

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

10th NOVEMBER 2020

At the **VIRTUAL** meeting of the **ESTATES COMMITTEE** held on Tuesday 10th November 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
	Town Clerk	V. O'Reilly
	Estates Officer	Mark Stephens
	Town Secretary	A Padgett
	Admin. Assist.	Owain Davies
Apologies	Councillors	G.Beer, P.Thompson
No apologies		C.Davies

Sara Griffiths and Kevin Dobson, Modernisation Team at CCC, attended to discuss arrangements at the bridleway. This matter was considered under Minute 248.

239 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minutes 248, 251 – Councillor J.Gilasbey declared an interest. Did not speak or vote.

240 ESTATES OFFICER REPORT

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

Benches at Mynydd y Garreg - 3 benches for Mynydd y Garreg Hall have been delivered and are awaiting installation. It was **RESOLVED** to refurbish 5 existing benches at a cost of £800.

Bins - Large additional bins are required for Parc Stephens and the Quay. It was previously **RESOLVED** to purchase 2 general waste (£478 each) and 2 recycling bins (£517 each), which have now been ordered.

24 Station Road - A survey has been undertaken. A report is being compiled to establish refurbishment costs. An empty house grant may be available. Contact with housing associations has been made.

Phase 2 tree surgery - The next phase will be discussed with the tree surgeon.

Signage - Quotes for 10 permanent signs at the Quay and Glan yr Afon and 5 at Mynydd y Garreg have been sought. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase the 15 signs at a cost of £985+VAT. Installation costs will be investigated.

Glan yr Afon Fence -Glan yr Afon fencing is rotten. Replacement costs will be sought.

Network Rail -Draft license for work at the railway bridge has been received - £5,500 to be paid. It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the license so the work can commence.

Kymer's Canal - Discussions with CCC and NRW regarding works at canal paths continue.

Royal British Legion -The legion wishes to maintain the memorial garden at New Street. It was agreed in principle, a written agreement to be drawn up ensuring that the memorial statue itself is not to be touched.

Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 13th October 2020

241 CEMETERY

Phase 1 - The fence along Ferry Road has rotted and is dangerous. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase replacement high quality rot proof fencing at a cost of £3134.03 inc VAT. This has been ordered. Several contractors have been requested to submit quotes for installation, only one response has been received, which was considered too high. Further requests will be made.

242 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.

243 H19 H15 A12- RENT REVIEW – *in camera*

This matter was held in camera because of its commercially sensitive nature. A valuation is being determined. A response from the other parties involved is still awaited. The estates officer will pursue this.

244 ANIMAL HOUSING ON GL20

The estates officer had previously 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. The tenant had responded stating that he was awaiting a planning opinion. The matter was deferred until further information has been received and the tenant's response has been considered.

245 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. A pre-planning application has been submitted and will be made available to members.

246 KEEP WALES TIDY

Keep Wales Tidy project – flower planters with trellis have been placed in the town square. Bird feeders and associated items are to be located nearby.

247 SKATE BOARD PARK

A request for a skate board park has been received. It was previously **RESOLVED**, in principal, to support the project. It had been 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 has meet with those involved and identified land that could be used – play areas at Water Street and Ger y Gwendraeth. Members had been informed that residents of Ger y Gwendraeth had objections to use of land near their homes. Two further sites are possible and will be considered, the rear of the Gwenllian Centre and part of Parc Stephens.

248 BRIDLEWAY TRANSFER – YSGOL GWENLLIAN DEVELOPMENT

The county council wishes to add the footprint of part of the bridleway (11/31a) to the school development site. Planning permission for the new school will not be approved unless this is done for ecological reasons. **THE LEASE**;- The county council wish to have a 15 year lease of the bridleway section to include a maintenance contract. It was agreed to request that a maintenance plan for the paths, pond and bridges on CCC land adjacent to the canal be included in any agreement. A charge of £2 per day would be requested for the lease.

It was **RESOLVED** to negotiate the terms of the lease as stated above.

A named vote was requested

FOR			AGAINST
C. Peters	J.James	J.Bezant	D.Lloyd-Waterford
C.Peters-Bond	J.Mayne	A.Jenkins	

Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey did not vote as she had declared an interest.

249 CASTLE LIGHTING

It was previously **RESOLVED** to purchase 14 Samsung 300 watt 24000 lumens at a cost of £3290. 11 of the protective cages need attention at a cost of £960. The contractor constructing the cages, despite many requests, has failed to deliver the goods. A deadline will be given. If not complied with further quotes will be sought from alternative contractors.

250 AGRICULTURAL TENDERS

There were no tenders to consider.

251 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

	Ref	Type	Proposed development	Location	Applicant
1	PL/00569	Full	First floor extension	94 Priory Street, Kidwelly	Michael David

No observations were made.

252 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

The Welfare Committee has requested use of Glan yr Afon for the carnival 2021 and permission to install a container for storage on that site. The car park area is owned by the county council and permission will be needed to locate the carnival there. No decisions can be made until the county council has responded. For clarity, this item will be renamed “Carnival at Glan yr Afon”.

253 CORRESPONDENCE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2020

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