

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

13th NOVEMBER 2018

At the meeting of the **ESTATES COMMITTEE** held at the Council Offices, Kidwelly on Tuesday 13th November 2018

Present	Town Mayor	P.Thompson
	Deputy Mayor	
	Councillors	G.Jones, A.Jenkins, J.Bezant, G.Beer, J.Mayne, T.Burnett, C.Peters, C.Peters-Bond, D. Lloyd-Waterford, S.Davies
		J.Gilasbey
	Town Clerk	V. O'Reilly
	Estates officer	Mark Stephens
	Town Secretary	A Padgett
Apologies	Councillors	L.Jones, S.Ratty, C.Davies

326 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey declared an interest in all matters relating to planning applications.

Minute 338 [3] – Councillor A.Jenkins

327 ESTATES OFFICER REPORT

The estates officer had provided a written report which was considered. Issues not covered by matters arising are as follows:-

Phase 2

The plumbing work should be completed by the end of the week.

Mynydd y Garreg lights

A permanent power supply for a Christmas tree cannot be installed by Christmas. A temporary supply outlet will cost £150 for labour and materials with no charge made for the electricity used. A permanent base will be constructed for the tree. A quote for heavy duty external lights was £1530 plus fitting and storage. It was agreed that domestic outside lights be fitted for this year – this matter was referred to Finance Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to repair the Kidwelly lights at a cost of £500.

Maintenance contract

No tenders have been received:- It was **RESOLVED** to split the tender document into two sections:- Mowing plus general maintenance, and refuse collection and toilet management. The revised documents will be put to tender, to be returned by 10th December 2018.

St Mary's Clock

The clock minute hand has been taken for repair and the chiming mechanism will be overhauled. Costs will be covered by insurance.

Japanese Knotweed

Areas of infestation had been identified and shown on screen. Quotes have been received. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote of £826 for 1 year's treatment. Annual treatment will be required until eradication. This will be done in the growing season.

Network Rail – use of facilities

Requested to use part of the Quay car park for welfare facilities while work is carried out on the railway bridge. It was **RESOLVED** to retain Land Agent, Ian Harding to negotiate compensation.

Tree assessments

Zurich, town insurers, have indicated that tree liabilities need assessment. It was **RESOLVED** to ask an arboriculturist for a quote for this service.

Hillfield Villas

A request to rent land at the side of a house in Hillfield Villas has been received – to be used for off road parking. This land is leased to the Gwennlian Centre. The trustees will be contacted and informed of the request and that overhanging shrubs are damaging the garage of the house.

A hard standing would need to be built and concern was expressed as to the loss of a green area.

Cows at the Quay

Cows who had strayed across the river caused damage at the quay. The owner has met with the estates officer and expressed an interest in renting council land at the quay. This land would need to be fenced, approximately 250m. A price for rent and cost of fencing will be sought.

Toilets

Cleanliness of the toilets is an issue. The county council have been informed and have power washed the building. The council will be requested to provide protocols and hygiene standards they apply to their maintenance of the toilets.

Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 9th October 2018

328 CEMETERY

The cemetery layout is now computerised so future development of the site will be easier to manage. The estates officer will investigate costs for cemetery development. An estimate of works for the Green Burial site has been requested but no information is forthcoming.

329 MAINTENANCE OF MYNYDD MOUNTAIN - VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers have proposed a plan to clear the footpaths and define the pathways on the mountain using heavy equipment. The estates officer has met with the Ramblers and County Footpaths Officer and identified areas to be cleared. Some BOATS will be downgraded to prevent vehicular misuse but it was recognised that this would be a long process. A map of footpaths in Kidwelly is available. 150 saplings have been acquired and will be planted.

330 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT GLH14

There is a considerable amount of work needed to upgrade the 30 acre site. Quotations for land clearance have been received ranging between £52k and £21k. The estates officer produced a detailed 3 phased plan which would allow reclamation of the land while being self-financing. Income from the adjacent GL13 would assist. He will proceed with tenders for the first phase of the project. Retaining the ecology of the area will be paramount.

331 PURCHASE OF PART OF GLH14

A request to purchase 2 sections of land at Waungadog has been received. The land is mostly overgrown and inaccessible. A proposal for building bee hives was submitted. It was **RESOLVED** to put the land to tender for sale – offers over £10k, purchaser paying all costs with a clawback clause to be included.

332 LEASE OF THE FORESHORE

The Crown Estate agent has informed council that, under the terms of the expired lease, the slipway has to be removed. A new lease includes terms that are unacceptable to the town council. These terms will be disputed and the cost of the lease negotiated. A map showing the area of the foreshore will be provided for the next meeting.

333 DINAS YARD

Outline planning for a housing development has been approved. Clearance work has commenced. A “without prejudice” site visit with the developer to consider the implications of the knotweed spraying and re-routing of the bridleway has been held. It was previously **RESOLVED** to withhold the decision on re-routing the bridleway pending the outcome of the public consultation.

334 MAINTENANCE OF FLORAL BOXES

Members had been informed that the floral boxes at the gateways are in need of new wooden panels. Cost of repairs/replacements will be investigated and tenders sought when the original contractor returns from holiday.

335 MAINTENANCE OF INTERPRETATION PANELS

Interpretation panels need painting with preservative. Volunteers are willing to carry out this work and will be contacted. Future treatments will be included in the estates contract.

336 DISPLAY OF KNITTED POPPIES

Members of the community have knitted poppies to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the end of World War 1. They have been displayed around the town. Councillor G. Jones was thanked for his excellent work. Note and **Close** this item.

337 AGRICULTURAL TENDERS

GL13 – the tenancy has been relinquished. It was **RESOLVED** to put the land to tender for a 1 year tenancy – offers in excess of £450.

338 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

	REF	TYPE	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	LOCATION	APPLICANT
1	S/37968	Full Planning	Demolition of the existing brick boundary wall and shed to replace with new garage including storage, studio and workshop to form additional ancillary space to 1 Bailey St	1 Bailey Street, Kidwelly, SA17 5AZ	Luke Thomas
2	S/37981	Conservation Area Consent	Demolition of the existing brick boundary wall and shed to replace with new garage including storage, studio and workshop to form additional ancillary space to 1 Bailey St	1 Bailey Street, Kidwelly, SA17 5AZ	Luke Thomas
3	S/38008	Full Planning	Detached single garage	5 Clos Yr Afon, Kidwelly, SA17 4TJ	Wendy Tiffin

339 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Noticeboards – they are being modified so they do not open in the wind. Note and **Close** this item.

340 CORRESPONDENCE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2018

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

341 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – NOVEMBER 2018

Cleaning War Memorial – a project officer is available to assist in seeking grants for cleaning the memorial. The offer will be taken up. The Royal British Legion will be included in the process. Note and **Close** this item.