15th JANUARY 2013

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 15th January 2013

Present:- Town Mayor J.Gilasbey

Deputy Mayor T.Burns Chair R.Thomas

Councillors: B Huws, R.Davies, N.Howell-Davies, M.Thomas, H.Jones,

F.Burke-Lloyd, P.Davies, L.Finch-Jones, K.Davies

Town Clerk Geraint Thomas
Town Secretary Anna Padgett

Apologies Councillor

450 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Arising from the Finance Committee Meeting of 11th December 2012

451 2 BRIDGE STREET – ASSET VALUE

It was agreed that the asset value of 2 Bridge Street be reviewed in the impending updated Town Council Asset Register review. The valuer will be requested to report on its value as it stands at present and also after refurbishment.

452 BILLS FOR PAYMENT – JANUARY 2013

	Invoice	Payee	Description	Total	Cat
1	JP1	Just print	Christmas cards	153.60	R
2	1212134	Philip Mann	Christmas tree	384.00	R
3	37859	Water for You	Water cooler rental	72.00	R
4	38265	Water for you	water	5.94	R
5	11021	JRB Enterprises	Dog waste bags	262.80	R
6	93158684	CCC	Refuse collection 2012-2013	1149.20	R
7	SMC8	St Mary's Church	Hire of Parish Rooms	16.00	R
8	122650	Wernick Hire	Portacabin hire December	393.27	R
9	TPC5021	Accounting solutions	Software training	555.48	R
19	slcc1	SLCC	Subscriptions	228.00	R
11	1674	NJ Landscapes	Emptying bins - December	230.40	Ε
12	54	Time for tea	Opening toilets	80.00	R
13	1106063186	Konica Minolta	Photocopier	158.62	R
14	93189798	CCC	Planning seminar	40.01	R
15	93190780	CCC	Garden Waste sacks	435.60	R
16	JG3	Jeanette Gilasbey	Mayor's Tranche	800.00	R
17	Car1	CCC	Carnival - hospitality tent license	21.00	R
				4985.92	

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453 CHEQUES RAISED – DECEMBER 2013

Cheque Payee Description Total Cat
No cheques raised

454 DIRECT DEBITS – DECEMBER 2012

Date	Payee	Description	Total
03.12.12	SWALEC 1	Electricity bridge Street	20.00
03.12.12	SWALEC 2	Electricity bridge Street	10.00
03.12.12	Dwr Cymru 1	Water - Bridge Street	15.00
03.12.12	Dwr Cymru 2	Water - Bridge Street	27.50
03.12.12	British Gas 3	Gas - Bridge Street	21.20
03.12.12	British Gas 2	Gas - Bridge Street	198.00
03.12.12	BT SW 1231	Phone	75.00
07.12.12.	Cathedral Leasing	Feminine Hygiene bins	56.16
12.12.12	Lloyds TSB	Service charges	30.94
14.12.12	British Gas	Gas - Tenant contract	6.75
17.12.12	CCC	Cemetery	18.00
17.12.12	CCC	Rates - bridge Street	565.00
17.12.12	British Gas	Gas - Bridge Street	17.00
			1060.55
		Telepay December	
07.12.12	Staff	Wages	896.00
	Mynydd Hall	Donation 40 year anniversary	300.00
21.12.12	Staff	KTC wages	2647.37
	HMRC	PAYE	1214.45
	Dyfed Pension Fund	Staff pensions	2598.60
	Wernick	Portacabin hire	380.58
	N.J.Landscapes	Emptying bins	230.40
	Water for you	Water	17.82
	Industrial Museum	Donation	2000.00
	Viking	Ink & paper	109.12
	St Mary's Church	Room hire	16.00
	Konica Minolta	Photocopier	122.62
			2876.54

Note and **Close** this table from the minutes.

455 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial statements were circulated.

456 MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

It was **RESOLVED** that a quotation for repairing the Mayoral Chain will be sought from local reputable jewellers.

457 BUDGET SETTING 2013-2014

It had previously been **RESOLVED** to take over the running of the town toilets – estimated costs £5k per annum. The buildings will be leased on a peppercorn rent.

It had previously **RESOLVED**, in principle, to accept the proposals set out by the Chair relating to rent increases.

It was **RESOLVED** to decrease the Mayoral expenses from £4000 to £2000 and staff costs from £58056 to £53800.

Costs will be investigated for

- networking the PCs to the photocopier
- coin operated toilets, running and maintenance costs

458 CORRESPONDENCE – JANUARY 2013

There was no correspondence. Note and Close this item.

459 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – JANUARY 2013

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

The meeting was adjourned to 22nd January 2013 for further consideration of budget setting.

12th FEBRUARY 2013

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 12th February 2013

Present:- Town Mayor J.Gilasbey

Deputy Mayor T.Burns Chair R.Thomas

Councillors: B Huws, R.Davies, N.Howell-Davies, M.Thomas, H.Jones,

F.Burke-Lloyd, P.Davies, L.Finch-Jones, K.Davies

Town Clerk Geraint Thomas
Town Secretary Anna Padgett

Apologies Councillor

511 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Arising from the Finance Committee Meeting of 15th January 2013

512 2 BRIDGE STREET – ASSET VALUE

It was agreed that the asset value of 2 Bridge Street be reviewed in the impending updated Town Council Asset Register review. The valuer will be requested to report on its value as it stands at present and also after refurbishment.

513 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial statements will be circulated as soon as computer problems have been resolved. The Town Clerk reported that the Project officer's computer had crashed completely and was unworkable. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a new one as a matter of urgency.

514 BILLS FOR PAYMENT – FEBRUARY 2013

	Invoice	Payee	Description	Total	Cat
1	368	Excel Electrics	Electrical testing - 2 Bridge Street	84.00	Ε
2	1684	NJ Landscapes	Emptying bins - January	230.40	Ε
3	SMC9	St Mary's Church	Hire of Parish Rooms 17.01.13	24.00	R
4	PGC 6	P. Gwenllian Centre	Hire of hall - 3 months	190.00	R
5	133484	Wernick Hire	Hire of portacabins - January	393.24	R
6	38725	Water for you	Water	11.88	R
7	56	Time for Tea	Opening of toilets	80.00	R
8	93213641	CCC	Footway lighting 2012-2013	6495.46	R
9	3066	Travis Perkins	Christmas barriers	340.16	R
				79/0 1/	

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515 CHEQUES RAISED – JANUARY 2013

Cheque Payee Description Total Cat
No cheques raised

516 DIRECT DEBITS – JANUARY 2013

Date	Payee	Description	Total
02.01.13	SWALEC 1	Electricity bridge Street	20.00
02.01.13	SWALEC 2	Electricity bridge Street	10.00
02.01.13	Dwr Cymru 1	Water - Bridge Street	15.00
02.01.13	Dwr Cymru 2	Water - Bridge Street	27.50
02.01.13	British Gas 3	Gas - Bridge Street	21.20
02.01.13	British Gas 2	Gas - Bridge Street	279.00
02.01.13	BT SW 1231	Phone	75.00
11.01.13	Lloyds TSB	Service charges	27.19
14.01.13	British Gas	Gas - Tenant contract	6.75
15.01.13	CCC	Cemetery	18.00
15.01.13	CCC	Rates - bridge Street	565.00
16.01.13	British Gas	Gas - Bridge Street	17.00
			1081.64
		Telepay January 2013	
04.01.13	Staff	Wages	896.00
25.01.13	Konica Minolta	Copier	158.62
	Water for you	Water	77.94
	St Mary's Church	Hire of Parish Rooms	16.00
	NJ Landscapes	Grass cutting & hedging	230.40
	Wernick Hire	Portacabin hire - September	393.27
	Staff	Wages	2647.37
	Staff	PAYE	1214.45
			4738.05

Note and **Close** this table from the minutes.

517 MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

It was previously **RESOLVED** that a quotation for repairing the Mayoral Chain will be sought from local reputable jewellers.

518 RISK ASSESSMENT

The Town Clerk will review the risk assessment and circulate an updated version for 2013-2014 for consideration at the meeting on 12th March 2013.

519 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Town Clerk will review Section 5.2 and amend where necessary as per Minute 191 dated 20th July 2010.

520 CORRESPONDENCE – FEBRUARY 2013

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

521 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – FEBRUARY 2013

- 1. Fees for use of sporting facilities. High rent increases will cause severe problems for the sporting organisations that use Parc Stephens. The Town Clerk will write to the Chief Executive of the county council to express the town council's concerns.
- 2. Welfare Committee the Town Cerk will inform the committee that the Carnival is covered by the council's insurance policy. Note and **Close** this item.

12th MARCH 2013

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 12th March 2013

Present:- Town Mayor J.Gilasbey

Deputy Mayor T.Burns Chair R.Thomas

Councillors: B Huws, R.Davies, N.Howell-Davies,

F.Burke-Lloyd, P.Davies, L.Finch-Jones, K.Davies

Town Clerk Geraint Thomas
Town Secretary Anna Padgett

Apologies Councillor M. Thomas, G.G.Jone, H.Jones

571 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 578[1] Councillors K.Davies & F.Burke-Lloyd

Minute 578[3] Councillor F.Burke-Lloyd

Matters Arising from the Finance Committee Meeting of 12th February 2013

572 2 BRIDGE STREET – ASSET VALUE

It was agreed that the asset value of 2 Bridge Street be reviewed in the impending updated Town Council Asset Register review. The valuer will be requested to report on its value as it stands at present and also after refurbishment.

573 MAYORAL CHAIN

It was previously **RESOLVED** that a quotation for repairing the Mayoral Chain will be sought from local reputable jewellers.

574 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial statements will be circulated as soon as possible.

575 BILLS FOR PAYMENT – MARCH 2013

	Invoice	Payee	Description	Total	Cat
1	501A	Castle News	Newspapers	23.40	R
2	SMC10	St Mary's Church	Hire of Parish Rooms 19.02.13	16.00	R
3	Gon 1	Grants on line	Subscription	150.00	R
4	1697	NJ Landscapes	Emptying bins - February	230.40	Ε
5	144356	Wernick Hire	Portacabin Hire - February	355.20	R
6	30534331	Crown Estate	Lease of foreshore	280.00	Ε
7	39169	Water for You	Water	24.42	R
8	58	Time for Tea	Opening toilets	80.00	R
9	687078	Viking direct	Stationery & ink cartridges	250.02	R
10	1106925536	Konica Minolta	Copies	70.92	R
11	1106937083	Konica Minolta	Copier rental	158.62	R
				1638.98	

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576 CHEQUES RAISED – FEBRUARY 2013

Cheque	Payee	Description	Total Cat
6638	E buver	PC for Project Officer	341.08

577 DIRECT DEBITS – FEBUARY 2013

01.02.1	3 Dwr cymru 1	Water - Bridge Street	11.50
01.02.1	3 Dwr Cymru 2	Water - Bridge Street	20.50
01.02.1	3 BT SW 1231	Phone	75.00
04.02.1	3 SWALEC 2	Electricity bridge Street	10.00
04.02.1	3 SWALEC 1	Electricity - Bridge Street	20.00
04.02.1	3 British Gas 3	Gas - Bridge Street	21.20
04.02.1	3 British Gas 2	Gas - Bridge Street	279.00
08.02.1	3 Lloyds TSB	Service charges	26.42
13.02.1	3 Heart Internet	Internet – annual payment	107.99
14.02.1	3 British gas 4	Gas - Tenant contract	6.75
18.02.1	3 British Gas 1	Gas- Bridge Street	17.00
20.02.1	3 BT	Internet	96.25
			691.61

Note and **Close** this table from the minutes.

578 MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

- 1. Fees for use of sporting facilities. High rent increases will cause severe problems for the sporting organisations that use Parc Stephens. The Town Clerk has written to the county council to express the town council's concerns. He will contact other community councils also affected. No response has been received from the Leader of the Council regarding a meeting.
- 2. Dog waste bag dispenser. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a dispenser for Mynydd y Garreg.
- 3. Cost of detailed specification for work at Bridge Street. The Town Clerk has received 2 responses from Quantity Surveyors. Mr Robin Cammish has offered to compile the detailed specification of works. The Town Clerk will discuss this with Mr Cammish.
- 4. Town toilets the position after 1st April 2013 is unclear. The Town Clerk will request an urgent meeting with the Leader of the county council. The Mayor will convene an Extraordinary Meeting of Full Council if necessary to decide a course of action.

579 RISK ASSESSMENT

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Risk Assessment for 2012 – 2013 as per Town Clerk's amendments. The assessment will be circulated. Note and **Close** this item.

580 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Town Clerk has amended Section 5.2 as per Minute 191 dated 20th July 2010. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Financial Regulations. Note and **Close** this item.

581 CORRESPONDENCE MARCH 2013

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

582 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – MARCH 2013

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

16th APRIL 2013

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 16th April 2013

Present:- Town Mayor J.Gilasbey

Chair R.Thomas

Councillors: B Huws, R.Davies, N.Howell-Davies, G.G.Jone, H.Jones

F.Burke-Lloyd, P.Davies, L.Finch-Jones, M. Thomas

Town Clerk Geraint Thomas Town Secretary Anna Padgett

Apologies Councillor K.Davies, T.Burns

636 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 639 – Councillor L.Finch-Jones – in relation to the caretaker's wages Minute 645 [1] Councillor M. Thomas

Matters Arising from the Finance Committee Meeting of 12th March 2013

637 2 BRIDGE STREET – ASSET VALUE

It was agreed that the asset value of 2 Bridge Street be reviewed in the impending updated Town Council Asset Register review. The valuer will be requested to report on its value as it stands at present and also after refurbishment.

638 MAYORAL CHAIN

It was previously **RESOLVED** that a quotation for repairing the Mayoral Chain will be sought from local reputable jewellers. However, no local jewellers were prepared to carry out such specialised work. A quote from a specialist jeweller will be sought.

639 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial statements had been circulated. The Town Clerk indicated that £2k could be saved on the Insurance cover if a three year agreement is reached. It was **RESOLVED** that the existing signatories continue to sign cheques until the bank mandate for the new signatories is in operation. It was noted that the Gwenllian Hall is in arrears for the reimbursement of the caretaker's wages. The Petty Cash account for 2012 - 2013 had been circulated.

Councillor G.G.Jones left the meeting.

640 BILLS FOR PAYMENT – APRIL 2013

	Invoice	Payee	Description	Total	Cat
1	OVW1	One Voice Wales	Membership 2013-2014	419.00	R
2	11324	JRB Enterprises	Dog waste dispenser & bags	359.40	R
3	4588	Siddell Environmental	Drain blockage at 24 Station Road	114.00	Ε
4	ADF214	Travis Perkins	Padlock for Quay bollard	8.10	Ε
5	1115	One Voice Wales	Course - Strong Roots 4/3/13	30.00	R
6	154335	Wernick Hire	Portacabin rent March	393.27	R
7	3708ss	Security Solutions	Alarm fault - repair and parts	90.00	R
8	BB1	FC Bookbinder	Minute Books - 2011-12 2012-13	220.00	R

9	93282442	CCC	Costs - community elections	8523.20	R
10	39633	Water for You	Water	5.94	R
11	60	Time for Tea	Opening toilets	100.00	R
12	396	Aquaclear	Work at canal	6454.80	R
13	CA734984211	SWALEC	Unmetered electricity - Christmas Lights	134.89	R
14	RT1	Rook's Trophies	Teardrop - outgoing mayor	39.95	R
15	800138799	CCC	Rates portacabins 2013-2014	591.60	R
16	Q988519	CCS Media	Safesync internet	359.14	R
			Planning for the allotment compost		
17	Allot 1	CCC	toilet	83.00	Ε
				17926.29	

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641 CHEQUES RAISED – MARCH 2013

No cheques raised.

642 DIRECT DEBITS – MARCH 2013

Date	Payee	Description	Total
01.03.13	Dwr Cymru 1	Water - Bridge Street	11.50
01.03.13	Dwr Cymru 2	Water - Bridge Street	20.50
01.03.13	BT SW 1231	Phone	75.00
04.03.13	SWALEC 1	Electricity bridge Street	20.00
04.03.13	SWALEC 2	Electricity bridge Street	10.00
04.03.13	British Gas 3	Gas - Bridge Street	21.20
04.03.13	British Gas 2	Gas - Bridge Street	279.00
08.03.13	Cathedral Leasing	Feminine Hygiene bins	56.16
12.03.13	Lloyds TSB	Service charges	19.86
14.03.13	British Gas	Gas - Tenant contract	6.77
17.03.13	British Gas	Gas - Bridge Street	17.00
			536.99
Telepay			
27.03.13	Staff	Wages	896.00
	Staff	KTC wages	2647.77
	HMRC	PAYE	1214.05
	Dyfed Pension Fund	Staff pensions	2598.60
	Wernick	Portacabin hire	355.20
	N.J.Landscapes	Emptying bins	230.40
	Water for you	Water	24.42
	Viking	Ink & paper	250.02
	St Mary's Church	Room hire	16.00
	Konica Minolta	Photocopier	229.54
			8462.00

Direct debits to the county council for rates will in future be paid by one payment annually. Note and **Close** this table from the minutes.

643 MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

1. Fees for use of sporting facilities. High rent increases will cause severe problems for the sporting organisations that use Parc Stephens. The Town Clerk has written to the county council to express the town council's concerns. He has also contacted other community councils affected. It was noted that Carmarthen Town Council was under the impression that the county council is reviewing the situation regarding park fees.

A meeting of the Sporting Association was held on 12th April 2013, notes from that meeting had been circulated. Members were informed that the Sporting Association would require a lease before they could apply for grants. The county council will not give them a lease, but will enter into a lease agreement with the town council. So that the legal issues relating to the lease can be resolved and objections made to the increase in fees, a Sub-Committee will be set up to steer these initiatives. It was **RESOLVED** that the incoming Chair of Finance be appointed as Chair of the Sub-Committee. Sub-Committee members will meet with officers of the county council to discuss the issues. For clarity, this item will be renamed Sporting Association Sub-Committee in future minutes.

- 2. Dog waste bag dispenser. A dispenser for Mynydd y Garreg has been purchased and installed. Thanks were expressed to Councillor R.Davies and Mr Stephen Finch for this. Note and **Close** this item.
- 3. Cost of detailed specification for work at Bridge Street. Mr Robin Cammish has met with the Town Clerk. This matter was dealt with by the Estates Committee Minute 621. Mr Cammish will be thanked for his assistance in this matter. Note and **Close** this item.

644 REPLACEMENT MOTOR FOR TOWN CLOCK

It was **RESOLVED** to pay the cost of £1335 + VAT for purchase and installation of a new motor for the Town Clock. Note and **Close** this item.

645 COUNCIL WEBSITE

Quotes of between £400 - £1700 have been received – depending on the level of work undertaken to update the website. Further technical information is required before a decision can be taken. Mr Chilvers will be invited to attend a council meeting to advise members.

646 CORRESPONDENCE APRIL 2013

1	Carmarthenshire	A request for grant assistance to develop a website had been received. The
	Disability Coalition	organisation will be informed that there is no finance available to assist them.
	for Action	Note and Close this item.
2	Mr K Coles	It was noted that Mr Coles was dissatisfied with the rent increase on his
		Tramway Licence. Seven out of the ten Tramway Licences have been paid. Mr
		Coles will be informed of the reasons for the increase in licence fees. Note and
		Close this item.

647 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – APRIL 2013

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

The Chair thanked members and staff for their support during his term of office as Chair of the Finance Committee.

14th MAY 2013

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 14th May 2013

Present:- Town Mayor L. Finch-Jones

Deputy Mayor R.Thomas (Chair)

Councillors: B Huws, R.Davies, N.Howell-Davies, G.G.Jone, H.Jones, T.Burns

F.Burke-Lloyd, P.Davies, K.Davies, M. Thomas, J.Gilasbey

Town Clerk Geraint Thomas
Town Secretary Anna Padgett

Apologies Councillor

47 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

Matters Arising from the Finance Committee Meeting of 16th April 2013

48 2 BRIDGE STREET – ASSET VALUE

It was agreed that the asset value of 2 Bridge Street be reviewed in the impending updated Town Council Asset Register review. The valuer will be requested to report on its value as it stands at present and also after refurbishment.

49 MAYORAL CHAIN

It was previously **RESOLVED** that a quotation for repairing the Mayoral Chain will be sought from local reputable jewellers. However, no local jewellers were prepared to carry out such specialised work. A quote from a specialist jeweller will be sought.

50 BILLS FOR PAYMENT – MAY 2013

	Invoice	Payee	Description	Total	Cat
1	1713	NJ Landscapes	Emptying bins March 2013	230.40	Ε
2	1717	NJ Landscapes	Painting benches	213.60	Ε
3	1721	NJ Landscapes	Cutting grass & emptying bins April	2142.91	Ε
4	3940039	Chubb	Alarm Bridge street	158.38	R
5	SMC1	St Mary's Church	Hire of Parish Rooms	16.00	R
6	17909	John Williams	Resurfacing Heol Ray Gravell	3984.00	С
7	A9801	Amhurst Enterprises	Walkie talkies - carnival	133.20	R
8	40094	Water for you	Water	11.88	R
9	164679	Wernick	Portacabin hire	380.58	R
10	1562	Dyfrig Dalziel	Rental storage - 1.10.12 - 06.05.13	372.00	R
11	PW1	Pauline Williams	Mayor's Buffet	380	R
				8022.95	

Categories:- C = capital R = revenue E = estates S = suspense P = project Res = reserveNo 7 – the invoice for the Walkie Talkies will be passed on to the Welfare Committee for payment. It was **RESOLVED** to pay the Election costs of £8523.20. Note and **Close** this table from the minutes.

51 CHEQUES RAISED – APRIL 2013

No cheques raised.

52 DIRECT DEBITS – APRIL 2013

Date	Payee	Description	Total
02.04.13	SWALEC 1	Electricity - Bridge Street	20.00
02.04.13	SWALEC 2	Electricity - Bridge Street	43.00
02.04.13	Dwr Cymru 1	Water - Bridge Street	11.50
02.04.13	Dwr cymru 2	Water - Bridge Street	20.50
02.04.13	BT 4	Phones	75.00
02.04.13	British Gas 2	Gas - Bridge Street	279.00
02.04.13	British Gas 3	Gas - Bridge Street	21.20
12.04.13	Lloyds TSB	Service charges	28.67
15.04.13	British Gas 4	Gas - Tenant contract	6.75
15.04.13	CCC	Rates for the cemetery	14.60
15.04.13	CCC	Rates - bridge Street	580.00
16.04.13	British Gas 1	Gas -Bridge street	17.00
			1117.22

Note and **Close** this table from the minutes.

53 MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

No matters were referred.

54 SPORTING ASSOCIATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Members had previously been informed that the Sporting Association would require a lease before they could apply for grants. The county council will not give them a lease, but will enter into a lease agreement with the town council. So that the legal issues relating to the lease can be resolved and objections made to the increase in fees, a Sub-Committee has been set up to steer these initiatives. Sub-Committee members will meet with officers of the county council to discuss the issues.

55 COUNCIL WEBSITE

Quotes of between £400 - £1700 have been received – depending on the level of work undertaken to update the website. Further technical information is required before a decision can be taken. Mr Chilvers will be invited to attend a council meeting to advise members.

56 CORRESPONDENCE MAY 2013

1	Trustees - PGC	A request to consider hall funding was made. A report summarising the historical
		details and current position needed to form a decision on this matter will be compiled.

57 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – MAY 2013

Council Insurance – It was **RESOLVED** to grant Executive Powers to the Mayor, Chair of the Finance Committee and the Town Clerk to make a decision regarding the insurance renewal.

Note and **Close** this item.

Councillor F.Burke-Lloyd was wished a speedy recovery after her forthcoming operation.

11th JUNE 2013

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 11th June 2013

Present:- Town Mayor L. Finch-Jones

Deputy Mayor R.Thomas (Chair)

Councillors: B Huws, R.Davies, N.Howell-Davies, G.G.Jone, H.Jones, T.Burns

P.Davies, K.Davies, M. Thomas, J.Gilasbey

Town Clerk Geraint Thomas
Town Secretary Anna Padgett

Counciller E Purks Lloyd

Apologies Councillor F.Burke-Lloyd

103 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 108 – Councillor J. Gilasbey

Matters Arising from the Finance Committee Meeting of 14th May 2013

104 2 BRIDGE STREET – ASSET VALUE

It was agreed that the asset value of 2 Bridge Street be reviewed in the impending updated Town Council Asset Register review. The valuer will be requested to report on its value as it stands at present and also after refurbishment.

105 MAYORAL CHAIN

A quote of £175 from a specialist jeweller for repair of the chain has been received. Further damage has been noticed and a further quote for the additional repairs needed will be requested.

106 SPORTING ASSOCIATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Members had previously been informed that the Sporting Association would require a lease before they could apply for grants. The county council will not give them a lease, but will enter into a lease agreement with the town council. So that the legal issues relating to the lease can be resolved and objections made to the increase in fees, a Sub-Committee has been set up to steer these initiatives. Sub-Committee members will meet with officers of the county council to discuss the issues.

107 COUNCIL WEBSITE

Quotes of between £400 - £1700 have been received – depending on the level of work undertaken to update the website. Further technical information is required before a decision can be taken. Mr Chilvers has been invited to attend a council meeting in July to advise members.

108 CORRESPONDENCE MAY 2013

Trustees -	To clarify issues relating to the relationship between the town council and the hall trust and
PGC	to provide councillors with a historical perspective on how the community hall was
	established, it was agreed that a meeting be held between both parties. It was RESOLVED
	to accept the advice of the Town Clerk – to defer the matter until:-
	a] a meeting can be arranged between the town council and the hall committee
	b] the Standards Committee of the county council has ruled on the Dispensations requested.
	For clarity, this item will be renamed – Kidwelly Community Hall Trust.

109 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statements had been circulated. It was noted that over £3k had been saved on the council's insurance premium.

110 BILLS FOR PAYMENT – JUNE 2013

	Invoice	Payee	Description	Total	Cat
1	62	Time for Tea	Opening toilets - April	80.00	R
2	64	Time for Tea	Opening toilets - May	80.00	R
3	65	Time for Tea	Room hire 20.05.13	10.00	R
4	1048	Steve Chilvers	Set up of PC - reinstall	95.00	R
5	174751	Wernick Hire	Hire of portacabin	393.24	R
6	1063	One Voice Wales	Conference fees	195.00	R
7	501/1	Castle News	Newspapers	20.80	R
8	1732	NJ Landscapes	Grass cutting & bin emptying May	2142.91	Ε
9	3940039	Chubb	Alarm system	70.50	Ε
10	CNCS/199	Charles Newman	Schedule of works - Bridge St refurbishment	672.00	R
11	40596	Water for You	Water	5.94	R
				3765.39	

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111 CHEQUES RAISED – MAY 2013

No cheques raised.

112 DIRECT DEBITS – MAY 2013

02.05.13	SWALEC 2	Electricity - Bridge Street	43.00
02.05.13	SWALEC 1	Electricity - Bridge Street	20.00
02.05.13	Dwr Cymru 1	Water - Bridge Street	11.50
02.05.13	Dwr cymru 2	Water - Bridge Street	20.50
02.05.13	British Gas 3	Gas - Bridge Street	21.20
02.05.13	British Gas 2	Gas - Bridge Street	279.00
02.05.13	BT 4	Phones	75.00
13.05.13	Lloyds TSB	Service charges	20.40
15.05.13	British Gas 4	Gas - Tenant contract	6.75
15.05.13	CCC	Rates for the cemetery	19.00
15.05.13	CCC	Rates - bridge Street	580.00
16.05.13	British Gas 1	Gas -Bridge street	17.00
21.05.13	ВТ	Phones	93.60

Note and Close this table from the minutes.

1206.95

113 EXECUTIVE ACTION – COUNCIL INSURANCE

It was reported that a three year policy has been arranged with Zurich Municipal Insurance at a fixed premium of £3396.98 per year. Note and **Close** this item.

114 MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

No matters were referred.

115 CORRESPONDENCE - JUNE 2013

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

116 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – JUNE 2013

Funding for Cedweli 900 will be considered at the next meeting of the Finance Committee. Note and **Close** this item.

9th JULY 2013

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 9th July 2013

Present:- Town Mayor L. Finch-Jones

Deputy Mayor R.Thomas (Chair)

Councillors: B Huws, N.Howell-Davies, K.Davies, M. Thomas, J.Gilasbey,

Town Clerk Geraint Thomas Town Secretary Anna Padgett

Apologies Councillor T.Burns, R.Davies, P.Davies, H.Jones, F.Burke-Lloyd

157 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 162 – Councillors R.Thomas, L.Finch-Jones. Councillor J.Gilasbey left the room.

Matters Arising from the Finance Committee Meeting of 11th June 2013

158 2 BRIDGE STREET – ASSET VALUE

It was agreed that the asset value of 2 Bridge Street be reviewed in the impending updated Town Council Asset Register review. The valuer will be requested to report on its value as it stands at present and also after refurbishment.

159 MAYORAL CHAIN

A quote of £175 from a specialist jeweller for repair of the chain has been received. Further damage has been noticed and a further quote for the additional repairs is awaited.

160 SPORTING ASSOCIATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Members had previously been informed that the Sporting Association would require a lease before they could apply for grants. The county council will not give them a lease, but will enter into a lease agreement with the town council. So that the legal issues relating to the lease can be resolved and objections made to the increase in fees, a Sub-Committee has been set up to steer these initiatives. Sub-Committee members and members of the sporting organisations have been unsuccessful in arranging a meeting with officers of the county council to discuss the issues. The meeting is now needed urgently.

161 COUNCIL WEBSITE

Quotes of between £400 - £1700 have been received – depending on the level of work undertaken to update the website. Further technical information is required before a decision can be taken. The town council web designer is unable to carry out the work. Other organisations eg One Voice Wales, local community councils, will be asked for recommendations as to web designers.

162 KIDWELLY COMMUNITY HALL TRUST

To clarify issues relating to the relationship between the town council and the hall trust and to provide councillors with a historical perspective on how the community hall was established, a meeting was held between both parties on 9th July 2013. The Standards Committee of the county council has ruled on the Dispensations requested.

The Town Clerk had prepared a summary of debts owed by the trust to the town council. It was noted that the trust was always short of income in the summer months because of the non use of facilities by the sporting clubs. It was **RESOLVED** to give a grant of £4000 to the trust. The matter of the outstanding debt and the issues surrounding the Charity's status will be considered further at the next Finance Committee meeting.

163 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statements had been circulated. The Internal Auditors report for year ending 31st March 2013 was circulated and will be considered at the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

164 BILLS FOR PAYMENT – JULY 2013

	Invoice	Payee	Description	Total	Cat
1	PGC 1	Gwenllian Centre	Hire of Hall - Mayor's Luncheon	50.00	R
2	PGC 2	Gwenllian Centre	Hire of Hall - Council meetings	310.00	R
3	LL 1	Lyn Llewellyn	Internal Audit Year ending 31.03.13	300.00	R
4	1108051055	Konica Minilta	Photocopies	84.61	R
5	1108066018	Konica Minilta	Copier Hire	158.62	R
6	TPC5368	DCK Beavers	Accountancy fees 2012-2013	1063.74	R
7	1238	One Voice Wales	Preparation of policy document	30.00	R
8	1750	NJ Landscapes	Grass cutting & bins - June	2142.91	Ε
9	9360155	CCC	Garden waste sacks	580.80	R
10	41102	Water for You	Water	11.88	R
11	66	Time for Tea	Opening toilets	100.00	R
12	20752	Viking	Stationery & ink cartridges	154.99	R
13	184785	Wernick	Hire of portacabins	380.58	R
14	79354	Smiths of Derby	Replacement motor for town clock	1602.00	Ε
				6970.13	

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165 CHEQUES RAISED – JUNE 2013

No cheques raised.

166 DIRECT DEBITS – JUNE 2013

Date	Payee	Description	Total
03.06.13	SWALEC 1	Electricity - Bridge Street	20.00
03.06.13	SWALEC 2	Electricity - Bridge Street	43.00
03.06.13	Dwr Cymru 1	Water - Bridge Street	11.50
03.06.13	Dwr cymru 2	Water - Bridge Street	20.50
03.06.13	British Gas 2	Gas - Bridge Street	279.00
03.06.13	BT 4	Phones	75.00
04.06.13	British Gas 3	Gas - Bridge Street	21.20
07.06.13	Cathedral Leasing	Feminine Hygiene bins	56.16
14.06.13	Lloyds TSB	Service charges	28.78
14.06.13	British Gas 4	Gas - Tenant contract	6.75
17.06.13	CCC	Rates for the cemetery	19.00
17.06.13	CCC	Rates - bridge Street	580.00
17.06.13	British Gas 1	Gas -Bridge street	19.00
			1179.90

Note and **Close** this table from the minutes.

167 FUNDING FOR CYDWELI 900

This matter was deferred until September.

168 RISK ASSESSMENT – ANTI-HARASSMENT/ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

The policies will be circulated for consideration in September.

169 MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

No matters were referred.

170 CORRESPONDENCE - JULY 2013

1	Welsh memorial in	Financial assistance for funding for a Welsh memorial in Flanders was
	Flanders Campaign	regretfully refused. Note and Close this item.
2	Eisteddfod 2014	It was RESOLVED to release the £500 to the Eisteddfod 2014 local
	Committee	committee. This sum had been included in the budget. Note and Close
		this item.

Note and Close this item.

171 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – JULY 2013

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

8th OCTOBER 2013

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 8th October 2013

Present:- Councillors: T,Burns (Chair)

K.Davies, J.Gilasbey, F.Burke-Lloyd, R.Davies, P.Davies

Town Clerk Geraint Thomas
Town Secretary Anna Padgett

Apologies Councillor

Councillor T.Burns took the chair, in the absence of the Chair and Deputy Chair.

291 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 296 – Councillor J.Gilasbey

Matters Arising from the Finance Committee Meeting of 10th September 2013

292 2 BRIDGE STREET – ASSET VALUE

It was agreed that the asset value of 2 Bridge Street be reviewed in the impending updated Town Council Asset Register review. The valuer will be requested to report on its value as it stands at present and also after refurbishment.

293 MAYORAL CHAIN

A quote of £175 from a specialist jeweller for repair of the chain has been received. Further damage has been noticed and a further quote for the additional repairs is awaited.

294 SPORTING ASSOCIATION SUB-COMMITTEE

It was reported that the county council is prepared to hand over Park Stephens to the Sporting Association if it is in partnership with the town council. There is ambiguity over the position held by the county council on this and associated issues. A meeting will be arranged between the town council, county council and Sporting Association. An assessment of realistic costs for taking over Parc Stephens will be needed.

295 COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Town Clerk had previously reported that a £500 grant had been received from the county council, towards web design. Two councillors had provided feedback on the council's requirements. The town clerk is in discussion with several web design providers.

296 KIDWELLY COMMUNITY HALL TRUST

The matter of the outstanding debt and the issues surrounding the Charity's status is ongoing. The Town Clerk has met with hall trustees and CAVS. CAVS have stated that the constitution is legally binding and therefore the town council is legally bound to cover debts incurred by the hall trust. Written confirmation of this is awaited. Legal advice has been sought from One Voice Wales.

297 FUNDING FOR CYDWELI 900

It was previously resolved to donate £500 from this year's budget allocation. This matter will be considered further at Full Council. Note and **Close** this item.

298 RISK ASSESSMENT – ANTI-HARASSMENT/ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

The policy was referred to the Policy & Strategy Committee for consideration. Note and Close this item.

299 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statements had been circulated. The accounts had been balanced until the end of August 2013. Procedures are in place to deal with VAT issues.

300 BILLS FOR PAYMENT – OCTOBER 2013

	Invoice	Payee	Description	Total	Cat
1	1776	NJ Landscapes	Grass cutting & bins - August	2142.91	Е
2	72	Time for Tea	Opening toilets	90.00	R
3	200215	Viking	Ink cartridges	80.23	R
4	1109241893	Konica Minolta	Photocopies	46.74	R
5	1109254513	Konica Minolta	Hire of copier	158.62	R
6	PGC3	PGC	Hire of Hall	180.00	R
7	1783	N.J.Landscapes	Grass cutting & bins - September	2142.91	E
8	501	Castle News	Newspapers	22.75	R
9	S1057497	J.Parker	Daffodils	390.00	Е
10	703	Time for Tea	Opening toilets	90.00	R
				5344.16	

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301 CHEQUES RAISED – SEPTEMBER 2013

No cheques raised.

302 DIRECT DEBITS – SEPTEMBER 2013

Date	Payee	Description	Total
02.09.13	Dwr Cymru 1	Water - Bridge Street	11.50
02.09.13	Dwr cymru 2	Water - Bridge Street	20.50
02.09.13	BT 4	Phones	75.00
02.09.13	SWALEC 1	Electricity - Bridge Street	20.00
02.09.13	SWALEC 2	Electricity - Bridge Street	12.00
02.09.13	British Gas	Gas - Bridge Street	709.00
03.09.13	British Gas 3	Gas - Bridge Street	21.45
06.09.13	Cathedral Leasing	Feminine hygiene	56.16
16.09.13	British Gas 4	Gas - tenant	6.76
16.09.13	ccc	Rates cemetery	19.00
16.09.13	CCC	Rates - Bridge Street	580.00
			1531.37

Note and **Close** this table from the minutes.

303 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the report. Note and **Close** this item

304 TENDERS FOR REFURBISHMENT OF GROUND FLOOR OF 2 BRIDGE STREET

The comments, by the Quantity Surveyor, on the tenders received had been circulated. He recommended that no tender be awarded until full details of the work to be done had been clarified. The town clerk will inform tenderers of the delay.

As RFO, the town clerk expressed his concern over any plans to expend large amounts of money, until the external auditors had ruled on the capital receipts issue. Any spend could be considered negligent when the council's financial position is not clear. The town clerk will provide a report on this matter.

It was **RESOLVED** to defer any decision about tenders until after the options presented within the OWG Report had been considerd.

305 MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

No matters were referred.

306 CORRESPONDENCE - OCTOBER 2013

1	Kidwelly Civic	The society has offered to maintain the gateway planters. It was RESOLVED to
	Society	accept the offer. Note and Close this item.

307 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – OCTOBER 2013

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

10th SEPTEMBER 2013

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 10th September 2013

Present:- Town Mayor L. Finch-Jones

Deputy Mayor R.Thomas (Chair)

Councillors: B Huws, K.Davies, M. Thomas, J.Gilasbey, T.Burns, R.Davies,

P.Davies, H.Jones, F.Burke-Lloyd, G.G.Jones

Town Clerk Geraint Thomas
Town Secretary Anna Padgett
Councillor N.Howell-Davies

Apologies Councillor N.Howell-Davies

237 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 242 – Councillor R.Thomas. Councillor J.Gilasbey left the room.

Matters Arising from the Finance Committee Meeting of 9th July 2013

238 2 BRIDGE STREET – ASSET VALUE

It was agreed that the asset value of 2 Bridge Street be reviewed in the impending updated Town Council Asset Register review. The valuer will be requested to report on its value as it stands at present and also after refurbishment.

239 MAYORAL CHAIN

A quote of £175 from a specialist jeweller for repair of the chain has been received. Further damage has been noticed and a further quote for the additional repairs is awaited.

240 SPORTING ASSOCIATION SUB-COMMITTEE

It was reported that the county council is prepared to hand over Park Stephens to the Sporting Association if it is in partnership with the town council. There are indications that there will be no increase in park charges while negotiations are on-going. It was **RESOLVED** that a meeting be arranged between the town council and Sporting Association.

241 COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Town Clerk reported that a £500 grant had been received from the county council, towards web design. Vision ICT – web designers offer discounted fees – as per endorsement by One Voice Wales. A quote of £1000 has been received. Debate ensued as to the requirements of the town council. Councillors were requested to look at other council websites for ideas. Councillor M.Thomas will provide information regarding accessibility issues.

242 KIDWELLY COMMUNITY HALL TRUST

The matter of the outstanding debt and the issues surrounding the Charity's status was considered.

The Town Clerk has met with hall trustees and CAVS. It was noted that the Memorandum of Understanding relates only to Phase 2. CAVS have stated that the constitution is legally binding and therefore the town council is legally bound to cover debts incurred by the hall trust. Written confirmation of this is awaited. Legal advice will be sought from One Voice Wales. The constitution is being updated to reflect the present make up of trustees.

243 FUNDING FOR CYDWELI 900

It was **RESOLVED** to give £500 to Cydweli 900 from this year's budget.

244 RISK ASSESSMENT – ANTI-HARASSMENT/ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

The policy had been circulated.

245 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statements had been circulated.

246 BILLS FOR PAYMENT – SEPTEMBER 2013

	Invoice	Payee	Description	Total	Cat
1	1758	NJ Landscapes	Carnival - man and van	291.60	R
2	OS1	Ordnance Survey	Copying Licence	65.70	R
3	1762	NJ Landscapes	Grass cutting - July	2142.91	E
4	195085	Wernick Hire	Portacabins - July	380.58	R
5	41588	Water for You	Water	25.62	R
6	11883	JRB Enterprises	Dog waste bags	262.80	R
7	68	Time for Tea	Opening toilets	80.00	R
8	12340	JNC Fire Protection	Extinguisher servicing	131.76	R
9	SM14002	Rialtas	Omega support	553.20	R
10	Lott718	CCC	Lottery Licence	20.00	R
11	4088238	Chubb	Alarms	70.50	R
12	1776	NJ Landscapes	Grass cutting - August	2142.91	Е
13	703049884	British gas	Gas - Bridge Street	788.53	R
14	79993	Smith of Derby	Repairs Town Clock	180.00	Е
15	201175	Wernick Hire	Portacabin	12.69	R
16	72	Time for Tea	Opening toilets	90.00	R
17	210648	Wernick Hire	Portacabin	393.27	R
18	42128	Water for You	Water	5.94	R
				7638.01	

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247 CHEQUES RAISED – JULY / AUGUST 2013

No cheques raised.

248 DIRECT DEBITS – JULY / AUGUST 2013

Date	Payee	Description	Total
01.07.13	Dwr Cymru 1	Water - Bridge Street	11.50
01.07.13	Dwr cymru 2	Water - Bridge Street	20.50
01.07.13	BT 4	Phones	75.00
02.07.13	SWALEC 1	Electricity - Bridge Street	20.00
02.07.13	SWALEC 2	Electricity - Bridge Street	12.00
03.07.13	British Gas 3	Gas - Bridge Street	21.20
12.07.13	Lloyds TSB	Service charges	22.99
15.07.13	British Gas 4	Gas - Tenant contract	6.76
15.07.13	CCC	Rates for the cemetery	19.00
15.07.13	CCC	Rates - bridge Street	580.00
16.07.13	British Gas 1	Gas -Bridge street	19.00
01.08.13	Dwr Cymru 1	Water - Bridge Street	11.50
01.08.13	Dwr cymru 2	Water - Bridge Street	20.50
01.08.13	BT 4	Phones	75.00
02.08.13	SWALEC 1	Electricity - Bridge Street	20.00
02.08.13	SWALEC 2	Electricity - Bridge Street	12.00
02.08.13	British Gas 3	Gas - Bridge Street	21.20
02.08.13	British Gas	Gas - Bridge Street	709.00
09.08.13	Lloyds TSB	Service charges	21.82
14.08.13	British Gas 4	Gas - Tenant contract	6.76
15.08.13	CCC	Rates for the cemetery	19.00
15.08.13	CCC	Rates - bridge Street	580.00
			2304.73

Note and **Close** this table from the minutes.

249 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

To be considered at the next meeting.

250 MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

No matters were referred.

251 CORRESPONDENCE - SEPTEMBER 2013

1 Kidwelly Civic The society has offered to maintain the gateway planters. This will be Society considered at the next meeting.

2 Gerri Tennant Varies issues relating to Cydweli 900 have been raised. These were

considered at Minute 230. Note and Close this item.

252 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – SEPTEMBER 2013

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

1st OCTOBER 2013

Apologies

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 1st October 2013

Present:- Town Mayor L. Finch-Jones

Deputy Mayor R.Thomas (Chair)

Councillors: B Huws, K.Davies, M. Thomas, J.Gilasbey, T.Burns, R.Davies,

P.Davies, H.Jones, G.G.Jones, N.Howell-Davies

Town Clerk Geraint Thomas
Town Secretary Anna Padgett
Project Officer M.McGerty
Councillor F.Burke-Lloyd

255 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

256 EXTERNAL AUDIT – CAPITAL RECEIPTS

The Town Clerk informed members that the external auditor had picked up the issue of the use of capital receipts. The particular issue relates to the decision of the council in 2010–2011 and 2011-2012 to give capital grants to local designated organisations in order for them to pay for the services of the project officer. In previous years the salary of the project officer had been predominantly funded by the Town Forum.

The issue was raised in the two audit periods in question, however, having had definitive advice as to the validity of using capital receipts from our internal auditor and our accountant it was deemed appropriate not to take further action.

As far as audit for 2012-2013 is concerned the external auditor has stated that the accounts are in order but is not of the opinion that the use of capital receipts as indicated above is acceptable. If this opinion is upheld, the council would be required to repay the capital receipts from its revenue budget.

The current position is that the external auditor is being supplied with information and details on the use of capital receipts. He will then be able to give an informed response.

This matter will be considered further at the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

12th NOVEMBER 2013

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 12th November 2013

Present:- Deputy Mayor R.Thomas (Chair)

Councillors: T,Burns, J.Gilasbey, H.Jones, F.Burke-Lloyd

Town Clerk Geraint Thomas Town Secretary Anna Padgett

Apologies Councillor R.Davies, P.Davies, K.Davies, M.Thomas

360 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 365 – Councillor J.Gilasbey

Matters Arising from the Finance Committee Meeting of 8th October 2013

361 2 BRIDGE STREET – ASSET VALUE

It was agreed that the asset value of 2 Bridge Street be reviewed in the impending updated Town Council Asset Register review. The valuer will be requested to report on its value as it stands at present and also after refurbishment.

362 MAYORAL CHAIN

A quote of £175 from a specialist jeweller for repair of the chain has been received. Further damage has been noticed and a further quote for the additional repairs is awaited.

363 SPORTING ASSOCIATION SUB-COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk informed members that new officers at the county council had taken over the discussions on the transfer of the park to the town council. Costs of running the park are not clear. A meeting will be arranged between the town council, county council and sporting association to progress this matter.

364 COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Town Clerk had previously reported that a £500 grant had been received from the county council, towards web design. The town clerk will arrange for a web design provider to meet with councillors.

365 KIDWELLY COMMU NITY HALL TRUST

The matter of the outstanding debt and the issues surrounding the Charity's status is ongoing. The Town Clerk has met with hall trustees and CAVS. CAVS have stated that the constitution is legally binding and therefore the town council is legally bound to cover debts incurred by the hall trust. Written confirmation of this is awaited. Legal advice has been sought from One Voice Wales.

366 TENDERS FOR REFURBISHMENT OF GROUND FLOOR OF 2 BRIDGE STREET

The comments, by the Quantity Surveyor, on the tenders received had been circulated. He recommended that no tender be awarded until full details of the work to be done had been clarified. The town clerk has informed tenderers of the delay.

As RFO, the town clerk had previously expressed his concern over any plans to expend large amounts of money, until the external auditors had ruled on the capital receipts issue. The town clerk has provided a report on this matter.

It was previously **RESOLVED** to defer any decision about tenders until after the options presented within the OWG Report had been considered.

367 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statements had been circulated. The town clerk outlined the present financial position of the council. At the end of September 2013 there were £229k reserves. He reported that the External Auditors are proposing to issue a letter of public interest relating to the accounts. The town clerk is awaiting further information.

368 BILLS FOR PAYMENT – NOVEMBER 2013

	Invoice	Payee	Description	Total	Cat
1	1797	NJ Landscapes	Grass cutting & bins	2142.91	E
2	A10528	Amhurst	Walkie talkie hire - Christmas lights	78.00	R
3	11	Twyn Landscapes	Spraying of Knotweed	700.00	E
4	82	Time for Tea	Opening toilets	80.00	R
5	4367	Wernick Hire	Hire of portacabins	393.24	R
6	42982	Water for You	Water	11.88	R
7	GMB1	Guild of Mace Bearers	Annual subscription	25.00	R
8	140571	Viking	Ink cartridges	77.41	R
9	LJL 1	LJ Tree Services	Tree cutting	650.00	Е
				4158.44	

It was noted that the town clerk had to sign cheques, as there was no Mayor in position. It was **RESOLVED** that the Deputy Chair of the Finance Committee be added to the Bank Mandate so that there would be four signatories.

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368 CHEQUES RAISED – OCTOBER 2013

No cheques raised.

369 DIRECT DEBITS – OCTOBER 2013

507 DIRECT DEBITS - OCTOBER 2015			
Date	Payee	Description	Total
01.10.13	Dwr Cymru 1	Water - Bridge Street	11.50
01.10.13	Dwr cymru 2	Water - Bridge Street	20.50
01.10.13	BT 4	Phones	75.00
02.10.13	SWALEC 1	Electricity - Bridge Street	20.00
02.10.13	SWALEC 2	Electricity - Bridge Street	12.00
02.10.13	British Gas	Gas - Bridge Street	709.00
02.10.13	British Gas 3	Gas - Bridge Street	21.38
14.10.13	British Gas 4	Gas - tenant	6.76
15.10.13	CCC	Rates cemetery	19.00
15.10.13	CCC	Rates - Bridge Street	580.00
			1475.14

Note and Close this table from the minutes.

370 MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

The rent of H2 was reviewed. After due consideration it was **RESOLVED** that the rent was a fair and reasonable rent. Note and **Close**.

371 CORRESPONDENCE - NOVEMBER 2013

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

372 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – NOVEMBER 2013

Arrangements for the Christmas lighting ceremony were considered. Note and **Close** this item.

10th DECEMBER 2013

Apologies

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 10th December 2013

Present:- Town Mayor J.Gilasbey

Deputy Mayor R.Thomas (Chair)

Councillors: T,Burns, H.Jones, F.Burke-Lloyd, P.Davies, K.Davies

Town Clerk Geraint Thomas
Town Secretary Anna Padgett
Councillor M.Thomas

Prior to the meeting Mr Nigel Hillier from ICT Vision Web Designs had given a presentation to the members – See Minute 430.

426 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 429 – Councillors K.Davies, J.Gilasbey, F.Burke-Lloyd. Minute 431 – Councillor J.Gilasbey

Matters Arising from the Finance Committee Meeting of 12th November 2013

427 2 BRIDGE STREET – ASSET VALUE

It was agreed that the asset value of 2 Bridge Street be reviewed in the impending updated Town Council Asset Register review. The valuer will be requested to report on its value as it stands at present and also after refurbishment.

428 MAYORAL CHAIN

A quote of £175 from a specialist jeweller for repair of the chain has been received. Further damage has been noticed and a further quote for the additional repairs is awaited.

429 SPORTING ASSOCIATION SUB-COMMITTEE

A meeting with the county council and sporting association was held on 5th December 2013 regarding the asset transfer of Parc Stephens. The Town Clerk had prepared a report and circulated the county council's response. Payment of fees, while negotiations are ongoing, is unclear. It was recognised that many complex issues are outstanding and no decisions can be made while there are too many unknown costs. It was **RESOLVED**:- [1] that the Town clerk schedule a series of meetings with all involved and arrange a timeframe into which stages of negotiations can be timetabled. [2] to liaise with other bodies in a similar situation to lobby the county council to rescind its decision to withdraw funding from sports fields and play areas within Carmarthenshire.

430 TENDERS FOR REFURBISHMENT OF GROUND FLOOR OF 2 BRIDGE STREET

The comments, by the Quantity Surveyor, on the tenders received had been circulated. He recommended that no tender be awarded until full details of the work to be done had been clarified. The town clerk has informed tenderers of the delay.

As RFO, the town clerk had previously expressed his concern over any plans to expend large amounts of money, until the external auditors had ruled on the capital receipts issue. The town clerk has provided a report on this matter.

It was previously **RESOLVED** to defer any decision about tenders until after the options presented within the OWG Report had been considered.

431 KIDWELLY COMMUNITY HALL TRUST

The matter of the outstanding debt and the issues surrounding the Charity's status is ongoing. This will be taken into account when considering the budget for 2014-2015.

432 COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Town Clerk had previously reported that a £500 grant had been received from the county council, towards web design. The presentation given earlier by Mr Hillier from ICT Vision was discussed. He will be requested to set up a dummy website for consideration by members. A decision will be made at the January meeting.

433 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statements had been circulated.

434 BILLS FOR PAYMENT – JANUARY 2014

	Invoice	Payee	Description	Total	Cat
1	1807	NJ Landscapes	Emptying bins	230.40	E
2	34	Time for Tea	Opening toilets	90.00	R
3	235474	Wernick Hire	Hire of portacabins	380.58	R
4	43235	Water for You	Water and annual rental fee	83.88	R
5	PW2	Pauline Williams	Remembrance Day Buffet	180.00	R
6	PW3	Pauline Williams	Christmas Lighting Buffet	75.00	R
7	133	Llwyndu Farm	Christmas trees & barriers	1150.80	R
8	H318145	Parker Plant Hire	Floodlights	144.00	R
9	SLCC1	SLCC	Subscription	231.00	R
10	4233964	Chubb	Alarms	70.50	R
11	G.6/28	R.T.Electrics	Christmas lights	5244.00	R
				2927.00	С
				10807.16	

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.

435 CHEQUES RAISED – NOVEMBER 2013

No cheques raised.

436 DIRECT DEBITS – NOVEMBER 2013

Date	Payee	Description	Total
01.11.13	Dwr Cymru 1	Water - Bridge Street	11.50
01.11.13	Dwr cymru 2	Water - Bridge Street	20.50
01.11.13	BT 4	Phones	75.00
04.11.13	SWALEC 1	Electricity - Bridge Street	20.00
04.11.13	SWALEC 2	Electricity - Bridge Street	12.00
04.11.13	British Gas 3	Gas - Bridge Street	21.38
04.11.13	British Gas	Gas - Bridge Street	709.00
08.11.13	Lloyds TSB	Service charges	22.29
14.11.13	British Gas 4	Gas - Tenant contract	6.76
15.11.13	ccc	Rates for the cemetery	19.00
15.11.13	ccc	Rates - bridge Street	580.00
20.11.13	BT	Phones	93.60
22.11.13	Data Protection	Renewal fee	35.00
			1626.03

Note and **Close** this table from the minutes.

437 CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET – 2014 - 2015

The Town Clerk outlined some of the main issues which would need to be considered at the Budget setting meeting scheduled for January 2013. The external auditors report is awaited, the content of which will affect the precept. Thanks were expressed to the Chair of Finance and Town Clerk for the work already carried out on preparing the budget.

438 MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES

There were no matters referred.

439 CORRESPONDENCE - DECEMBER 2013

1	CAVS	Invitation to become a member. This matter will be considered at the January meeting of the
		committee.

440 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – DECEMBER 2013

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

The Chair wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.