

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

14th JANUARY 2020

At the meeting of the **ESTATES COMMITTEE** held at the Council Offices, Kidwelly on Tuesday 14th January 2020

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

Mr Wayne Eldred attended and expressed his views on the rent review of E & M Motors. The estates officer declared an interest and left the room. Minute 518 refers.

501 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 520 – Cllr J.Gilasbey – the county councilor will look at all planning matters afresh when they are considered by the county council and at all information and advice provided.

502 ESTATES OFFICER REPORT

The estates officer indicated that due to outside commitments he would be adhering to his 16 contracted hours of work. He was thanked for all the additional work he had done previously. He had circulated a written report which was considered. It was noted that 2 litter bins would be installed on existing hard standings. Enquiries will be made as to the use of dual purpose, general/recycling bins.

Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 10th December 2019

503 CEMETERY

The contractor will clean the paths and weed the memorial garden when the weather permits. Tree cutting is scheduled. Two fence posts need repair. The retaining wall of the memorial garden needs rebuilding – estimated cost £4k. A sub-group of Cllrs J.Gilasbey, J.Mayne and J.Parry will oversee maintenance work.

504 DEVELOPMENT OF TOWN SQUARE

It was reaffirmed that the development of the Town Square is a priority. Previously drawn plans had been circulated. This matter will be deferred until finance will be available in the next financial year. Note and **Close** this item.

505 MAINTENANCE OF MYNYDD MOUNTAIN

Reports of 4 wheeled drive vehicles using the mountain area have been received, destroying wildlife and habitats. Signs have been placed requesting all vehicles to keep to the designated routes only. Future preservation of the habitat will be included in the General Maintenance Plan. Note and **Close** this item.

506 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. Lack of benefits to the council, cost of upkeep and liabilities and exclusion clauses in the new lease were concerns expressed. It was previously **RESOLVED** not to renew the lease in its present form, but negotiate more favourable terms. A response has been prepared and will be sent. The construction of the slipway by a Mr Peters will be investigated.

507 MAINTENANCE OF INTERPRETATION PANELS

Interpretation panels need painting with preservative. The Probation Service will be requested to carry out this work. The upkeep of the panels will be included in the General Maintenance Plan. Note and **Close** this item.

508 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.

509 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 conservation of this land will be included in the General Maintenance Plan. Note and **Close** this item.

510 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. This will be done during the summer period. Note and **Close** this item.

511 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.

512 ANIMAL HOUSING ON GL20

Councillors A.Jenkins and J.Parry did not speak while the public spoke but were present. A request for animal housing has been received. A neighbour had provided a written list of grave concerns, he and others had over the proposal and the existing arrangements of the tenancy. It was noted that a revised application had been made for a 15 sq ft hard standing and 2 pig arcs to house 12 animals.

513 HISTORY SHED EXPERIENCE

A consultation meeting will be held on 10th February 2020. Posters are to be circulated and the event advertised. It is anticipated that the meeting will make clear many of the outstanding queries that need to be clarified before the project can go ahead. The council has agreed in principal to support the venture, which is recognised as a valuable asset to the town.

514 DIANA MEMORIAL GARDEN

Care of the garden will be added to the General Maintenance Plan. Note and **Close** this item.

515 COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Incredible Edibles is in negotiations with the county council to site the orchard in the half moon area of Parc Stephens car park. This matter will be closed until further information is available. Note and **Close** this item.

516 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. Future clearance work will be included in the General Maintenance Plan. Note and **Close** this item.

517 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.

518 H19 - RENT REVIEW – in camera

A valuation is being determined.

519 AGRICULTURAL TENDERS

GLa8 – It was **RESOLVED** to offer a new 5 year tenancy at an annual rent of £330

GLa11 – It was **RESOLVED** to offer a new 5 year tenancy at an annual rent of \$420

GL33 – It was **RESOLVED** to offer a new 5 year tenancy at an annual rent of £160

520 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref	Type	Proposed Development	Location	Applicant
S/39976	Full	Change of use of existing office block to funeral directors office and chapel of rest	Office Block, Waungadog, Stockwell Lane, Kidwelly, SA17 4PP	Mr Dyfrig Dalziel
S/39983	Full	Detached prefabricated garage. Shed on a concrete base	Land adjacent to 4 Wern Terrace, Horeb Road, Mynyddygarreg, Kidwelly, SA17 4RB	Ms Emma Wheatland

There were no observations.

521 CEMETERY FEES

It was **RESOLVED** not to increase the cemetery fees for the coming year and monitor the cemetery income closely. Note and **Close** this item.

522 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 **RESOLVED** to advertise the job, contacting local community groups, flower providing firms and neighbouring councils. Specifications will be drawn up indicating the tasks, time involved and equipment needed.

523 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no referrals.

524 CORRESPONDENCE DECEMBER/JANUARY 2019/2020

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