

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

13th JULY 2021

At the **VIRTUAL** meeting of the **ESTATES COMMITTEE** held on Tuesday 13th July 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, G.Beer, A.Gilley
	Town Clerk	V. O'Reilly
	Estates Officer	Mark Stephens
	Town Secretary	A Padgett
	Admin. Assist.	Owain Davies
Apologies	Councillors	

109 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minutes 110(b), 125 – Cllr J.Gilasbey declared an interest, did not speak or vote.

Minute 113 – Cllr J.Gilasbey left the room.

110 ESTATES OFFICER REPORT

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

- (a) Picnic table at quay** – Old table has been removed. Replacement would cost £600+VAT. Costs of a concrete base and a concrete framed seat will be investigated.
- (b) Defibrillator Boxes** – A defibrillator has been requested for Parc Stephens at the Bowls Club. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a unit and inform the public with a press release.
- (c) Water Street park bench** – The bench has been refurbished. Frames to the swings have been painted.
- (d) Litter bin** – A request to place a bin in Parc Stephens has been received. A large dual receptacle bin has been costed at £535. Further enquiries regarding alternatives will be made.
- (e) Princess Diana Garden** – The metal seat has been removed and is to be repainted.
- (f) Cofeb Gray** – The lettering on the memorial has been re-painted.
- (g) Town toilets** – a blockage has been resolved. Sani-bins have been placed in the ladies. Opening times will be posted. Bi-lingual “pull to open” signs will be put onto the doors. A contact number to report problems to KTC will be displayed.
- (h) H5 Tanyffynnon** – A JCB will be hired for excavation work.
- (i) War memorial** – The site of the memorial is unregistered land.
- (j) Overgrown paths** – The county council has been informed.
- (k) Ash die back** – One tree remains to be cut.
- (l) LDP** – No date has been set for the adoption of the Local Development Plan.

Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 15th June 2021

111 CEMETERY

The retaining wall has been completed. Coping stones have been ordered. The railings will be ordered. The materials for laying pathways and bases for the memorial garden will be considered.

Councillor J.James joined the meeting.

112 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.

113 HISTORY SHED EXPERIENCE

A site topographical survey has been provided. A block plan showing building locations has been supplied. The ecology report has been completed and a draft architectural document is being examined. A pre-planning application will be made.

An e-mail expressing concerns over the development has been received. A meeting with representatives of the Glan yr Afon Volunteers will be held to alleviate any factual misconceptions that are held by members of the community. It was noted that during the planning process, objections can be made to the county council. A press release will be prepared outlining the benefits of the enterprise.

114 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.

115 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 rejected by the county council.

116 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.

117 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.

118 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 previously **RESOLVED** to accept the offer and go ahead with the sale ringfencing the proceeds for the purchase of another property. The sale is progressing.

119 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.

120 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.

121 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.

122 COCKLING

Members were informed that the beds at St Ishmael, Llansteffan and Llanybri will be opened. Ferryside and Gwendraeth will remain closed for the year. It was **RESOLVED** that access for cocklers via the council slipway will be closed. Note and **Close** this item.

123 PARKLETS ON TOWN SQUARE

Seating areas known as parklets are planned for the town square. 3 quotes have been obtained but the specifications vary and they cannot be directly compared. It was agreed that when considering the requirements, they should be: locally crafted: of good design; value for money. The estates officer will evaluate the quotes, make a recommendation and circulate to members for their observations. Executive Action will then be taken if a purchase is agreed.

124 SALE OF GL23 AND GL19

Requests to purchase GL23 and GL19 have been received. The requests were considered.

It was **RESOLVED** not to sell GL23.

Councillor A.Jenkins left the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** not to sell GL19.

Note and **Close** this item.

125 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref	Type	Proposed development	Location	Applicant
None				

126 AGRICULTURAL TENDERS

There were no tenders considered.

127 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Prohibited parking and No Waiting signs. The county highways officer will hold a virtual consultation regarding these traffic issues at 6.30pm on 19th July 2021. A link will be made available and flyers put through nearby letterboxes. Maps will be supplied. The closing date for objections is 23rd July 2021.

It was acknowledged that there is a need for more parking facilities in the town and there should to be a focus on connectivity of all transport, signage, routes etc.

Councillor J.Gilasbey was thanked for her work on this issue.

128 CORRESPONDENCE JUNE/JULY 2021

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