KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

9th July 2024

At the hybrid MEETING of the FULL COUNCIL held on Tuesday 9th July 2024

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| Present | Town Mayor | Carl Peters-Bond (Chair) |
|  | Deputy Mayor | C Morgan |
|  | Councillors | Chris Peters-Bond, G.Bras, L Douglas, L. Reeves-Davies, A Herbert, J Tarsnane |
|  | Town Clerk | Virginia O’Reilly |
|  | Town Secretary | J Bell |
| Apologies | Councillors | J Mayne, H Griffiths, J Gilasbey, G Beer, J Maclaughland, L Jones, J.Westlake |
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**17 PROPOSAL AND CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

The Mayor extended a welcome to the new councillor, Leann Douglas.

An email has been received from Andrew Markham requesting co-option to the council as there is still a vacancy for Castle ward. He is currently living in Ferryside and his business is going to open in Lady Street, Kidwelly soon, therefore he can be co-opted. It was RESOLVED to accept his application in principle pending confirmation of his residential address.

18 MEMBER’S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

**19 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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

* Full Council Annual Meeting 14th May

Agreed unanimously.

**20 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

* Planning passed for Town Hall. Councillors requested that the county councillor give KTC some idea of how soon work will commence.
* Cllr Chris Peters-Bond argued in favour of council supporting funding for youth provision. Cllr Bras also requested support for young people in Mynyddygarreg.
* Smart Town – Gwraidd Cydweli. Cllr Chris Peters-Bond would like this to be a subgroup of the Estates Committee and asked for it to be added to the Estates agenda for next week.
* Pop-up shop information was received positively.

**21 ACTIVE TRAVEL ROUTE QUESTIONNAIRE**

The consultation has already started and we have had some responses but have been unable to promote it much during the pre-election period. There was a request for more support from councillors to promote the consultation to encourage people to complete the survey. The carnival will be an excellent opportunity to do this. There are plenty of posters in the office for councillors’ use. Councillors expressed the opinion that paper questionnaires would be useful to offer the public and they agreed to process these afterwards since the consultants do not offer this service in their package.

**22 TOWN CLERK’S REPORT**

Delay with website – training has been received. Cllr Chris Peters-Bond said that this issue needs expediting as soon as possible.

Black Cat Strategy – waiting for response from Welsh Government audit office.

KIM – We have a history graduate from Maximus (organisation helping people back into work) who will be looking at our archives and sorting them.

A meeting is arranged with Fr. Jim on Monday at 7 p.m. in St Mary’s Church regarding historical items. Security will need to be discussed at the meeting. Insurance is also an issue which needs addressing.

**23 TOWN SQUARE**

There has been an additional cost of £6,800 added to the figure we had in June. It is on the Estates agenda next week.

**24 Matters arising from Full Council on 14th May 2024**

There were none.

**25 ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR END 31/03/2024**

These were circulated, prior to the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts are accepted by the Council.

**26 COMMUNITY HALLS SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS**

1. **Mynydd hall** – AGM held Cllr Chris Peters-Bond remains Chair. There are no other changes in management. Financially the hall is quite secure, although some large-scale outgoings are imminent (roof, building work). There have been lots of good events over the past year and more are planned for the coming year.
2. **Ysgol Gymraeg Gwenllian –** held a concert at Ysgol PGC 08/07/2024. The school won best overall choir at a recent event.
3. **Kidwelly in Bloom** – judging 27th July

**27 MAYOR’S DIARY / JUNE EVENTS**

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| 02/06/2024 | Mayor’s Civic Service | 2.00 p.m. |
| 03/06/2024 | TY Golau 15th Anniversary Celebration | 10.00 a.m. |
| 05/06/2024 | Gwariad Kidwelly meeting | 6.30 p.m. |
| 09/06/2024 | Mayor’s Civic Service – Carmarthen Town Council | 10.00 a.m. |
| 09/06/2024 | Town Twinning Reception | 4.00 p.m. |
| 10/06/2024 | Mynydd Hall AGM | 7.00 p.m. |
| 11/06/2024 | Extraordinary Council Meeting | 6.30 p.m. |
| 17/06/2024 | Carnival Meeting | 6.00 p.m. |
| 19/06/2024 | Gwariad Kidwelly meeting | 6.30 p.m. |
| 20/06/2024 | Royal British Legion meeting | 5.30 p.m. |
| 20/06/2024 | PGC meeting | 6.30 p.m. |
| 23/06/2024 | Llanelli Rural Civic Service | 10.30 a.m. |

**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS - JULY**

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| 09/07/2024 | Full Council, Policy and Extraordinary meetings | 6.30 p. m. |
| 13/07/2024 | Kidwelly Carnival | All day |
| 15/07/2024 | History Room Project | 7.00 p.m. |
| 16/07/2024 | Estates, Community Development and Finance meetings | 6.30 p.m. |
| 18/07/2024 | Royal British Legion meeting | 5.30 p.m. |
| 18/07/2024 | KTC | 7.00 p.m. |
| 27/07/2024 | Opening Art and Craft exhibition, Trinity Chapel | 9.30 a.m. |
| 27/07/2024 | Kidwelly War Memorial re-dedication | 5.00 p.m. |
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**28 TRANSFER OF EXECUTIVE POWERS DURING RECESS**

It was **RESOLVED** that the chairs of all the committees and the deputy-mayor will take up executive powers during recess, with deputy chairs deputising if chair unable to attend.

**29 CARU CYDWELI**

Deferred to Community Development meeting next week.

**30 CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Llanelli City Status – receipt of letter noted. Kidwelly would not want to be part of the bid or part of the larger city area.

b) 20 mph changes – refer to Estates Committee next week.

**31 SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter received from Kidwelly Welfare Committee regarding the organisation of the Christmas Lighting event. Moving the event from Thursday to Saturday was a popular move. The question over the budget for the event was deferred to finance next week. It was **RESOLVED** for KTC to be partners in the event as it is with the Carnival and for the Chair of the committee to be the Mayor.