

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

11th FEBRUARY 2020

At the meeting of the **ESTATES COMMITTEE** held at the Council Offices, Kidwelly on Tuesday 11th February 2020

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

561 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 573 – Cllr J.Gilasbey will look at all planning matters afresh when they are considered by the county council and at all information and advice provided.

Minute 567 – Cllrs J.Parry and A.Jenkins left the room – Cllr J.Gilasbey took the chair

Minute 568 – Cllrs J.Gilasbey and J.Parry left the room

562 ESTATES OFFICER REPORT

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

Estate tree work

Two large dead ash trees, on unregistered land at Castle River Walk, have been removed as they were a danger to the public. This additional cost was approved.

Litter bins

Two litter bins, donated by Dyfrig Dalziel, have been installed in Parc Stephens

Local Development Plan

Three candidate site were submitted. Land at A6 near Garreg farm has been included. Land at the old brickyard and Brynhefin fields have been excluded. The latter will be challenged.

Understanding Welsh Place Names

Seminar to be held on 12th February 2020 at PGC

Common Ground

Meeting held with Common Ground, a volunteer group prepared to help with tree planting schemes with collaborative agencies/landowners

Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 14th January 2020

563 CEMETERY

The contractor has cleaned the paths and weeded the memorial garden. Tree cutting has commenced.

564 REGISTRATION OF LAND AT MYNYDD PLAY AREA

The council solicitor has indicated that the unregistered area of land cannot be claimed by the town council as proof of use has not been proven. The asset transfer documents will be scrutinised to determine whether possessory title of this area was included in the transaction.

565 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 £450 per annum. It has also agreed to allow the council to charge users for the maintenance of the Quay and slipway. This makes entering into a lease a viable proposition. It also enables council land known as GL43 to be rented.

GL43 – {land on the foreshore} - fencing is required before leasing. The prospective tenant is prepared to do this along one boundary line if the rent is reduced accordingly. The estates officer will work out the costings of this. Natural Resources Wales had agreed to fence the rest as it is a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Before NRW will undertake this expense it requires [a] a grazing licence between the council and tenant to be in place [b] a lease between the council and the Crown Estate.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** to enter into a lease of the foreshore with the Crown Estate and further **RESOLVED** to lease GL43 as previously negotiated.

566 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.

567 ANIMAL HOUSING ON GL20

The estates officer had carried out a site visit and prepared a report addressing the issues arising from housing pigs on the land. It was noted that retrospective planning will be needed to formalise the buildings already erected. Planning will be required for the additional building requested. It was **RESOLVED** to defer any decisions until after the outcome of the planning application is known.

568 HISTORY SHED EXPERIENCE

The council has agreed in principal to support the venture, which is recognised as a valuable asset to the town. A consultation meeting was held on 10th February 2020. The meeting made clear many of the outstanding queries that needed to be clarified before the project can go ahead.

A plan of the proposed location will be put onto the website and the site physically staked out so that residents can identify where the buildings will be erected. It was **RESOLVED** to draw up a draft lease which will be necessary when seeking grant funding for the project and will also assist in the planning process. This will be done in the next financial year. It was further **RESOLVED** to proceed with a pre-planning application at a cost of £250. This will detail any positive or negative issues which may arise at the full planning stage.

569 H19 - RENT REVIEW – in camera

A valuation is being determined.

570 WATERING OF SUMMER FLOWERS

It was noted that two responses had been received for last year's watering plan, but both individuals were unable to provide the equipment or a suitable vehicle. £1k has been allocated in the budget. It was previously **RESOLVED** to advertise the job, contacting local community groups, flower providing firms and neighbouring councils. Specifications have been drawn up indicating the tasks, time involved and equipment needed. It is hoped that a local council will be able to undertake the task – information is awaited.

571 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.

572 AGRICULTURAL TENDERS

There were no tenders due.

573 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref	Type	Proposed Development	Location	Applicant
S/40085	Full Planning	Garage conversion and a first floor addition	59 Morfa Maen, Kidwelly, SA17 4UF	Mr & Mrs Morris

There were no observations.

574 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no referrals.

575 CORRESPONDENCE JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020

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