 7th June 2011

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

150 TRAFFIC CONTROL – MYNYDD Y GARREG

Horeb Road

£35,000 has been allocated for traffic calming measures as part of the Section 106 payment in relation to the proposed new housing development in the area. Planning permission is awaited.

151 TRAFFIC CONTROL - KIDWELLY

A scheme for traffic calming measures in Ferry Road is presently being drafted. A public consultation will take place before any traffic humps can be installed. This work will be carried out within this year's budget.

The County Council has been requested to install Traffic Control Speed Indicators in Monksford Street as previously agreed. Costs being allocated, 50% from each authority. A traffic survey is being undertaken.

Two arrows will be placed on the road at Alstred Street where it meets Causeway Street to indicate the alternative directions that can be taken.

152 CAR PARK OFF STATION ROAD

The County Council has been requested to make Regulation Orders to a] restrict the use of the hatched areas for disabled parking to holders of Blue Badges only b] restrict parking on the red hatched area – penalty charge notices for non-compliance to be enforced. This is presently with the legal section of the County Council. A hole in the surface of the car park will be reported to the County Council. The validity of parking on the hatched areas in front of the garages will be investigated.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

153 RECYCLING

The proposed recycling site near the former optical factory is unsuitable for a recycling centre. Further sites will be sought

154 PARKS STEERING GROUP

The parks steering group met on 22nd June 2011. Minutes were circulated.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

155 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS – 2011

The Town Clerk and Mayor met with R.T.Electrics on 4th July 2011 to consider the options available. Mr Robert Thomas will provide a proposal as soon as he is able. A public meeting will then be held to consult with residents as to the designs of the motifs and other related issues.

156 GARAGES AT HOREB ROAD

Members were informed that officers of the County Council are awaiting a demolition survey on the garages to be conducted. The Town Council will be informed of the outcome of the survey. The County Council will be requested to ensure that the space remaining after the demolition of the garages will be allocated for parking bays for the nearby houses.

157 TREES AT PORTH Y CASTELL

Complaints have been received about the height of the trees which overhang the roadway at Porth y Castell. The County Council has agreed to cut back the trees, but are awaiting an appropriate time as workmen are presently fully engaged in grass cutting.

158 MEALS ON WHEELS

The following rota was arranged:-

Thursday 14 th July 2011	Councillor Jean Lane
Friday 15 th July 2011	Councillor Huw Gilasbey
Thursday 11th August 2011	Councillor Tegwen Burns
Friday 12 th August 2011	Councillor Ray Davies
Thursday 8 th September 2011	Councillor Fran Burke-Lloyd
Friday 9 th September 2011	Councillor Huw Gilasbey
Thursday 15 th September 2011	Councillor Tegwen Burns

159 FLORAL ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE 2011 SEASON

Three hanging baskets have been hung on lampposts on the Town Square and two in Mynydd y Garreg. Live plants will be purchased for the other displays. A licence for erecting planting boxes at the Gateway roundabouts has been applied for.

160 THE CAT'S WHISKERS NEWSLETTER

The sub-committee will meet to consider the format of the newsletter and the publication date.

161 THE FUTURE OF BWS BACH

Lack of demand for Bws Bach has lead to the threat of withdrawal of the service, which is heavily subsidised. The new bus timetable has improved the service. A stop at the museum could be included as could a link with the proposed Gwendraeth Valley service. A publicity campaign will be initiated.

162 ARMED FORCES DAY

The Armed Forces Day flag raising ceremony was held on Tuesday 21st June 2011 at 11.00am. Note and **Close** this item.

163 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

No report was available.

164 INSTALLATION OF CCTV

Installing CCTV to monitor the Town Square and/or Quay area had been considered. It had been noted that no money in the budget had been allocated for this, and monitoring the footage recorded would be a problem. An estimate of costs received was in excess of £8350. It was **RESOLVED** not to proceed with the installation of CCTV.

165 NON STOP TRAINS THROUGH KIDWELLY

The new Arriva Trains timetable has curtailed stops at Kidwelly station. The Town Council fully supports all efforts to ensure a full service is available to passengers who wish to use Kidwelly station. It was **RESOLVED** to lobby Arriva Trains and the Welsh Assembly Government to re-establish the train stops and also to gain the support of residents towards this end. Support was expressed for those wishing to form a petition. It was noted that pupils travelling to QE High School in Carmarthen wish to use the train service as do workers who have to use Burry Port Station.

166 PUBLIC TOILETS

It was **RESOLVED** to support residents wishing to form a petition to retain Kidwelly toilets and extend the opening times. The Town Council will continue to lobby for the facilities to be retained.

167 DOG CONTROL ORDERS

The Town Clerk had presented a paper for discussion. He will liaise with Councillors H.Gilasbey, Chair of General Purposes, R.Davies, Chair of Estates and S.Finch to progress the matter.

168 CORRESPONDENCE – JULY 2011

There was no correspondence Note and Close this item.

169 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – JULY 2011

- 1. Assistance for the carnival was requested. Note and **Close** this item.
- 2. An area of land at Clos yr Onen is overgrown, is tinder dry and residents consider it a fire hazard. A request that it be cut by the town council has been made. The Town Clerk and Chair of Estates will conduct a site visit.
- 3. Members were informed that the Advertising Board on the wall of the Rugby Club has to be removed. Note and **Close** this item.

6th SEPTEMBER 2011

At the Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 6th September 2011

Present:- Town Mayor J.Gilasbey

Deputy Mayor S.Finch Chair H.Gilasbey

Councillors: R.Davies, B.Huws, A.Jenkins, R.Thomas, G.G.Jones

F.Burke-Lloyd, T.Burns, K.Davies

Town Clerk Geraint Thomas
Translator Lynda Finch-Jones
Councillors D. Jones, J Lane

Due to lateness of start of meeting a vote was carried to continue with the meeting and to stop at 9.30pm

224 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 232 - Cllr R Davies

Matters Arising from the General Purposes Committee Meeting of 5th July 2011

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

225 TRAFFIC CONTROL – MYNYDD Y GARREG

Horeb Road

Apologies

£35,000 has been allocated for traffic calming measures as part of the Section 106 payment in relation to the proposed new housing development in the area. Planning permission is awaited.

226 TRAFFIC CONTROL - KIDWELLY

Members had been provided with details of the scheme for traffic calming measures in Ferry Road. No comments had been received from members, Cllr K Davies informed members that CCC has now placed site notices. The County Council has been requested to install Traffic Control Speed Indicators in Monksford Street as previously agreed. Costs being allocated, 50% from each authority. A traffic survey is being undertaken. Two arrows will be placed on the road at Alstred Street where it meets Causeway Street to indicate the alternative directions that can be taken.

227 CAR PARK OFF STATION ROAD

The County Council has been requested to make Regulation Orders to a] restrict the use of the hatched areas for disabled parking to holders of Blue Badges only b] restrict parking on the red hatched area – penalty charge notices for non-compliance to be enforced. This is presently with the legal section of the County Council. A hole in the surface of the car park will be reported to the County Council. The validity of parking on the hatched areas in front of the garages will be investigated.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

228 RECYCLING

The proposed recycling site near the former optical factory is unsuitable for a recycling centre. Further sites will be sought

229 PARKS STEERING GROUP

The parks steering group met on 22nd June 2011. Minutes had been circulated.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

230 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS – 2011

A public meeting regarding Christmas festivities was held on 1st September 2011. No members of the public had attended. Another public meeting will be arranged and held within the next 14 days. The Town Clerk distributed answers to questions raised at the meeting. The Mayor and Town Clerk will arrange a further meeting with the Christmas light provider.

231 GARAGES AT HOREB ROAD

Members were informed that officers of the County Council are awaiting a demolition survey on the garages to be conducted. The Town Council will be informed of the outcome of the survey. The County Council will be requested to ensure that the space remaining after the demolition of the garages will be allocated for parking bays for the nearby houses.

232 TREES AT PORTH Y CASTELL

Complaints have been received about the height of the trees which overhang the roadway at Porth y Castell. The owner of the land has been identified and has been requested to cut back the trees.

233 MEALS ON WHEELS

The following rota was arranged:-

Thursday 8 th September 2011	Councillor Fran Burke-Lloyd
Friday 9 th September 2011	Councillor Huw Gilasbey
Thursday 15 th September 2011	Councillor Tegwen Burns
Thursday 13 th October 2011	Councillor Tegwen Burns
Friday 14 th October 2011	Councillor Huw Gilasbey

234 FLORAL ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE 2011 SEASON

A licence for erecting planting boxes at the Gateway roundabouts has been applied for. A response is awaited.

235 THE CAT'S WHISKERS NEWSLETTER

It was decided to forgo the publishing of the newsletter for the previous year. Note and **Close** this item.

236 THE FUTURE OF BWS BACH

Funding for the bus had been secured for the immediate future. Note and **Close** this item.

237 NON STOP TRAINS THROUGH KIDWELLY

The new Arriva Trains timetable has curtailed stops at Kidwelly station. The Town Council fully supports all efforts to ensure a full service is available to passengers who wish to use Kidwelly station. Council to write to RSPB to ask for their support on matter.

238 PUBLIC TOILETS

This matter has been referred to Full Council. Note and **Close** this item.

239 DOG CONTROL ORDERS

The Town Clerk informed members that the introduction of Dog Control Orders was a complex issue, the main problem being that of enforcement. Town Clerk informed members that there were resource implications involved and further research was required. New refuse and bag dispensers have been placed at Quay and Glan yr Afon it was agreed to monitor the situation for the next 12 weeks .

240 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORNo report received

CORRESPONDENCE – SEPTEMBER 2011 241

1	Mrs Janet Keys	Mrs Keys had requested that CCTV be installed in the town, Town Clerk informed
		members that a further 29 letters had been received on this issue. This item was deferred
		for further information and costings.

242 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – SEPTEMBER 2011 There was no other urgent business

The Chair asked for it to be **NOTED** that the meeting closed at 9.32pm.

4th OCTOBER 2011

At the Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 4th October 2011

Present:- Town Mayor J.Gilasbey

Deputy Mayor S.Finch Chair H.Gilasbey

Councillors: B.Huws, A.Jenkins, R.Thomas, G.G.Jones

F.Burke-Lloyd, T.Burns, D.Jones

Town Clerk Geraint Thomas
Town Secretary Anna Padgett
Translator Lynda Finch-Jones

Apologies Councillors K.Davies, R.Davies, J.Lane

293 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

Matters Arising from the General Purposes Committee Meeting of 6th September 2011

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

294 TRAFFIC CONTROL – MYNYDD Y GARREG

Horeb Road

£35,000 has been allocated for traffic calming measures as part of the Section 106 payment in relation to the proposed new housing development in the area. Planning permission is awaited.

295 TRAFFIC CONTROL - KIDWELLY

Members had been provided with details of the scheme for traffic calming measures in Ferry Road. No comments had been received from members, Cllr K Davies informed members that CCC has now placed site notices. The County Council has been requested to install Traffic Control Speed Indicators in Monksford Street as previously agreed. Costs being allocated, 50% from each authority. A traffic survey is being undertaken. Two arrows will be placed on the road at Alstred Street where it meets Causeway Street to indicate the alternative directions that can be taken.

296 CAR PARK OFF STATION ROAD

The County Council has been requested to make Regulation Orders to a] restrict the use of the hatched areas for disabled parking to holders of Blue Badges only b] restrict parking on the red hatched area – penalty charge notices for non-compliance to be enforced. This is presently with the legal section of the County Council. A hole in the surface of the car park will be reported to the County Council. The validity of parking on the hatched areas in front of the garages will be investigated.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

297 RECYCLING

Re-cycling bins are needed in Mynydd y Garreg. Re-cycling bins have been successfully located at the Princess Gwenllian Centre. The trustees of Mynydd y Garreg Hall will be requested to reconsider their decision not to have re-cycling bins placed at the hall.

298 PARKS STEERING GROUP

The parks steering group will meet on 26th October 2011 at 2.00pm in the Princess Gwenllian Centre.

299 DOG CONTROL ORDERS

The Town Clerk informed members that the introduction of Dog Control Orders was a complex issue, the main problem being that of enforcement. Town Clerk informed members that there were resource implications involved and further research was required. New refuse and bag dispensers have been placed at Quay and Glan yr Afon it was agreed to monitor the situation until the end of the year.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

300 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS – 2011

A second public meeting regarding Christmas festivities was held on 21st September 2011. The Mayor and Town Clerk have had a further meeting with the Christmas light provider. A five year lease agreement has been reached with RT Electrics. 7 out of the 13 motifs required have been ordered. A further 6 are being considered. Locations will vary but the focus will be on the Town Square. All arrangements are within budget, subject to further clarification. It has been confirmed that there is no conflict with EU legislation regarding the lights. Small trees on wall brackets are planned for the streets. Capel Sul will formally be requested to provide the venu for the stalls on the Lighting Up Evening.

301 GARAGES AT HOREB ROAD

Members were informed that officers of the County Council are awaiting a demolition survey on the garages to be conducted. The Town Council will be informed of the outcome of the survey. The County Council will be requested to ensure that the space remaining after the demolition of the garages will be allocated for parking bays for the nearby houses.

302 TREES AT PORTH Y CASTELL

Complaints have been received about the height of the trees which overhang the roadway at Porth y Castell. The owner of the land has been identified and has been requested to cut back the trees.

303 MEALS ON WHEELS

The rota for November was not available.

304 FLORAL ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE 2011 SEASON

A licence for erecting planting boxes at the Gateway roundabouts has been applied for. A response is awaited. Planting boxes have been ordered. It has been suggested that planting boxes be adopted by local residents. Summer hanging baskets will be taken down. Some residents were dissatisfied with the artificial flower arrangements, others were appreciative.

305 NON STOP TRAINS THROUGH KIDWELLY

The new Arriva Trains timetable has curtailed stops at Kidwelly station. The Town Council fully supports all efforts to ensure a full service is available to passengers who wish to use Kidwelly station. Council to write to RSPB to ask for their support on matter.

306 CORRESPONDENCE – SEPTEMBER 2011

1	Mrs Janet Keys	Mrs Keys had requested that CCTV be installed in the town, Town Clerk informed
		members that a further 29 letters had been received on this issue. This item was deferred
		for further information and costings.

307 DAFFODIL PLANTING 2011 - 2012

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase 8 sacks of daffodils at a cost of £240. The Probation Service will be approached to arrange for planting.

Councillor A. Jenkins left the meeting.

308 CORRESPONDENCE – OCTOBER 2011

1	1	Menter Cwm	A request for volunteers to assist elderly people in re-cycling their waste was made. It was
		Gwendraeth	noted that several councillors and staff already carry out this function. However, it was
		agreed to support this initiative. Note and Close this item.	

309 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – OCTOBER 2011

There was no other urgent business

1st NOVEMBER 2011

At the Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 1th November 2011

Present:- Town Mayor J.Gilasbey

Deputy Mayor S.Finch Chair H.Gilasbey

Councillors: R.Thomas, K.Davies, R.Davies, F.Burke-Lloyd, T.Burns, D.Jones

Town Clerk Geraint Thomas
Translator Lynda Finch-Jones

Apologies Councillors A.Jenkins, B.Huws, J.Lane

362 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

Matters Arising from the General Purposes Committee Meeting of 4th October 2011

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

363 TRAFFIC CONTROL – MYNYDD Y GARREG

Horeb Road

£35,000 has been allocated for traffic calming measures as part of the Section 106 payment in relation to the proposed new housing development in the area. Planning permission is awaited.

364 TRAFFIC CONTROL - KIDWELLY

Members had been provided with details of the scheme for traffic calming measures in Ferry Road. No comments had been received from members, Cllr K Davies informed members that CCC has now placed site notices. The County Council has been requested to install Traffic Control Speed Indicators in Monksford Street as previously agreed. Costs being allocated, 50% from each authority. A traffic survey is being undertaken. Two arrows will be placed on the road at Alstred Street where it meets Causeway Street to indicate the alternative directions that can be taken.

365 CAR PARK OFF STATION ROAD

The County Council has been requested to make Regulation Orders to a] restrict the use of the hatched areas for disabled parking to holders of Blue Badges only b] restrict parking on the red hatched area – penalty charge notices for non-compliance to be enforced. This is presently with the legal section of the County Council. A hole in the surface of the car park will be reported to the County Council. The validity of parking on the hatched areas in front of the garages will be investigated.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

RECYCLING 366

Re-cycling bins are needed in Mynydd y Garreg. Re-cycling bins have been successfully located at the Princess Gwenllian Centre. The trustees of Mynydd y Garreg Hall will be requested to reconsider their decision not to have re-cycling bins placed at the hall.

<u>367 PARKS STEERING GROUP</u>The parks steering group met on 26th October 2011 in the Princess Gwenllian Centre. Minutes were circulated. A further meeting will be held on 4th November 2011 to consider funding matters.

368 **DOG CONTROL ORDERS**

The Town Clerk informed members that the introduction of Dog Control Orders was a complex issue, the main problem being that of enforcement. Town Clerk informed members that there were resource implications involved and further research was required. New refuse and bag dispensers have been placed at Quay and Glan yr Afon it was agreed to monitor the situation until the end of the year.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

<u>CHRISTMAS LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS – 2011</u>

RT Electrics is proceeding with the installation of lights and gels for the castle lighting. Carols will be sung around the tree on the square. The stalls will be set up in the main town Car Park which will be closed to traffic. Councillor D.Jones will collect the Selection Boxes. Councillor T.Burns will prepare the hamper. The Rugby Club has been provisionally booked if the weather is inclement.

GARAGES AT HOREB ROAD

Members were informed that officers of the County Council are awaiting a demolition survey on the garages to be conducted. The Town Council will be informed of the outcome of the survey. The County Council will be requested to ensure that the space remaining after the demolition of the garages will be allocated for parking bays for the nearby houses.

TREES AT PORTH Y CASTELL

Complaints have been received about the height of the trees which overhang the roadway at Porth y Castell. The owner of the land has been identified and has been requested to cut back the trees.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following rota was arranged:-

Thursday 10th November 2011 Friday 11th November 2011 - Councillor T.Burns - Councillor H.Gilasbey Wednesday 23rd December 2011 - Councillor J.Gilasbey Thursday 29th December 2011 Friday 30th December 2011 - Councillor R.Davies - Councillor H.Gilasbey

FLORAL ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE 2011 SEASON

Summer hanging baskets will be taken down. Planting boxes have been made and sited. Mr Dalziel has provided stones which he has put in the planters. He will also provide 3 tonnes of loam. Daffodils will go into the planters but perennials are also needed.

374 NON STOP TRAINS THROUGH KIDWELLY

The new Arriva Trains timetable has curtailed stops at Kidwelly station. The Town Council fully supports all efforts to ensure a full service is available to passengers who wish to use Kidwelly station.

375 CORRESPONDENCE – SEPTEMBER 2011

1	Mrs Janet Keys	Mrs Keys had requested that CCTV be installed in the town, Town Clerk informed
		members that a further 29 letters had been received on this issue. This item was deferred
		for further information and costings.

376 DAFFODIL PLANTING 2011 - 2012

8 sacks of daffodils at a cost of £240 have been purchased. The Probation Service will provide the labour for the planting of the daffodils. The area planted with crocus, by the Rotary Club, will be avoided.

377 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

On 12th October 2011 County Councillor Davies met with members of the County Council executive Board to discuss the town toilets. Board members are prepared to meet with the Town Clerk, Mayor and Chair of Estates to consider the issues. Concerns were expressed that the toilets are closed by 2.30pm each day. The Town Clerk will arrange the meeting. Over 400 letters have been submitted to the County Council regarding closure of the toilets. It was suggested that Councillors undertake to open and close the toilets at weekends.

378 CORRESPONDENCE – NOVEMBER 2011

There was no correspondence.

379 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – NOVEMBER 2011

- 1. No meetings of the Highways sub-committee have been held since May 2011. Dates will be sent to Councillors J.Gilasbey, D.Jones, B.Huws, T.Burns, K.Davies and R.Thomas
- 2. It was reported that Burns Pet Nutrition had achieved an entry into the Guiness Book of records for the largest dog obedience class. Note and **Close** this item.

6th DECEMBER 2011

At the Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 6th December 2011

Present:- Town Mayor J.Gilasbey

Deputy Mayor S.Finch Chair H.Gilasbey

Councillors: R.Thomas, K.Davies, R.Davies, F.Burke-Lloyd, T.Burns, D.Jones,

A.Jenkins, B.Huws

Town Clerk Geraint Thomas
Town Secretary Anna Padgett
Translator Lynda Finch-Jones
Councillors G.G.Jones, J.Lane

431 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

Matters Arising from the General Purposes Committee Meeting of 1st November 2011

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

432 TRAFFIC CONTROL – MYNYDD Y GARREG

Horeb Road

Apologies

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433 TRAFFIC CONTROL - KIDWELLY

It was reported that the traffic calming measures had been installed in Ferry Road.

The County Council has been requested to install Traffic Control Speed Indicators in Monksford Street as previously agreed. Costs being allocated, 50% from each authority. A traffic survey is being undertaken.

Two arrows will be placed on the road at Alstred Street where it meets Causeway Street to indicate the alternative directions that can be taken.

434 CAR PARK OFF STATION ROAD

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ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

435 RECYCLING

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PARKS STEERING GROUP

A meeting was held on 4th November 2011 to consider funding matters.

DOG CONTROL ORDERS

The Town Clerk informed members that the introduction of Dog Control Orders was a complex issue, the main problem being that of enforcement. Town Clerk informed members that there were resource implications involved and further research was required. New refuse and bag dispensers have been placed at Quay and Glan yr Afon it was agreed to monitor the situation until the end of the year.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

<u>438 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS – 2011</u>
The Christmas Lighting Ceremony was held on 24th November 2011. Stalls were set up in the main town car park which was closed to traffic. Additional lighting and music in the car park will be considered for next year, as will the placing of little trees on private premises in the town centre. Options for security around the three large illuminated trees will be investigated. The castle gel lights were considered very effective. 3 motifs and the tree at Plough Gardens are out of action and will be rectified. Note and Close this item.

GARAGES AT HOREB ROAD 439

Members were informed that officers of the County Council are awaiting a demolition survey on the garages to be conducted. The Town Council will be informed of the outcome of the survey. The County Council will be requested to ensure that the space remaining after the demolition of the garages will be allocated for parking bays for the nearby houses.

TREES AT PORTH Y CASTELL

Complaints have been received about the height of the trees which overhang the roadway at Porth y Castell. The owner of the land has been identified and has been requested to cut back the trees.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following rota was arranged:-

Wednesday 23rd December 2011 Thursday 29th December 2011 Friday 30th December 2011 Thursday 12th January 2012 - Councillor J.Gilasbey - Councillor R.Davies - Councillor H.Gilasbey - Councillor T.Burns Friday13th January 2012 - Councillor F.Burke-Lloyd

442 FLORAL ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE 2011 SEASON

Planting boxes have been made and sited. Mr Dalziel has provided stones which he has put in the planters. He has also provided 3 tonnes of loam. Daffodils have been put in the planters but perennials are also needed. Note and Close this item.

443 NON STOP TRAINS THROUGH KIDWELLY

The new Arriva Trains timetable has curtailed stops at Kidwelly station. The Town Council fully supports all efforts to ensure a full service is available to passengers who wish to use Kidwelly station.

444 CORRESPONDENCE – SEPTEMBER 2011

1	Mrs Janet Keys	Mrs Keys had requested that CCTV be installed in the town. A quote for £3614 +VAT
		has been received – for 2 cameras. The operating equipment could be housed in the
		Parish Rooms, but permission from St Mary's would be needed. Members were divided
		in their opinions over the effectiveness of CCTV and the need for a costly system when
		Kidwelly is a low crime area. It was RESOLVED to make further investigations into
		the issues involved.

445 DAFFODIL PLANTING 2011 - 2012

8 sacks of daffodils at a cost of £240 have been purchased. The Probation Service provided the labour for the planting of the daffodils. Note and **Close** this item.

446 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

It was reported that the county council has applied for planning for housing at Morfa Maen. A letter to the county council from Mrs Keyes regarding traffic problems had been circulated. A meeting is being arranged with Mr McEvoy, highways officer, to address outstanding issues. Members of the Highways Sub-committee will attend - Councillors J.Gilasbey, D.Jones, B.Huws, T.Burns, K.Davies and R.Thomas. Illegal parking on double yellow lines at Ger y Castell and outside Ysgol y Castell remains a problem.

447 CORRESPONDENCE – DECEMBER 2011

There was no correspondence.

448 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – DECEMBER 2011

There was no urgent business.