7th JANUARY 2014

At the Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 7th January 2014

Present:-	Town Mayor	J.Gilasbey
	Deputy Mayor	R.Thomas
	Chair	K.Davies
	Councillors:	M Thomas, T.Burns, R.Davies, P.Davies, H.Jones
	Town Clerk	Geraint Thomas
	Town Secretary	Anna Padgett
Apologies	Councillors	F.Burke-Lloyd

462 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Arising from the General Purposes Committee Meetings of 3rd December 2013

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

463 TRAFFIC CONTROL - KIDWELLY

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

464 RECYCLING

The town council had previously given permission for the county council to construct a small recycling site at the corner of Brynhefin Fields at their expense. 250 leaflets asking for opinions were distributed. 43 were returned plus a petition from users of the school. It was agreed that a surgery be held in Mynydd y Garreg hall to receive views from the residents. This will be held in the new year.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

465 TOWN TOILETS

It was previously **RESOLVED** to take responsibility for the toilets on the basis of the 3 year transfer plan. The draft lease has been received. The area outlined includes the whole square, not just the toilets. The Town Clerk will query this, as the council has not agreed to a full take over of the square. A meeting regarding the refurbishment of the square is being arranged. A door has blown off the toilets during the recent storms and problems with flushing have been reported. Repairs are in hand.

466 MEALS ON WHEELS

The rota for January has not been received. Arrangements will be made as soon as the information becomes available.

467 ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS 2013

Favourable comments have been received about the Christmas Lighting event. Thanks were expressed to all who helped on the night. The Nativity will be removed with the help of volunteers. The lights will be taken down and the tree removed as soon as the high winds have stopped. Note and **Close** this item.

468 TOWN SQUARE - REFURBISHMENT

Suggested designs are available for viewing in the office.

469 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

No report was given due to the Christmas recess.

470 RAIL SERVICES AT KIDWELLY

The number of train stops at Kidwelly station is inadequate, especially at times needed by commuters. It was **RESOLVED** to make representation to [a] Arriva Trains to add additional stops to the timetable and [b] to build more services into the franchise agreement which is due for renewal in 2015. The Town Clerk has written a letter stating the above and members of the public will be encouraged to support this.

471 CORRESPONDENCE – JANUARY 2014

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

472 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – JANUARY 2014

The Town Clerk reported that the repairs to the Library have been completed. The external gas supply has been capped off. The possibility of putting in convector heaters will be investigated. Note and **Close** this item.

4th FEBRUARY 2014

At the Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 4th February 2014

Present:-	Town Mayor	J.Gilasbey
	Deputy Mayor	R.Thomas
	Chair	K.Davies
	Councillors:	T.Burns, R.Davies, P.Davies, S.John
	Town Clerk	Geraint Thomas
	Town Secretary	Anna Padgett
Apologies	Councillors	F.Burke-Lloyd

528 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Arising from the General Purposes Committee Meetings of 7th January 2014

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

529 TRAFFIC CONTROL - KIDWELLY

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

530 RECYCLING

The town council had previously given permission for the county council to construct a small recycling site at the corner of Brynhefin Fields at their expense. 250 leaflets asking for opinions were distributed. 43 were returned plus a petition from users of the school. It was agreed that a surgery be held in Mynydd y Garreg hall to receive views from the residents. This will be held in March 2014 after the surgery has been advertised.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

531 TOWN TOILETS

It was previously **RESOLVED** to take responsibility for the toilets on the basis of the 3 year transfer plan. The draft lease has been received. The area outlined includes the whole square, not just the toilets. The Town Clerk will query this, as the council has not agreed to a full take-over of the square. It was noted that the toilets are being closed very early in the day. Arrangements to extend opening hours at the weekend will be made.

532 MEALS ON WHEELS

The rota for February was arranged:-Thursday 13th February 2014 – Councillor T.Burns Friday 14th February 2014 – Councillor R.Davies

533 TOWN SQUARE - REFURBISHMENT

Suggested designs are available for viewing in the office. Further designs have been submitted to the Forum for consideration.

534 RAIL SERVICES AT KIDWELLY

The number of train stops at Kidwelly station is inadequate, especially at times needed by commuters. It was previously **RESOLVED** to make representation to [a] Arriva Trains to add additional stops to the timetable and [b] to build more services into the franchise agreement which is due for renewal in 2015. The Town Clerk has written a letter stating the above and members of the public will be encouraged to support this.

535 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

1. The new bungalows at Morfa Maen will be ready for occupation in March 2014.

2. Work on the pavements in the square have commenced as part of the Safe Routes initiative. Work on various other routes are ongoing. Safety signs need to be installed.

3. Ysgol Gwenllian is in Band B for development and work on a new building is not imminent. However, suitable land is being sought for the new school.

4. Councillor K.Davies will attend the transport seminar.

536 CORRESPONDENCE – FEBRUARY 2014

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

537 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – FEBRUARY 2014

Matters to be addressed at the next meeting of the committee:-

- 1. Lighting on the by-pass
- 2. Dog waste bags

Note and **Close** this item.

4th MARCH 2014

At the Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 4th March 2014

Present:-	Town Mayor	J.Gilasbey
	Deputy Mayor	R.Thomas
	Chair	K.Davies
	Councillors:	T.Burns, R.Davies, P.Davies, S.John, J.Mayne, A.Jenkins
	Town Clerk	Geraint Thomas
	Town Secretary	Anna Padgett
Apologies	Councillors	F.Burke-Lloyd, M.Thomas, H.Jones

592 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Arising from the General Purposes Committee Meetings of 4th February 2014

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

593 TRAFFIC CONTROL - KIDWELLY

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

594 RECYCLING

The town council had previously given permission for the county council to construct a small recycling site at the corner of Brynhefin Fields at their expense. 250 leaflets asking for opinions were distributed. 43 were returned plus a petition from users of the school. A surgery will be held in Mynydd y Garreg Hall on 5th April 2014 at 10.00am to receive views from the public. All councillors were encouraged to attend. This will be an opportunity to meet residents.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

595 TOWN TOILETS

It was previously **RESOLVED** to take responsibility for the toilets on the basis of the 3 year transfer plan. An amended draft lease has been received which includes just the toilets and not the whole square. The town clerk reported that new toilet doors will be fitted in April. Complaints about the cleanliness in the toilets have been received.

596 MEALS ON WHEELS

The rota for March was arranged:-Thursday 13th March 2014 – Councillors J.Gilasbey and P.Davies Friday 14th March 2014 – Councillor T.Burns

597 TOWN SQUARE - REFURBISHMENT

Suggested designs are available for viewing in the office. Further designs have been submitted to the Forum for consideration.

598 RAIL SERVICES AT KIDWELLY

The number of train stops at Kidwelly station is inadequate, especially at times needed by commuters. It was previously **RESOLVED** to make representation to [a] Arriva Trains to add additional stops to the timetable and [b] to build more services into the franchise agreement which is due for renewal in 2015. The Town Clerk has written a letter stating the above and members of the public will be encouraged to support this.

599 LIGHTING ON KIDWELLY BY-PASS

The necessity for all the lights to be on throughout the night was queried. Nigel Francis, Lighting Officer for the county council will be asked to provide details of the lighting paid for by the town council, and if necessary, asked to attend a meeting to explain the types of lighting fitted in the lampposts and the rationale behind this usage.

600 PROVISION OF DOG WASTE BAGS

It was noted that dog fouling was present despite the availability of dog waste bags. It was also noted that, although most of the bag dispensers were regularly filled, some dog owners were taking several bags at a time. The financial cost of providing the dispensers and bags is considerable and because of irresponsible owners not clearing up after their dogs, the problem of fouling public areas still exists. Some felt that dog owners should provide their own bags. The situation will be monitored.

601 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Handouts from the Transport seminar attended by county councillor K.Davies were made available.

Town Car Park – new signage is to be installed.

Parking in Lady Street – enforcement officers are patrolling the area. The legality of parking on the pavement will be queried with the police.

602 CORRESPONDENCE – MARCH 2014

1	Peter Stringer	Complaints regarding parking at Morfa Maen during sporting events held at Parc Stephens
		had been received. This will be considered further at the next meeting. For clarity, this item
		will be renamed "Parking at Morfa Maen".

603 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – MARCH 2014

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

1st APRIL 2014

At the Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 1st April 2014

Present:-	Town Mayor	J.Gilasbey
	Deputy Mayor	R.Thomas
	Chair	K.Davies
	Councillors:	T.Burns, R.Davies, S.John, J.Mayne, A.Jenkins, M.Thomas
		F.Burke-Lloyd
	Town Clerk	Geraint Thomas
	Town Secretary	Anna Padgett
Apologies	Councillors	G.G.Jones, H.Jones, P.Davies

The Chair thanked the Mayor for all her work done for the community.

661 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Arising from the General Purposes Committee Meetings of 4th March 2014

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

662 TRAFFIC CONTROL - KIDWELLY

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Safe Routes – several bollards have been knocked over.

663 LIGHTING ON KIDWELLY BY-PASS

The necessity for all the lights to be on throughout the night was queried. Nigel Francis, Lighting Officer for the county council has been asked to provide details of the lighting paid for by the town council. He will explain the types of lighting fitted in the lampposts and the rationale behind this usage.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

664 RECYCLING

The town council had previously given permission for the county council to construct a small recycling site at the corner of Brynhefin Fields at their expense. A surgery will be held in Mynydd y Garreg Hall on 5th April 2014 at 10.00am to receive views from the public. All councillors were encouraged to attend. This will be an opportunity to meet residents.

665 PROVISION OF DOG WASTE BAGS

It was noted that dog fouling was present despite the availability of dog waste bags. It was also noted that, although most of the bag dispensers were regularly filled, some dog owners were taking several bags at a time. The press were requested to appeal to the public to refrain from doing this. It was noted that 2 bins had been removed from the park during the work on Safe Routes. Only one had been replaced.

The financial cost of providing the dispensers and bags is considerable and because of irresponsible owners not clearing up after their dogs, the problem of fouling public areas still exists. It was **RESOLVED** to continue to supply dog waste bags. The situation will continue to be monitored.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

666 TOWN TOILETS

It was previously **RESOLVED** to take responsibility for the toilets on the basis of the 3 year transfer plan. An amended draft lease has been received which includes just the toilets and not the whole square. The town clerk reported that new toilet doors will be fitted in April.

667 MEALS ON WHEELS

The rota for March was arranged:-Thursday 10th April 2014 – Councillor T.Burns Friday 11th April 2014 – Councillor R.Davies

668 TOWN SQUARE - REFURBISHMENT

Suggested designs are available for viewing in the office. Further designs have been submitted to the Forum for consideration.

669 RAIL SERVICES AT KIDWELLY

The number of train stops at Kidwelly station is inadequate, especially at times needed by commuters. It was previously **RESOLVED** to make representation to [a] Arriva Trains to add additional stops to the timetable and [b] to build more services into the franchise agreement which is due for renewal in 2015. The Town Clerk has written a letter stating the above and members of the public will be encouraged to support this.

670 PARKING AT MORFA MAEN

Complaints regarding parking at Morfa Maen during sporting events held at Parc Stephens had been received. It was reported that the county council have plans to extend the parking area near the park to alleviate the problem. The complainant will be informed. Note and **Close** this item.

671 HANGING BASKETS

Artificial hanging baskets are surplus to requirements. It was **RESOLVED** to offer them for sale. Note and Close this item.

672 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

It was reported that the Librarian Mrs Marie Higgins is to retire. Her work in the Library was recognised and flowers and thanks will be sent.

The county council has expressed its intention to close the library in Bridge Street. Various options for retaining the service in the town were proposed. None were acceptable to the town council. No consultation has taken place with the town council nor users of the library. It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk will respond questioning the assumptions made behind the decision and protest against the proposals and lack of consultation. He will also stress that the library service needs to be enhanced rather than reduced.

673 CORRESPONDENCE – APRIL 2014

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

674 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – APRIL 2014

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

13th MAY 2014

At the Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 13th May 2014

Present:-	Town Mayor	F.Burke-Lloyd
	Deputy Mayor	A.Jenkins
	Chair	J.Gilasbey
	Councillors:	T.Burns, R.Davies, S.John, J.Mayne, M.Thomas
		R.Thomas, H.Jones, P.Davies, K.Davies
	Town Clerk	Geraint Thomas
	Town Secretary	Anna Padgett
Apologies	Councillors	

20 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Arising from the General Purposes Committee Meetings of 8th April 2014

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

21 TRAFFIC CONTROL - KIDWELLY

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Safe Routes – several bollards have been knocked over.

22 LIGHTING ON KIDWELLY BY-PASS

The necessity for all the lights to be on throughout the night was queried. Nigel Francis, Lighting Officer for the county council has been asked to provide details of the lighting paid for by the town council. He will explain the types of lighting fitted in the lampposts and the rationale behind this usage.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

23 RECYCLING

The town council had previously given permission for the county council to construct a small recycling site at the corner of Brynhefin Fields at their expense. A surgery was held in Mynydd y Garreg Hall on 5th April 2014 to receive views from the public. The residents voted against installing the recycling site. Other issues that arose during the meeting have been addressed. It was noted that road safety signs have been erected. Note and **Close** this item.

24 PROVISION OF DOG WASTE BAGS

Correspondence from Mr Stringer regarding matters surrounding this issue had been previously circulated.

It was noted that, although most of the bag dispensers were regularly filled, some dog owners were taking several bags at a time. It was reported that, at some time in the autumn, PCSOs will have the authority of Enforcement Officers to deal with the problem. The following councillors volunteered to restock the dog waste bag containers in these areas:- J.Gilasbey – Glan yr Afon, R.Davies – Quay and Canal, T.Burns – cemetery, A.Jenkins – Mynydd y Garreg. Warning of Penalties signs will be erected wherever possible. The situation will continue to be monitored.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

25 TOWN TOILETS

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26 MEALS ON WHEELS

The following rota was arranged:-Thursday 15th May 2014 – Councillors R.Davies, P.Davies Thursday 12th June 2014 – Councillor R.Davies, P.Davies Friday 13th June 2014 – Councillor J.Gilasbey

27 TOWN SQUARE - REFURBISHMENT

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28 RAIL SERVICES AT KIDWELLY

The number of train stops at Kidwelly station is inadequate, especially at times needed by commuters. It was previously **RESOLVED** to make representation to [a] Arriva Trains to add additional stops to the timetable and [b] to build more services into the franchise agreement which is due for renewal in 2015. The Town Clerk has written a letter stating the above and members of the public will be encouraged to support this.

29 LIBRARY CLOSURE

A petition has been received calling for a community meeting because of the closure of the library. The town clerk pointed out that no decision about closure has yet been made by the county council. The petitioners have been informed of this. The Civic Society has also expressed its concerns. Borrowers have been requested to hold onto books already on loan. A meeting with the library service has been arranged for 20th May 2014.

30 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

1. Members were informed that from 1st September 2014 Ysgol Glan y Mor and Bryngwyn Comprehensive will become federated, one school but on two sites.

2. The county council has applied for planning permission for car parking at Morfa Maen. Correspondence relating to this had been received from Mr Stringer and previously circulated. A meeting with the county council and Network Rail (who own land in this area) will be arranged.

31 CORRESPONDENCE – MAY 2014

Mrs Westmacott has expressed concern over "fracking" issues in the area. This matter will be an agenda item at the next meeting of the committee.

32 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – MAY 2014

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

3rd JUNE 2014

At the Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 3rd June 2014

Present:-	Town Mayor Deputy Mayor	F.Burke-Lloyd A.Jenkins
	Chair	J.Gilasbey
	Councillors:	T.Burns, R.Davies, S.John, J.Mayne, M.Thomas
		H.Jones, P.Davies, K.Davies
	Town Clerk	
	Town Secretary	Anna Padgett
Apologies	Councillors	

84 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Arising from the General Purposes Committee Meetings of 13th May 2014

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

85 TRAFFIC CONTROL - KIDWELLY

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.

Safe Routes – several bollards have been knocked over.

86 LIGHTING ON KIDWELLY BY-PASS

The necessity for all the lights to be on throughout the night was queried. Nigel Francis, Lighting Officer for the county council has been asked to provide details of the lighting paid for by the town council. He will explain the types of lighting fitted in the lampposts and the rationale behind this usage.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

87 PROVISION OF DOG WASTE BAGS

Correspondence from Mr Stringer regarding matters surrounding this issue had been previously circulated. It was noted that, although most of the bag dispensers were regularly filled, some dog owners were taking several bags at a time. It was reported that, at some time in the autumn, PCSOs will have the authority of Enforcement Officers to deal with the problem. The following councillors volunteered to restock the dog waste bag containers in these areas:- J.Gilasbey – Glan yr Afon, R.Davies – Quay and Canal, T.Burns – cemetery, A.Jenkins – Mynydd y Garreg. Warning of Penalties signs will be erected wherever possible. The situation will continue to be monitored.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

88 TOWN TOILETS

It was previously **RESOLVED** to take responsibility for the toilets on the basis of the 3 year transfer plan. An amended draft lease has been received which includes just the toilets and not the whole square.

89 MEALS ON WHEELS

The following rota was arranged:-Thursday 12th June 2014 – Councillors R. & P. Davies Friday 13th June 2014 – Councillor J.Gilasbey Thursday 10th July 2014 – Councillor R. & P. Davies Friday 11th July 2014 – Councillor R. & P. Davies Thursday 17th July 2014 - Councillor J. Gilasbey

90 TOWN SQUARE - REFURBISHMENT

Suggested designs are available for viewing in the office. Further designs have been submitted to the Forum for consideration.

91 RAIL SERVICES AT KIDWELLY

The number of train stops at Kidwelly station is inadequate, especially at times needed by commuters. It was previously **RESOLVED** to make representation to [a] Arriva Trains to add additional stops to the timetable and [b] to build more services into the franchise agreement which is due for renewal in 2015. The Town Clerk has written a letter stating the above and members of the public will be encouraged to support this.

92 LIBRARY CLOSURE

A petition has been received calling for a community meeting because of the closure of the library. A meeting with the library service was held on 20^{th} May 2014. A mobile Library will attend Kidwelly – Parc Stephens car park – every Wednesday between 1.00pm and 3.30pm. A further meeting will be held in Burry Port Library on 5^{th} June 2014. Various options are being explored: volunteers to run Kidwelly Library in its present location: or books to be relocated to the Gwenllian Centre.

93 FRACKING

Members were informed that no fracking will take place in Carmarthenshire. Various other fuel extraction methods are to be looked into.

94 PARKING AT MORFA MAEN

Proposals for parking arrangements at Morfa Maen have not been supported by residents. Alternatives plans are being drawn up. Various options are being considered.

95 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The report included items at Minute 92 and 94.

Bus service - Members were informed of the cancellation of Sunday Services and the reduced services during the week. Representation will be made to the county council for retention of services.

96 CORRESPONDENCE – JUNE 2014

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

97 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – JUNE 2014

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

1st JULY 2014

At the Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 1st July 2014

Present:-	Town Mayor	F.Burke-Lloyd
	Deputy Mayor	A.Jenkins
	Chair	J.Gilasbey
	Councillors:	T.Burns, R.Davies, S.John, J.Mayne, H.Jones,
		K.Davies
	Town Clerk	Lyn Llewellyn
	Town Secretary	Anna Padgett
Apologies	Councillors	M.Thomas, P.Davies

164 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Arising from the General Purposes Committee Meetings of 10th June 2014

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

165 TRAFFIC CONTROL - KIDWELLY

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.

Safe Routes – several bollards have been knocked over.

166 LIGHTING ON KIDWELLY BY-PASS

The necessity for all the lights to be on throughout the night was queried. Nigel Francis, Lighting Officer for the county council has been asked to provide details of the lighting paid for by the town council. He will explain the types of lighting fitted in the lampposts and the rationale behind this usage.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

167 PROVISION OF DOG WASTE BAGS

Correspondence from Mr Stringer regarding matters surrounding this issue had been previously circulated.

It was noted that, although most of the bag dispensers were regularly filled, some dog owners were taking several bags at a time. It was reported that, at some time in the autumn, PCSOs will have the authority of Enforcement Officers to deal with the problem. The following councillors volunteered to restock the dog waste bag containers in these areas:-J.Gilasbey – Glan yr Afon, R.Davies – Quay and Canal, T.Burns – cemetery, A.Jenkins – Mynydd y Garreg. Warning of Penalties signs will be erected wherever possible. The situation will continue to be monitored.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

168 TOWN TOILETS

It was reported that the toilets are being closed early during the afternoon. This is not acceptable especially during the summer period. Councillors J.Gilasbey and P.Davies volunteered to undertake the closure of the toilets by 8.00pm during the week in summer, at dusk during the winter. Other volunteers would be welcome. It was **RESOLVED** to accept this offer.

169 MEALS ON WHEELS

The following rota was arranged:-Thursday 14th August 2014 – Councillors R. & P. Davies Friday 15th August 2014 – Councillor J.Gilasbey

170 TOWN SQUARE - REFURBISHMENT

Suggested designs are available for viewing in the office. Further designs have been submitted to the Forum for consideration.

171 RAIL SERVICES AT KIDWELLY

The number of train stops at Kidwelly station is inadequate, especially at times needed by commuters. It was previously **RESOLVED** to make representation to [a] Arriva Trains to add additional stops to the timetable and [b] to build more services into the franchise agreement which is due for renewal in 2015. The Town Clerk has written a letter stating the above and members of the public will be encouraged to support this.

172 LIBRARY CLOSURE

A visit to Burry Port library has been made. The library books are stored in fold away shelves on wheels. This enables the space to be used more efficiently for multi-purpose activities. Capel Sul is interested in housing such a library. The Library Service has indicated it would support any grant application made by Capel Sul for modifications to be made which would enable the vestry to be used as a public space for various activities. Volunteers would be needed to run the library. Concerns were expressed over the siting of the library in Capel Sul. No official notification has been received from the county council that they intend to withdraw the library from 2 Bridge Street. The Town Clerk will ask the county council to set out its intensions.

173 FRACKING

It was reported that the county council has no plans for fracking to take place in the county. The planning department will be asked for information regarding any possible "gasification" projects in the pipeline.

174 PARKING AT MORFA MAEN

Proposals for parking arrangements at Morfa Maen have not been supported by residents. Alternatives plans are being drawn up. Various options are being considered.

175 FLORAL DISPLAYS AND ROUNDABOUT ENHANCEMENT

It was reported that all the floral boxes had now been adopted. Hanging baskets (if available) will be ordered.

A floral enhancement committee is being set up. The water bowser has been found but it has no wheels. Watering backpacks were considered.

Adoption of roundabouts was considered. It was noted that if a business wanted to sponsor a roundabout it would not be allowed to advertise on the site. Information regarding licenses for adoption of a roundabout will be sought.

176 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Davies informed members that the Welsh Assembly has indicated an expected 4.5% of additional cuts to the budget will be made for next year.

177 CORRESPONDENCE – JULY 2014

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

178 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – JULY 2014

Volunteers for the Carnival were sought. Eisteddfod bunting will be put up with the Carnival bunting. Note and **Close** this item.

2nd SEPTEMBER 2014

At the Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 2nd September 2014

Present:-	Town Mayor	F.Burke-Lloyd
	Deputy Mayor	A.Jenkins
	Chair	J.Gilasbey
	Councillors:	T.Burns, R.Davies, S.John, J.Mayne, P.Davies
		K.Davies, M.Thomas, L.Jones
	Town Clerk	Lyn Llewellyn
	Town Secretary	Anna Padgett
Apologies	Councillors	

The chair welcomed new councillor Lynn Jones.

240 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Arising from the General Purposes Committee Meetings of 1st July 2014

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

241 TRAFFIC CONTROL - KIDWELLY

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.

Safe Routes – several bollards have been knocked over.

242 LIGHTING ON KIDWELLY BY-PASS

The necessity for all the lights to be on throughout the night was queried. Nigel Francis, Lighting Officer for the county council has been asked to provide details of the lighting paid for by the town council. He will explain the types of lighting fitted in the lampposts and the rationale behind this usage.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

243 PROVISION OF DOG WASTE BAGS

Correspondence from Mr Stringer regarding matters surrounding this issue had been previously circulated.

It was noted that, although most of the bag dispensers were regularly filled, some dog owners were taking several bags at a time. It was reported that, at some time in the autumn, PCSOs will have the authority of Enforcement Officers to deal with the problem. The following councillors volunteered to restock the dog waste bag containers in these areas:-J.Gilasbey – Glan yr Afon, R.Davies – Quay and Canal, T.Burns – cemetery, A.Jenkins – Mynydd y Garreg. Warning of Penalties signs will be erected wherever possible. The situation will continue to be monitored.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

244 TOWN TOILETS

The county council will provide functioning keys to enable volunteers (Cllrs J.Gilasbey, R.Davies and S.John) to undertake the closure of the toilets by 8.00pm during the week in summer, at dusk during the winter. Other volunteers would be welcome.

The draft lease for the take-over of the toilets had been circulated. Some residual issues remain to be clarified. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the lease providing remedial work has been carried out by the date of the transfer.

245 TOWN SQUARE - REFURBISHMENT

Suggested designs are available for viewing in the office. Further designs have been submitted to the Forum for consideration.

246 RAIL SERVICES AT KIDWELLY

The number of train stops at Kidwelly station is inadequate, especially at times needed by commuters. It was previously **RESOLVED** to make representation to [a] Arriva Trains to add additional stops to the timetable and [b] to build more services into the franchise agreement which is due for renewal in 2015. The Town Clerk has written a letter stating the above and members of the public will be encouraged to support this.

247 LIBRARY CLOSURE

The town clerk informed members that the books had now been removed from the library. The rent has been paid until the end of September 2014, although no formal letter of withdrawal has been received. The Library officer has been to see various sites where the library could be located, The Gwenllian Centre and Capel Sul. The Library Service has indicated it would support any grant application made by Capel Sul for modifications to be made which would enable the vestry to be used as a public space for various activities. Volunteers would be needed to run the library.

248 FRACKING

It was reported that the county council has no plans for fracking to take place in the county. The planning department will be asked for information regarding any possible "gasification" projects in the pipeline. Eifion Bowen the chief planning officer will be contacted. It was noted that whatever the information received, decisions would be made at a national level.

249 PARKING AT MORFA MAEN

Proposals for parking arrangements at Morfa Maen have not been supported by residents. Alternatives plans are being drawn up. Various options are being considered. Possible problems with enforcement are anticipated. A meeting between the police, planning department and housing department is to be arranged.

250 FLORAL DISPLAYS AND ROUNDABOUT ENHANCEMENT

The floral enhancement committee met on 21st August 2014. 25 people attended with 15 apologies received. Various ideas were considered such as hanging baskets, the gateway planters and additional green areas that could be planted. Daffodil planting will continue. Adoption of roundabouts was considered. It was noted that if a business wanted to sponsor a roundabout it would not be allowed to advertise on the site. A meeting will be arranged with officers of the county council to explore the feasibility of planting on the roundabouts. The next meeting of the committee will be held on 24th September 2014. Members of the community have volunteered to paint railings and apply Sadolin to benches and interpretation panels.

251 SAFE ROUTES VIA MYNYDD Y GARREG PARK

Members were informed that work to create a footpath through the park will be carried out as soon as land ownership issues have been clarified. A wider footpath along Heol yr Ysgol and Meinciau Road is planned to improve visibility. Section 106 money from the developers Charles Church is expected to be released shortly. Note and **Close** this item.

252 MEALS ON WHEELS

The following rota was arranged:-

Thursday 11th September 2014 – Councillor F. Burke-Lloyd Friday 12th September 2014 – Councillors R. Davies & P. Davies

253 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The report included information recorded in Minute 249

1. Cllr K.Davies will meet with members of the sporting association on 3rd September 2014.

2. Eisteddfod – the event was very successful with outstanding weather conditions. Councillor P.Davies, as Hen Fenw Fach Cydweli, promoted the town on national television. It was noted that local businesses benefited from considerable income derived from the visitors.

254 CORRESPONDENCE – SEPTEMBER 2014

Ysgol Mynydd	A request for Safe Routes to be completed has been received. This was
y Garreg	considered at Minute 251. Note and Close this item.

255 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – SEPTEMBER 2014

A request for a duplicate key for the dog waste bins was made. A key will be provided. Note and **Close** this item.

Members were informed that the project officer Maria McGerty had become engaged and congratulations were expressed.

Councillor Gilasbey thanked members for the condolences received on the loss of her brother.

7th OCTOBER 2014

At the Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 7th October 2014

Present:-	Town Mayor	F.Burke-Lloyd
	Deputy Mayor	
	Chair	J.Gilasbey
	Councillors:	T.Burns, R.Davies, S.John, J.Mayne, P.Davies
		K.Davies, M.Thomas, L.Poynting
	Town Clerk	Lyn Llewellyn
	Town Secretary	Anna Padgett
Apologies	Councillors	L.Jones, H.Jones, A.Jenkins

The Chair welcomed the new member, Councillor L. Poynting

308 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Arising from the General Purposes Committee Meeting of 2nd September 2014

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

309 TRAFFIC CONTROL - KIDWELLY

The County Council has been requested to install Traffic Control Speed Indicators in Monksford Street as previously agreed. However, Safe Routes has negated the need for the indicators as speed bumps have been installed.

Two arrows have been placed on the road at Alstred Street where it meets Causeway Street to indicate the alternative directions that can be taken. Note and **Close** this item.

310 LIGHTING ON KIDWELLY BY-PASS

The necessity for all the lights to be on throughout the night was queried. Nigel Francis, Lighting Officer for the county council has been asked to provide details of the lighting paid for by the town council. He will explain the types of lighting fitted in the lampposts and the rationale behind this usage.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

311 PROVISION OF DOG WASTE BAGS

Correspondence from Mr Stringer regarding matters surrounding this issue had been previously circulated.

It was noted that, although most of the bag dispensers were regularly filled, some dog owners were taking several bags at a time. It was reported that, at some time in the autumn, PCSOs will have the authority of Enforcement Officers to deal with the problem. The following councillors volunteered to restock the dog waste bag containers in these areas:-J.Gilasbey – Glan yr Afon, R.Davies – Quay and Canal, T.Burns – cemetery, A.Jenkins – Mynydd y Garreg. Warning of Penalties signs will be erected wherever possible. The situation will continue to be monitored.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

312 TOWN TOILETS

Volunteers (Cllrs J.Gilasbey, R.Davies and S.John) have been closing of the toilets by 8.00pm during the week in summer. The toilets will now be closed at 5.00pm during the darker evenings. A notice of "Toilet Opening Times" will be displayed.

The draft lease for the take-over of the toilets had been circulated. Some residual issues remain to be clarified. It was previously **RESOLVED** to accept the lease providing remedial work has been carried out by the date of the transfer.

313 TOWN SQUARE - REFURBISHMENT

Suggested designs are available for viewing in the office. Further designs have been submitted to the Forum for consideration.

314 RAIL SERVICES AT KIDWELLY

The number of train stops at Kidwelly station is inadequate, especially at times needed by commuters. It was previously **RESOLVED** to make representation to [a] Arriva Trains to add additional stops to the timetable and [b] to build more services into the franchise agreement which is due for renewal in 2015. The previous Town Clerk has written a letter stating the above and members of the public will be encouraged to support this.

315 LIBRARY CLOSURE

The head of Library services was invited to attend the Public Meeting on 11th October 2014, but declined. A restructuring of the Library Service is being undertaken and the results will impact on services to Kidwelly. A mobile service will be retained until permanent arrangements are in place. The option of locating books at the Gwenllian Centre is being considered. This would be run by volunteers. A more permanent siting could be at Capel Sul after re-furbishment.

316 FRACKING

Fracking and other fossil extractions are governed by the Minerals Policy, part of the Unitary Development Plan 2006. This will be replaced by the Local Development Plan which should be adopted in December 2014. Nia Griffith MP will be asked for information on any proposed applications for fossil extraction.

317 PARKING AT MORFA MAEN

Proposals for parking arrangements at Morfa Maen have not been supported by residents. Alternatives plans are being drawn up. Various options are being considered. Possible problems with enforcement are anticipated. A meeting between the police, planning department and housing department is to be arranged.

318 FLORAL DISPLAYS AND ROUNDABOUT ENHANCEMENT

The floral enhancement committee met on 24th September 2014. Minutes of the meeting had been circulated. A meeting with officers from the county council had also been held to consider the adoption of roundabouts. Full Council had agreed to apply for a licence to adopt the roundabouts. It was noted that volunteers, Mr Ieuan Hughes and Mr Bob Hope had carried out considerable painting works at various locations around the town. They were thanked for their diligent efforts. A grant for developing wild flower sites will be sought. "Kidwelly in Bloom" will be resurrected. The next meeting of the committee will be held on 9th October 2014.

<u>319 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS</u> The lighting ceremony will take place on 27th November 2014. A programme for the evening and a schedule of tasks had been previously circulated. Lighting permits had been applied for from the highways department. Volunteers for the afternoon were requested. Cydweli 900 had requested that a Town Crier Competition be held on that evening. The Town Crier would be appointed and then be able to carry out duties for the year of the 900 year anniversary. A prize of £30 would be given. It was **RESOLVED** to hold the Town crier Competition at the lighting ceremony.

MEALS ON WHEELS 320

The following rota was arranged:-Thursday 9th October 2014 – Councillors R. and P. Davies Friday 10th October 2014 – Councillors R. and P. Davies Thursday 16th October 2014 – Councillor T. Burns

321 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

It was reported that the first of the series of county council budget seminars had been held. A meeting to consider the re-furbishment of the Town Square has been arranged.

322 CORRESPONDENCE – OCTOBER 2014

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

ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – OCTOBER 2014 323

A request was made to use the website more widely to advertise forthcoming events and to ensure events do not clash. Note and **Close** this item.

4th NOVEMBER 2014

At the Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the Parish Rooms, Kidwelly on Tuesday 4th November 2014

Present:-	Town Mayor	F.Burke-Lloyd
	Deputy Mayor	A.Jenkins
	Chair	J.Gilasbey
	Councillors:	T.Burns, R.Davies, S.John, J.Mayne, P.Davies
		M.Thomas, L.Poynting, L.Jones, H.Jones
	Town Clerk	Lyn Llewellyn
	Town Secretary	Anna Padgett
Apologies	Councillors	K.Davies

376 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 382 – Councillor J.Gilasbey left the room. The Mayor took the chair.

Matters Arising from the General Purposes Committee Meeting of 7th October 2014

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

377 LIGHTING ON KIDWELLY BY-PASS

The necessity for all the lights to be on throughout the night was queried. Nigel Francis, Lighting Officer for the county council has been asked to provide details of the lighting paid for by the town council. He will explain the types of lighting fitted in the lampposts and the rationale behind this usage.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

378 PROVISION OF DOG WASTE BAGS

Correspondence from Mr Stringer regarding matters surrounding this issue had been previously circulated.

It was noted that, although most of the bag dispensers were regularly filled, some dog owners were taking several bags at a time. It was reported that, at some time in the autumn, PCSOs will have the authority of Enforcement Officers to deal with the problem. The following councillors volunteered to restock the dog waste bag containers in these areas:-J.Gilasbey – Glan yr Afon, R.Davies – Quay and Canal, T.Burns – cemetery, A.Jenkins – Mynydd y Garreg. Warning of Penalties signs will be erected wherever possible. The situation will continue to be monitored.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

379 TOWN TOILETS

The toilets are now being closed at 5.00pm during the darker evenings. A notice of "Toilet Opening Times" has been displayed. Incidents at the toilets were reported. These resulted in new locks being provided for the doors.

The lease for the take-over of the toilets has been prepared. Cllr Mayne has agreed to inspect the toilets and provide a list of any residual work that is needed. It was previously **RESOLVED** to accept the lease providing remedial work has been carried out by the date of the transfer. The county council will again be asked to bear the costs of the asset transfer.

380 TOWN SQUARE - REFURBISHMENT

Suggested designs are available for viewing in the office. Further designs have been submitted to the Forum for consideration.

381 RAIL SERVICES AT KIDWELLY

The number of train stops at Kidwelly station is inadequate, especially at times needed by commuters. It was previously **RESOLVED** to make representation to [a] Arriva Trains to add additional stops to the timetable and [b] to build more services into the franchise agreement which is due for renewal in 2015. The previous Town Clerk has written a letter stating the above and members of the public will be encouraged to support this.

382 LIBRARY CLOSURE

The county council proposals for relocating the library to the Gwenllian Centre had been circulated. Some of the financial aspects contained in the proposal were queried. The arrangements for the library will now be between the Library Service and the Gwenllian Hall. Note and **Close** this item.

383 FRACKING

Fracking and other fossil extractions are governed by the Minerals Policy, part of the Unitary Development Plan 2006. This will be replaced by the Local Development Plan which should be adopted in December 2014. Nia Griffith MP has been asked for information on any proposed applications for fossil extraction, should they arise. Note and **Close** this item.

384 PARKING AT MORFA MAEN

Proposals for parking arrangements at Morfa Maen have not been supported by residents. Alternatives plans are being drawn up. Various options are being considered. Possible problems with enforcement are anticipated. A meeting between the police, planning department and housing department is to be arranged.

385 FLORAL DISPLAYS AND ROUNDABOUT ENHANCEMENT

A 5 year plan is being developed. Grant applications have been made for floral initiatives. It was reported that flower displays had been stolen. It was agreed that flower boxes could be fixed to the railings at the Diana Memorial Garden. Volunteers have requested permission to carry out enhancement work on the Quay and canal banks. Permission was granted as the team leader will be a professional landscaper. The next meeting of the committee will be held on 13th November 2014.

386 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS

The lighting ceremony will take place on 27th November 2014. A schedule of tasks remaining was circulated and help requested. Volunteers for the afternoon and evening will be needed. The Town Crier auditions will be held after the carol singing. The Town Crier will be appointed and then be able to carry out duties for the year of the 900 year anniversary.

387 MEALS ON WHEELS

The following rota was arranged:-Thursday 13th November 2014 – Cllr T.Burns Friday 14th November 2014 – Cllrs R.& P.Davies

388 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The county councillor was unable to attend. He will be requested to provide details of any information on Section 106 funds for Mynydd y Garreg.

389 CORRESPONDENCE – NOVEMBER 2014

There was no correspondence. Note and Close this item.

390 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – NOVEMBER 2014

Members were informed of the arrangements for the Remembrance Services on 9th & 11th November 2014. Apologies from Cllr M. Thomas were received. Note and **Close** this item.

2nd DECEMBER 2014

At the Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly on Tuesday 2nd December 2014

Present:-	Town Mayor	F.Burke-Lloyd
	Deputy Mayor	
	Chair	J.Gilasbey
	Councillors:	T.Burns, R.Davies, S.John, J.Mayne, M.Thomas,
		L.Poynting, L.Jones, H.Jones, K.Davies
	Town Clerk	Lyn Llewellyn
	Town Secretary	Anna Padgett
Apologies	Councillors	P.Davies, A.Jenkins

441 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Arising from the General Purposes Committee Meeting of 4th November 2014

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

442 LIGHTING ON KIDWELLY BY-PASS

The necessity for all the lights to be on throughout the night was queried. Nigel Francis, Lighting Officer for the county council has been asked to provide details of the lighting paid for by the town council. He will explain the types of lighting fitted in the lampposts and the rationale behind this usage.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

443 PROVISION OF DOG WASTE BAGS

It was noted that, although most of the bag dispensers were regularly filled, some dog owners were taking several bags at a time. It was previously reported that, at some time in the autumn, PCSOs will have the authority of Enforcement Officers to deal with the problem. The following councillors had volunteered to restock the dog waste bag containers in these areas:- J.Gilasbey – Glan yr Afon, R.Davies – Quay and Canal, T.Burns – cemetery, A.Jenkins – Mynydd y Garreg. Warning of Penalties signs will be erected wherever possible. The situation will continue to be monitored.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

444 TOWN TOILETS

The lease for the take-over of the toilets has been prepared. Cllr Mayne has inspected the toilets and provided a list of residual work that is needed. This list has been submitted to the county council along with an invoice for the cost of legal fees incurred in the preparation of the lease. The drainage problem and the need for new locks on the side gate will be addressed.

445 TOWN SQUARE - REFURBISHMENT

Suggested designs are available for viewing in the office. Further designs have been submitted to the Forum for consideration.

446 RAIL SERVICES AT KIDWELLY

The number of train stops at Kidwelly station is inadequate, especially at times needed by commuters. It was previously **RESOLVED** to make representation to [a] Arriva Trains to add additional stops to the timetable and [b] to build more services into the franchise agreement which is due for renewal in 2015. The previous Town Clerk has written a letter stating the above and members of the public will be encouraged to support this.

447 PARKING AT MORFA MAEN

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448 FLORAL DISPLAYS AND ROUNDABOUT ENHANCEMENT

A meeting of the committee was held on 13th November 2014. The project officer has prepared a floral enhancement strategy, which will be circulated. Grant applications have been made for floral initiatives. The Probation service is undertaking ground clearance work. Kidwelly Horticultural Society will take forward the Kidwelly in Bloom initiative. Town businesses are keen to become involved. Work on roundabouts cannot proceed until licences have been approved. The next meeting will be held on 21st January 2015.

449 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS

The lighting ceremony took place on 27th November 2014. Thanks were given to Santa and Mrs Claus and everyone who helped to make the event a success. The press photographer took many photographs. The Christmas tree was excellent.

Town Crier auditions were held after the carol singing. Mr Neil Burman was appointed as Town Crier. Note and **Close** this item.

450 MEALS ON WHEELS

The following rota was arranged:-Thursday 11th December 2014 – arrangements to be made. Friday 12^h December 2014 – Cllr R.Davies

451 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The county councillor gave his report during Full Council.

452 CORRESPONDENCE – NOVEMBER 2014

There was no correspondence. Note and Close this item.

453 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – NOVEMBER 2014

It was reported that debris from tree cutting was littering the road between the bypass and Llangadog Road. The county council will be informed. Note and **Close** this item.

The Chair wished everyone a Merry Christmas.