

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

9th JUNE 2020

At the **VIRTUAL** meeting of the **ESTATES COMMITTEE** held on Tuesday 9th June 2020

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

22 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minutes 34, 35, 36 – Councillor J.Gilasbey declared an interest and did not vote.

Minute 27 – Councillor A.Jenkins left the meeting.

23 ESTATES OFFICER REPORT

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

Mynydd y Garreg flower planter

The flower planter adjacent to Horeb Chapel has been replaced due to dilapidation. Councillor C.Peters was thanked for constructing a new, substantially build box, and filling with soil.

24 Station Road

Due to ill health, the tenant has vacated the premises. The property's future will be considered.

Access lane at 2 Horeb Road

A pothole has been reported. It was noted that the lane is used by 3 properties, but historically, only one has a wayleave. It was **RESOLVED** to take legal advice as to the council's rights and responsibilities over this access road.

Benches at Mynydd y Garreg

5 benches at Mynydd y Garreg Hall are in need of attention. The dangerous ones will be taken away as soon as possible. Costs of repair/replacement will be investigated.

Tanyffynnon – flooding (*in camera*)

A discussion on the cause of the flooding took place. It was **RESOLVED** to clear the whole length of the ditch as it was more economical to do this and seek reimbursement at a later date.

Path and road signage

Signs to address issues contravening use of land (ie no dog fouling, no vehicles allowed) have been costed. For signs, fixings and mounting posts - £94 for A3 size, £98 for A2 size. Price would decrease proportionally with larger orders. Signs will be purchased for Glan yr Afon, the Quay, Llynfawr lane and the bridleway. Legal advice will be sought regarding the bi-lingual wording to be used. KTC logo will be included.

Lane at llyn Fawr

The hedge at the entrance to the property opposite Glannant has been topped and cut back. The base of the hedge remains untouched. It was **RESOLVED** to ask the landowner of his intentions regarding the boundary hedge and take photos of the site so members can assess the situation. Consultations will be held with both adjacent landowners.

Bridleway 11/31b

Damage to the bridleway gate has been reported to the county council. The footpaths officer will be requested to cut back the undergrowth.

The quay

Replacement posts for vehicle restriction have been sourced. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote of £370 for 2 custom made posts. Cockle picking arrangements will be discussed with the government department concerned.

Four wheeled drive usage on Mynydd y Garreg mountain

A multi-disciplinary path network – so that walkers and vehicle users are separated – will be considered. Public consultation will take place.

Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 10th March 2020

24 CEMETERY

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

25 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.

26 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 has been delayed by the Pandemic lockdown.

27 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. Cllr Jenkins left the meeting when it became obvious the discussion was not merely an updating of the situation.

It was **RESOLVED** that the town clerk write to the tenant indicating that a planning breach had occurred and he needed to apply for retrospective planning permission for the existing structures. It was previously **RESOLVED** to defer any decisions until after the outcome of the planning application is known.

28 HISTORY SHED EXPERIENCE

The council has agreed in principal to support the venture, which is recognised as a valuable asset to the town. A plan of the proposed location has been put onto the website and the site physically staked out so that residents can identify where the buildings will be erected. It was previously **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. It was also previously **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.

29 H19 H15 A12- RENT REVIEW – in camera

A valuation is being determined.

30 KIDWELLY IN BLOOM - ROUNDABOUTS

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

31 KEEP WALES TIDY

The estates officer is liaising with an officer of Keep Wales Tidy with a view to making Kidwelly Town Council a hub for tidying initiatives.

32 FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Arrangements for the town will be curtailed due to the Pandemic lockdown. A limited number of planters will be put into the town square by the estates contractor who will also water them.

33 AGRICULTURAL TENDERS

GLH14 - the 6 month licence for sheep grazing has expired. It was **RESOLVED** to put the land to tender for a 3 year period, offers in excess of £500 per annum.

A6 – the long term agricultural tenancy has been handed back. It was **RESOLVED** to put the land to tender under a grazing licence for a 3 year tenancy – offers in excess of £350 per annum.

“To Let” signs will be erected on the roadside to advertise the tenders.

34 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no observations.

35 BLACK CAT SCULPTURE

It was **RESOLVED** in principal, to investigate options for erecting a black cat sculpture on the roundabout at Commissioner’s Bridge to respectfully mark the pandemic of 2020. The long-term project would require planning permission. Decisions on size, style and materials for the sculpture and also cost options need to be assessed.

An interpretation panel could be mounted on the pathway from Pembrey, near the roundabout, which would explain about the story of the cat and how it has entered into the folklore of the town. Visitors could then see the significance of the sculpture and learn a little of the history of the area.

The “10 towns” initiative will provide a consultant who will ensure community engagement with the project and advise on all aspects of the installation.

36 SKATE BOARD PARK

A request for a skate board park has been received. It was **RESOLVED**, in principal, to support the project. It was noted that there is money in the budget for parks development which could be used, in part, for match funding provided that an officially constituted group of skate park users be formed to manage the project and work with the council. The estates officer will meet with those involved and identify land that could be used.

37 NOTICEBOARD

To comply with Welsh language requirements it was **RESOLVED** to remove the “Kidwelly” English sign from the top of the noticeboard on the town square and replace it with a “Cydweli” Welsh sign at a cost of £575. Note and **Close** this item.

38 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

CASTLE LIGHTING:-

Various options had been previously considered and quotes received. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase 14 Samsung 300 watt 24000 lumens at a cost of £3290. 11 of the protective cages need attention. Options for repair/replacement will be investigated. Information on the refurbishment of the lights project will be put onto the website.

39 CORRESPONDENCE MAY/JUNE 2020

There was no correspondence not dealt with above. Note and **Close** this item.