

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

13th FEBRUARY 2018

At the meeting of the **ESTATES COMMITTEE** held at the Parish Rooms, Kidwelly on Tuesday 13th February 2018

Present	Town Mayor	A.Jenkins
	Deputy Mayor	C.Peters-Bond
	Councillors	J.Gilasbey, P.Thompson, J.Bezant, C.Davies T.Burns, J.Mayne, G.Jones, T.Burnett
	Town Clerk	Virginia O'Reilly
	Town Secretary	Anna Padgett
Apologies	Councillors	D.Lloyd-Waterford, V.Bevan-Jones, C.Evans, L.Jones, S.Davies, G.Beer

Ben Ferguson – “Local Energy” attended and gave details of the Kidwelly Ground Mounted Solar Project – Feasibility Report. He explained the various options available to the community, identifying available land areas, and outlining the process necessary to generate and utilize energy for local use. He suggested that an Ecology Study be commenced as soon as possible as it would take a year to complete. He recommended that a “Kidwelly Community Energy” group be formed.

513 MEMBER’S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 528 – Cllr T.Burns. Cllr J.Gilasbey took the chair.

Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 16th January 2018

514 CEMETERY

The estates contractor has undertaken remedial work and the cemetery is now much tidier. The cemetery development plans will be reconsidered.

515 MAINTENANCE OF MYNYDD Y GARREG MOUNTAIN

Footpaths are overgrown with brambles and branches. The county council has been requested to clear the paths and declassify the Byway Open to All Traffic as a bridleway. A further request will be made.

516 MAINTENANCE OF FIELD AT REAR OF MYNYDD HALL

A town council document dated 1968 leases the field and tennis court to the hall. There was no mention of a maintenance arrangement. Note and **Close** this item.

517 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT GLH14

This tenancy ceases in October 2018. There is a considerable amount of work needed to upgrade the land. The land valuation is well below agricultural land value. The estates officer will investigate costs for fencing and drainage and explore options for the alternative use of the land.

518 LAND AT DAN YR HEOL

A request to purchase a strip of land at the side of her property to enable off-road parking has been received. A valuation has been carried out. The estates officer advised that a strip of land which comprises of a wide hedge and a ditch be sold to enable access to the rear of the house. No grazing land would be lost. It was previously **RESOLVED** to sell the strip as advised by the estates officer. The proposed purchaser has carried out his own valuation. No further details are available. This matter will be deferred until the proposed purchaser states his intentions. Note and **Close** this item.

519 CONDITION OF H3

A request to discuss the possible purchase of the land from the present tenant has been received. It was previously **RESOLVED** to obtain a valuation of the land which is awaited. Another individual has expressed an interest in purchasing the land. This matter will be deferred until an estates officer has been appointed.

520 LEASE OF THE FORESHORE

The Crown Estate agent met with Full Council on 6th February 2018. Burry Port and Ferryside councils will be asked if they have leases on the foreshore. It was agreed to reaffirm the previous decision not to renew the lease.

521 TREES AT STOCKWELL LANE

It was reported that many of the trees along the bridleway had lost branches. The contractor has cut back the overhanging trees. Note and **Close** this item.

522 PURCHASE OF GL19

A request to purchase GL19 has been received. It was decided to put this matter on hold until the new estates officer has been appointed.

523 CONTRACTS FOR GRASS CUTTING – PARKS & TOILETS

Two parks, [with 2 additional pending] have been transferred to the town council. The toilet transfer will follow on completion of the ramp. Power washing of the toilets has been requested. A copy of the county council Service Level Agreement will be requested so the tasks of the cleaner can be assessed. Litter collection will be necessary in the parks. A specification of tasks will be drawn up.

524 TENDERS

There were no tenders.

525 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

	REF	TYPE	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	LOCATION	APPLICANT
1	S/36706	Full Planning	The construction of a double lane cricket practice facility.	Cricket Pavilion, Morfa Maen, Kidwelly	Kidwelly Town Council -
2	S/36725	Full Planning	Proposed rear conservatory extension	5 Hillfield Villas, Kidwelly	C Jones
3	S/36780	Full Planning	Change of use of two dwellings for use as a care home and extension of one of the units to provide three extra bedrooms.	13 Banc Pendre, Kidwelly	Mr Scott & William Morris

There were no observations made.

526 MAINTENANCE OF FOOTBRIDGE AND CASTLE RIVER WALK

It was reported that further damage had been done to the bridge and the walkway is in need of maintenance. C.Cllr Gilasbey will request the probation service to carry out the work needed. This area needs to be added to the routine maintenance contract.

527 PURCHASE OF PART OF GLH14

A request to purchase 2 sections of land at Waungadog has been received. A site visit revealed that the land was mostly overgrown. Part had been cleared and bee hives installed. This matter was deferred until the estates officer is appointed.

528 LEASE OF H19 – GARAGE AT PEMBREY ROAD

Members were informed that Burns Pet Nutrition, apparently, wishes to sell the sub-lease of H19 to its present tenants. No formal application to the council has been received and no details of the proposed transaction are known. Cllr P.Thompson will look at the original leases and take advice as to the legal position.

529 CORRESPONDENCE – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018

A request to reconsider the rent increase at GL12 has been received. It was agreed that the rent should remain as indicated on the invoice. Note and **Close** this item.

530 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – FEBRUARY 2018

Members were informed that a litter pick is to be arranged for the end of February 2018. The date will be circulated once known. Note and **Close** this item.