KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

13th February 2024

At the Hybrid meeting of the ESTATES COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 6.30pm

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

There were no declarations of interest.

**341 ESTATES OFFICER REPORT**

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

1. **Princess Gwenllian Centre Lease** – Waiting for Charity Commission to provide the deeds to the land and building. Our solicitor is currently unable to make contact with Charity Commission as there is no reply on the phone and no response to emails.
2. **Mynyddygarreg Mountain** – Contractor will be contacted this week to arrange putting up signage. It was requested that when the signage is erected to publicise it on social media. Cllr Peters-Bond is waiting on a response from the parties who had previously expressed an interest in the care of the mountain.
3. **Container Storage** – Longer term solution needed for storage, but KTC is currently renting a storage container in Pinged for 6 months. Cllr Griffiths said that if, in the future, a request was put in to site a container on the land surrounding the Council Offices and Princess Gwenllian Hall, then the PGC trustees would vote on whether or not to agree to it.
4. **Picnic tables** – Concrete bases have been completed. When the benches are in situ, it was requested that photos are put on social media.
5. **Tree damage at Glanyrafon** – There has been further damage to the trees, including the loss of a healthy tree.. Previously, local residents haven’t wanted the trees felled, but they are now a health and safety risk. A site meeting with ecologists who are familiar with the site has already been arranged.
6. **Hedge maintenance at Parc Stephens** – Work has started this week.

**Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 16th January 2024**

**342 CEMETERY**

Rachael has been in touch with the funeral directors. Ill health has prevented them providing the information KTC requested. Cllr Peters-Bond said that the work needs to be started as soon as possible with appropriate information signage to explain what work is being undertaken.

**343 QUAY AND CANAL**

Issues with the canal leaking have arisen because of a culvert underneath the canal which is also leaking. Consultants have been to inspect the situation but due to weather conditions it proved difficult to access the culvert. However KTC has had quotes re properly inspecting the area, with two options; 1) Fully de-water area (this would take about two weeks and cost £25-230k) or

2) Wait until summer and dryer weather and then have their day rates of £1715 per day (minimum 5 days). This is only for the inspection not for any remedial works. This is a listed structure so any remedial work will need to be done in conjunction with CCC Planning and CADW.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the second option.

**344 KIDWELLY TOWN SQUARE**

Work is underway and on track. Possible issue with base of green wall - a tap test is to be done. Specification meeting with contractors tomorrow (14/02/2024). A green roof bus station may be located in the town square which would fit in very well with the green wall. Thanks were extended to the Estates Manager for sorting out the siting of the defibrillator, which had initially been sited inside the fence. Extra electrical ducts need to be installed for Christmas lighting – costings are needed since KTC would be liable for this expense. The Estates Manager is waiting for RT Electrics to arrange a meeting. Signage already on display regarding temporary toilets in Glan yr Afon.

##### 345 PEMBREY ROAD COMMERCIAL SITES

Issues are ongoing. A12 to be handed back on the due date. Otherwise no update.

**346 NEW STREET SITE**

No update.

**347 ACTIVE TRAVEL ROUTE**

There is a proposal to have an active travel route from the Holiday Park to station/Kidwelly town centre in order to encourage visitors to travel to the town by bike or walking. Consultants will be hired to do survey work about whether there is merit in and support for to this proposal. The Town Clerk will circulate the requirements on the tender. There is now a need to reinvigorate original group (Growth Hwb Group) involved in this project. The results of this feasibility study will form the basis of further funding so CCC are also keen to have active local support. Councillors requested to email Cllr Chris Peters-Bond if interested in joining the group. This opportunity to join the group will also be publicised to interested parties and meeting when tender has been awarded.

##### 348 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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|  | REF | PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | LOCATION |
| 1 | PRE/02026 |  | Kidwelly Quay |
| 2 | PL/07117 | Construction of new bungalow | Meinciau Road |

No objections. Please respond to the application as appropriate.

##### 349 TENDERS

##### GS4 car parking space has been handed back. Advertise the space in the usual places (social media, notice on notice board and perhaps letter drop some of the immediate properties in the area as well as the church)

##### 350 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no referrals.

##### 351 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email received from a Ph.D. student asking for permission to survey our graveyard. It is a non-intrusive, merely visual survey. Permission granted and an offer of our archives if helpful. It would be beneficial to KTC if the student could share her results.
2. **Subsequently received correspondence** – notice of road closure 12-14th February. Details added to website and social media.