KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

12th DECEMBER 2023

At the Hybrid meeting of the ESTATES COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 6.30pm

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| Present | Town Mayor | C.Peters |
|  | Deputy Mayor | C.Morgan |
|  | Councillor | C.Peters-Bond, G.Beer, A.Herbert, G.Bras, L.Jones J.Gilasbey, |
|  | Town Clerk  Estates | Virginia O’Reilly  Mark Stephens |
|  | Town Secretary | A.Padgett |
| Apologies | Councillors | H.Griffiths, J.Tarsnane, S.Ratty, E.Reeves-Davies, J.Westlake, S.John, J.Maclaughland |
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256 MEMBER’S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**257 ESTATES OFFICER REPORT**

The estates officer had provided a written report which was considered. Items noted:-

1. **Playground maintenance**

This matter was referred to the Finance Committee due to its financial implications. The recommendation of the estates officer was approved – company B.

1. **Santa’s Grotto**

The roof leak will be investigated

1. **GL44 and GL45**

The licence has been issued and quarterly payments permitted for the first 2 years.

1. **Gwenllian centre**

Negotiations for the lease will commence.

1. **Network rail**

Communication regarding site inspections on town council land are underway.

1. **Probation Agency**

Liaising with the agency and volunteers to clear brambles at Glan yr Afon

1. Drain maintenance

The county council are undertaking drain maintenance at Cae Ffynnon and at Parc Pendre

**Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 10th October 2023**

**258 CEMETERY**

Architectural plans for the memorial garden refurbishment had previously been accepted. Funeral directors have been asked for observations and details of family contacts but only 1 has responded. Information on the development will be posted on the website and noticeboards.

**259 QUAY AND CANAL**

Quay wall:- The structural report has been received. No underpinning is required by the cracks need stitching. Listed planning consent will be required.

Canal Banks:- the banks are overgrown. Clearance work is necessary. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the clearance quote of £600 for one day for 2 men and equipment hire. Depending on the amount of area cleared, further work will be scheduled.

Canal leak:- A leak adjacent to the furthest bridge needs investigation. Quotes for a camera survey will be sought.

**260 TOWN SQUARE PLANS**

A pre-contractual meeting with key stakeholders has been held – start on site in January 2024. The contractor is to use his site at the old Dinas Yard as a storage compound for construction materials. A building regulations application has been made. It was **RESOLVED** to release the £65k for set up costs so materials can be ordered.

During the build, disruption will be kept to a minimum. Traffic lights will be installed to ensure the road is kept safe and traffic can flow. Temporary toilet units will be placed in Glan yr Afon for a short time during reconstruction of the existing toilets. Residents will be kept informed of developments and information packs will be available.

##### 261 H19 H15 A12- RENT REVIEW “in camera”

A12 is to be handed back to the town council in March 2024. Other issues are ongoing.

**262 NEW STREET SITE**

A planning Pre-application form has been submitted to determine the authority’s stance on the proposed change of use. It was recognised that purchasing the land would be a good investment, whatever its future use due to its central town location. This has been delayed as the officer responsible has left the authority and no replacement has been appointed.

**263 STORAGE CONTAINERS**

Storage containers:-

1. Scouts – they will pay for their own container but require a site. Further details of their storage requirements will be requested so that appropriate locations can be identified.
2. KTC - The existing container at the rear of PGC, owned by the hall trust, is full. The council has had many recent deliveries which have had to be stored outside or in the upstairs room. 15 boxes of banners had to be hauled upstairs. Extra storage, under surveillance, is needed.

Artifacts owned by the council need to be moved from the Industrial Museum for preservation as the site is damp. Storage for these items needs consideration.

**264 GWENDRAETH RAILWAY SOCIETY**

A request to use the lane off the bottom end of the by-pass to access land adjacent to the old railway line for maintenance has been received. It was **RESOLVED** that a 3 year wayleave at a peppercorn rent be drawn up. Any damage will be reinstated. Note and **Close** this item.

**265 CAE FFYNNON TREES**

A tree had fallen and had to be removed. Inspection revealed that one other needed to be felled.

It was **RESOLVED** to cut and remove the tree at a cost of £1,400. It was noted that the trees are difficult to access and the footpath is steep. Note and **Close** this item.

##### 266 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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|  | REF | PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | LOCATION |
| 1 |  | None |  |

##### 267 AGRICULTURAL TENANCIES

There were no tenancies to consider.

##### 268 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no referrals.

##### 269 CORRESPONDENCE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023

There was no correspondence not dealt with above.