

# Towyn & Kinmel Bay Town Council

**Minutes of the Full Council (Virtual Meeting) held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 at 8pm at the Community Resource Centre Kinmel Bay**

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**Present Councillors:** G Corry, B Griffiths, D Johnson (Mayor), M Jones, J McKenna, B McLoughlin, N Smith & S Wilson

**Clerk:** Dylan Thomas

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A Macauley, K Redhead & M Smith. Cllrs T Bibby, A Hodgson & L Knightly were absent without apology.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Public Participation**

There was a representative from St Mary's Church, Towyn at the meeting, who wished to speak regarding agenda item 6 – Grants, as St Mary's Church had applied for a grant for Hygiene Hampers.

**4. Minutes**

**Resolved that: - The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 12/10/2020, be approved and signed.**

**5. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising to be discussed/noted.

**6. Grant Applications**

Cllr B McLoughlin asked that it be recorded in the minutes that she was unhappy when a similar grant application from St Mary's Church was declined at the Full Town Council meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020. Cllr Bernice went on to say that since the last meeting she has had time to undertake additional research and apparently there are many local families who are just managing to feed their families but their hardship is often not seen. The individuals who suffer most are the parents, as they have no money for what they perceive as the extras. These extras are decent hygiene products, some even give up basic items, such as sanitary products, toiletries and toilet paper. Apparently many of these such cases are ineligible to access the food banks. Cllr Bernice feels that these individuals depend on organisations such as ours to award grants, and on the understanding and generosity of others.

The St Mary's Church representative advised that she had recently visited the food bank at the Kinmel Bay Church, and they had agreed to issue the hygiene parcels/hampers at the same time as they issue the food bank parcels. Apparently St Mary's receive requests for hygiene parcels from the local schools, local knowledge and Social Services. The church has received a lot of support from Conwy CBC, and given the present Covid-19 concerns and issues, St Mary's feel that they are providing an essential service for the local community. The hygiene parcels include cleaning and personal hygiene products, these items are not always found in food bank parcels. They have designed packs for different groups, such as Mother and Baby, Family, Older People and Furloughed Workers. They are also looking at introducing mini hampers/parcels which will cost £10/15, rather than the £20/30 for the normal hampers/parcels.

**Resolved that: -**

- a) A grant for the sum of £1,000 be approved for St Mary's Church, towards the cost of them purchasing cleaning/hygiene products and preparing/distributing hygiene hampers/parcels, for distribution within the community. (Proposed by Cllr B McLoughlin and Seconded by Cllr J McKenna).**
- b) Rather than set aside funds for future funding for St Mary's Church, for further hygiene hampers/parcels, the Town Council would discuss/consider individual grants application from St Mary's Church, as and when they are received.**

Meeting Closed at 20:40

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Signed by the Chairman of the next Full Council meeting on 02/11/2020.