

## KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

At the meeting of the **ESTATES COMMITTEE** held at the Council Offices, Kidwelly on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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

### **373 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Minute 396 – Cllr J.Gilasbey declared an interest and left the room

### **374 ESTATES OFFICER REPORT**

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

#### Japanese Knotweed

First treatment has been completed and payment made. Additional areas have been identified for treatment in the next phase.

#### GVEC

On 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019 a meeting was held with GVEC representative Hap Warton. A revised MOU between the council and GVEC will be drafted. A pre-planning application will be made.

#### The Quay – cockle picking

The beds are now closed. A meeting with the Welsh Government Fisheries representative will be held to plan the management of the situation and ensure the council's interests during the next season. A timber bollard has been thrown into the river. A site visit will be made to inspect any damage done. A No Camper Van sign will be put in the Quay car park.

#### Parkrun

A request to register the Quay as a site for PARKRUN has been received. Parkrun is a collection of 5 kilometre running events that take place every Saturday morning at over 1400 locations in 22 countries across 5 continents. Junior Parkrun, on a Sunday morning provides a 2 kilometre run for children aged 4-14. Events are free and run by volunteers. If this is agreed, hedges along the canal paths would have to be cut – a quotation is awaited.

#### Castle Lights

Of the 12 castle lights, only 3 work. No replacement bulbs are available. Whole unit replacement costs would be between £145 and £400 per light position.

#### Park Stephens drain

A concrete underground structure, possibly a large drainage holding tank has been found adjacent to the new play area transferred to the town council from the county council. DCWW has claimed responsibility for it.

## **Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 8th October 2019**

### **375 CEMETERY**

Mr Ieuan Hughes has drawn attention to issues at the Town Cemetery, Castle River Walk and the War Memorial. He will be informed of the timeframe set out for the remedial works. Work on the retaining wall of the memorial garden – estimated cost £4k. A sub-group of Cllrs J.Gilasbey, J.Mayne and J.Parry will oversee maintenance work.

### **376 MAINTENANCE OF MYNYDD MOUNTAIN**

Reports of 4 wheeled drive vehicles using the mountain area have been received, destroying wildlife and habitats. They are, however, clearing the overgrowth and keeping the BOATs open. Residents are concerned about vehicles driving dangerously. CCC footpaths officer will be contacted. Signs will be placed requesting all vehicles to keep to the designated routes only.

### **377 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT GLH14**

Part of the land is now fit for grazing as the land has recently been re-seeded. It was previously **RESOLVED** to put this section of land to tender for a 6 months winter grazing licence - sheep only. No interest has been shown. It will be re-advertised with no amount included. This matter will be considered further under the Minute – Tenders. Note and **Close** this item.

### **378 LEASE OF THE FORESHORE**

It was noted that the Crown Estate's requirement for the council to pay legal fees incurred by entering into a lease for the foreshore had been dropped and the rent had been reduced to £400 per annum. The clause indicating that the town council will hand over any income generated from the use of this land will be queried. Cllr P.Thompson will draft the letter.

### **379 MAINTENANCE OF INTERPRETATION PANELS**

Interpretation panels need painting with preservative. The Probation Service will be requested to carry out this work.

### **380 DEVELOPMENT OF TOWN SQUARE**

It was reaffirmed that the development of the Town Square is a priority. Previously drawn plans will be circulated.

### **381 REGISTRATION OF LAND AT MYNYDD PLAY AREA**

The estates officer will clarify the actual status of registration of the land with the solicitor acting for the town council in the asset management process and with the county council corporate property department.

### **382 LAND AT KINGSWOOD**

It was previously **RESOLVED** to sell a small triangle of land at Kingswood – offers in the region of £500. The land is on a steep slope and is very expensive to maintain as the trees border the A484 and need regular cutting by specialist contractors at a cost in excess of £5k per cut. No tenders have been received. The tender period will be extended.

### **383 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS**

It was reported that an additional light socket for a tree in Mynydd y Garreg has been installed. Additional lights for this tree are required. The tree contractor would welcome any councillor who wishes to select a tree from the forestry. A Christmas committee meeting will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

### **384 QUAY WALL**

The quay wall – which has listed building status – is in need of attention. Only one tender for a structural survey has been received. It was previously **RESOLVED** to accept the tender of £580 inc VAT and proceed with the survey.

### **385 LAND NEAR 27 HOREB ROAD – PURCHASE OF H3 – “in camera”**

This matter was held in camera because of its financially sensitive nature. It was noted that the sale is progressing.

### **386 ANIMAL HOUSING ON GL20**

A request for animal housing has been received. A neighbour provided a written list of grave concerns, he and others had over the proposal and the existing arrangements of the tenancy. As information from neither side of the issue had been previously circulated to members, the matter was deferred until all the councillors could read the data provided.

### **387 HISTORY SHED EXPERIENCE**

It was previously **RESOLVED** to hold a further public meeting in the near future, where it will be emphasised that the council fully supports this facility. It was also further **RESOLVED** to provide the organisation with a strongly worded letter of intent to back the initiative. An informal meeting between the officers of the shed and councillors will be held to clarify any queries. Members of the public not in favour of the initiative have opportunity to object at the planning permission consultation.

### **388 DIANA MEMORIAL GARDEN**

The garden has been cleared and new plants planted. Volunteers will be sought to continue the maintenance.

### **389 COMMUNITY ORCHARD**

Two further sites for the orchard have been proposed. The Estates Officer is awaiting a response from Incredible Edibles.

### **390 TRAMWAY MAINTENANCE**

Residents of Meinciau Road have been dumping rubbish at the rear of their properties, onto the tramway at Brynhefin fields. This has caused waterlogging in the field. Letters will be sent to the tramway licencees requesting that they stop dumping rubbish. Quotations for clearing the ditch along the tramway will be sought.

### **391 KIDWELLY IN BLOOM - ROUNDABOUTS**

Two local businesses have agreed to sponsor development work on the two roundabout at Parc y Bocs and Commissioners’s Bridge. It was previously **RESOLVED** to obtain licences from the county council to allow work to be carried out at these locations.

### **392 COFEB GRAV MAINTENANCE**

A maintenance plan will be drawn up.

### **393 WATER FOUNTAIN ON TOWN SQUARE**

Placing a water fountain on the town square is being considered.

### **394 AGRICULTURAL TENDERS**

GL43 – It was **RESOLVED** to put accept the tender of £1k per annum for a 5 year tenancy.

GLH14 – It was **RESOLVED** to re-advertise the 6 months sheep grazing tender with no lower limit stated.

GLH6 – This consists of 2 fields which will be let separately when the tenant gives notice to relinquish the tenancy.

### **395 TENDERS FOR TREE SURGERY**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the tender of £7650 for phase 1 of the work. It was recognised that this work must be completed before the end of March as bird nesting will commence. The estates officer will compile a cutting schedule. Note and **Close** this item.

### **396 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Ref	Type	Proposed Development	Location	Applicant
S/39720	Full	Sun room side extension to existing dwelling.	Penlan Isaf Farm, Portway, Ferryside, SA17 5JR	Peter Francis

There were no observations.

### **397 H19 - RENT REVIEW – *in camera***

A payment plan will be drawn up. An additional valuation is awaited.

### **398 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

There were no referrals.

### **399 CORRESPONDENCE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2019**

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