

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

15th JUNE 2021

At the **VIRTUAL** meeting of the **ESTATES COMMITTEE** held on Tuesday 15th June 2021

Present	Town Mayor	C.Peters-Bond
	Deputy Mayor	C.Peters
	Councillors	J.Gilasbey, J.Bezant, C.Davies, J.James, A.Jenkins, D.Lloyd-Waterford
	Town Clerk	V. O'Reilly
	Estates Officer	Mark Stephens
	Town Secretary	A Padgett
	Admin. Assist.	Owain Davies
Apologies	Councillors	G.Beer

58 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minutes 63,65,66,74 – Cllr J.Gilasbey declared an interest, did not speak or vote.

Minute 62 – Cllr A.Jenkins left the meeting

Minute 74 – Cllrs C.Peters and C.Peters-Bond declared an interest.

59 ESTATES OFFICER REPORT

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

(a) Keep Wales Tidy – The Estates Officer has attended a refresher course. The council has registered as a KWT Hub. Volunteers will sign up for equipment kits. They will not be covered for working on major roadways.

(b) Defibrillator Boxes – 2 boxes have been installed with access codes allocated. A third defibrillator has been requested for Parc Stephens.

(c) Boom TV – A request to film at the sensory garden was granted.

(d) Mynydd playing field – A request to place a memorial plaque on a bench in memory of a relative was approved. Costs of memorials, plaques, benches, trees will be considered.

(e) Mynydd play area – Protruding concrete has been removed. Any further pieces found underground will be removed.

(f) Pro-map – The third and final version of the cemetery plan has been received. All cemetery data will be loaded onto the programme.

(g) Town toilets – a blockage has been resolved. Sani-bins will be placed in the ladies.

(h) H5 Tanyffynnon – “*in camera*” Soil contamination testing quotes received £2190 and £2970+VAT.

(i) Signage – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation of £120 per pole installation (totalling £1,680). Position of signs will be queried.

(j) Ger y Castell play area – The play equipment has been ordered.

(k) Parc Stephens – Concrete bases to the picnic tables have been modified, having turf sloping up to the concrete pads.

(l) Town Square – Unauthorised parking on the square is being addressed.

(m) Solar Farm – a pre-app consultation for a proposed solar farm near Commissioner's Bridge has been circulated.

Other items reported:-

Water Street play equipment boards will be replaced.

The broken bench at the quay will be removed.

Weeds at the Quay will be sprayed, dead weeds at Cofeb Grav will be cleared.

Camper vans at the Quay will be monitored.

Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 11th May 2021

Councillor Carl Peters joined the meeting.

60 CEMETERY

Building materials for the retaining wall have been ordered by the contractor and work will commence work during the next week.

61 H19 H15 A12- RENT REVIEW “in camera”

A valuation has been determined and disputed by the leasees. Action is being taken to resolve the issues.

62 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. This matter is in the hands of the planning authority. Note and **Close** this item.

63 HISTORY SHED EXPERIENCE

A site topographical survey has been provided. A block plan showing building locations has been supplied. The ecology report, at a cost of £2,580 has been completed. A pre-planning application will be made.

64 SKATE BOARD PARK

A request for a skate board park has been received. It was previously **RESOLVED**, in principal, to support the project. Cllr James has met with Mrs Ann Gilley and local youths to consult over the needs of the young people. Locations will be considered. Cllr J.Gilasbey will investigate the availability of county owned land.

65 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. An alternative to a 15 year lease would be an asset transfer to the county council. This option has been submitted to the county officer. A response is awaited.

66 CARNIVAL AT GLAN YR AFON

CCC has agreed that the carnival can use the county car park. The Welfare Committee has requested permission to install a container for storage near that site. However, there are 3 small areas of land at Glan yr Afon which are not registered. It was previously **RESOLVED** that the town council apply for adverse possession of these plots. This will be done.

67 CASTLE LIGHTING

CADW requires a work method and risk assessment to be prepared and a contract to be signed before work to renew the castle lights can commence. They also would prefer a separate electricity meter to be installed. The old lights have been removed and the electricity disconnected. The forgemaster's method of work statement is awaited.

68 HOUSE AT 24 STATION ROAD

It was previously **RESOLVED** to sell the property. Three viewings have taken place. One offer of £145 had been received and was later increased to £150k. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the offer and go ahead with the sale ringfencing the proceeds for the purchase of another property.

69 TOWN CLOCK

Due to the cramped space in the tower and the dampness, the engineer would have to dismantle the clock and remove it for repairs to the factory. Cost - £8,894. An alternative long term solution would be to electrify the mechanism at a cost of £7886 plus electricity connection charges. As the clock is housed in the church steeple, permission from the church authorities will be needed. Grant funding is not available. There is no finance available at present.

70 GLAMPING PERMISSION AT GL12

A request to put glamping pods at Penygroes, Mynydd y Garreg, on council (tenanted) land has been submitted and looked on favourably. A plan of pod locations and access areas has been supplied. It was noted that the tenancy agreement is not in the name of the applicants. The C.L.A. has advised on the issues. It was previously **RESOLVED**, in principle, to allow the pod development, providing planning approval is given and a new tenancy agreement is drawn up.

71 FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Health and Safety issues over volunteers working on floral planting have arisen. Due to traffic danger on busy roads 3 planters at Parc y Bocs, Ferry Road and Commissioner's Bridge will be maintained by the contractor. Boxes at Monksford Street and at the Quay will be maintained by Cllr J.Gilasbey. It is anticipated that the newly created Mynydd Gardening Group will look after the remaining boxes.

Volunteers who care for areas such as Plough Gardens and Alsted Street will be requested to register with the town council for insurance purposes.

It was agreed that a local business will care for the Castle River Walk planters, also registering their interest with the council. The Sponsorship Policy will apply.

The Policy committee will consider Risk Assessments for all the above.

72 COCKLING

For the coming season, the Licencing Authority intends to licence boats and not individual cocklers. Specialist boats are to be used, at a cost of £25k each. This will be prohibitive for local cocklers. No decisions about launching from the quay slipway can be made until details of the new arrangements have been formalised. The season will not start until September and the beds will be open 7 days a week. Access to the slipway is currently locked.

73 TREE PLANTING SCHEME

Common Ground has planted trees at Glan Yr Afon. A commemorative woodland could be created in memory of the pandemic and also the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee. The estates officer is liaising with the Welsh Government and county council over nationwide tree planting strategies. This matter was referred to the Policy Committee for further consideration. Note and **Close** this item.

74 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

	Ref	Type	Proposed development	Location	Applicant
	PL/1931	Householder	2 storey extension	25 Golwg y Twr Mynydd y Garreg	Elizabeth Proctor

Cllrs C.Peters and C.Peters-Bond declared an interest – the meeting lost its quorum. Members were advised that councillors could make comments as individuals should they wish to comment.

75 AGRICULTURAL TENDERS

There were no tenders considered.

76 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Parklets on the town square was referred from Full Council.

Seating areas known as parklets are planned for the town square. 2 modules have been costed at £10,000 and £8,500. A third quote will be sought.

77 CORRESPONDENCE MAY/JUNE 2021

Requests to purchase GL19 and GL23 have been received and will be considered at the next meeting when rental values and land condition information will be available. For clarity, this item will be re-named “Sale of GL19 and GL23.” Note and **Close** this item.