

## KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021

At the **VIRTUAL** meeting of the **ESTATES COMMITTEE** held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 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, C.Morgan
	Town Clerk	V. O'Reilly
	Estates Officer	Mark Stephens
	Town Secretary	A Padgett
	Admin. Assist.	Owain Davies

Apologies Councillors

Members of the public present: Dr Stephen Finch, Wendy Houston, Clare Tonkin, Peter Coslett

### **209 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Minute 220 – Cllr J.Gilasbey declared an interest, did not speak or vote. Minute 213 – she left the room. Minute 210 (e) – Councillor A.Jenkins declared an interest.

### **210 ESTATES OFFICER REPORT**

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

**(a) Network Rail** - The viaduct work should be completed by the end of the year. Cllr Gilasbey, Jenkins and I were given a tour of the works. The overflow car park is no longer being used at the Quay – payment has been received.

**(b) Defibrillator Boxes** – A defibrillator has been ordered for Parc Stephens at the Bowls Club. A unit will be considered for the Gwenllian Centre.

**(c) Grounds maintenance contract** – The current contract ends on 31.03.21. Revised details have been distributed. Costs for waste collection and toilets are awaited.

**(d) Tanyffynnon H5** – Test results were distributed. No contamination present.

**(e) Llyn Fawr Lane** – Glannant is in danger of being flooded. Costs for the provision of a surface water drain headwell = £950. Blocked road gullies have been cleared. Dr Finch spoke and referred to the previous resolution to insert a drainage pipe. A site visit will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

**(f) Canal** – Collaborating with CCC to desludge the pond and ditch network. Assessment of the capacity of the culvert beneath the canal is needed. It was **RESOLVED** to commission the ditch work at a cost of £750.

**(g) Toilet door repairs** – Thomas Glass – instructed to make repairs to vandalised door. Roof tiles need to be replaced. The police will be informed.

**(h) Ash Die Back** – trees on the bridleway are an immediate threat. Three companies have quoted. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote of £2,500.

**(i) Pantygarleg** – flooding on the lane. The highways officer has been informed.

**(j) Access to slipway** – It was **RESOLVED** to issue a key to a resident who berths his boat in the estuary. A nominal sum of £100 per annum will be paid.

Additional items discussed:-

Fencing at Ger y Gwendraeth – referred to Finance committee.

## **Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

### **211 CEMETERY**

The retaining wall has been completed. Quotes for railings had been received. It was previously **RESOLVED** to accept the quote for £7,800 +VAT. The work is scheduled to commence by the end of the month.

### **212 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. The town council valuation document has been sent to the agent concerned.

### **213 HISTORY SHED EXPERIENCE**

Planning application has been submitted. The county has requested an extension of time for deliberation. Natural Resources Wales requires 3 reports to be submitted. Flood assessment, Contamination report and a Construction Environment Plan – a total cost of £2,570. Planning cannot be considered further until these reports have been received. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

### **214 SKATE BOARD PARK**

A request for a skate board park and pump track has been received. It was previously **RESOLVED**, in principal, to support the project. It was noted that a basic installation would cost £50k - £60k. Consultation with potential users will be undertaken to assess needs. It was noted that the area behind the Gwenllian Centre would be an ideal location.

### **215 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.

### **216 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. New tenders may have to be sought for the lightbox refurbishment.

### **217 HOUSE AT 24 STATION ROAD**

The sale has been completed. The money has been ringfenced for a capital regeneration project for the town centre. Ideas and plans should be submitted before Full Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 when proposals can be evaluated. The 10 Towns Strategy has funding available and bids need to be in place by the end of the year. Note and **Close** this item.

### **218 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.

## **219 FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

It was recognised that a floral planting plan is required for both Kidwelly and Mynydd y Garreg. This will include a roundabout strategy. Volunteers and interested parties will be encouraged to participate and provide ideas. A collection of floral slides will be circulated. Kidwelly Noticeboard will be used to promote the activities. Councillors J.Gilasbey and A.Gilley will lead on this initiative. Daffodils will be ordered if arrangements for planting can be made.

## **220 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

	Ref	Type	Proposed development	Location	Applicant

There were no planning applications.

## **221 AGRICULTURAL TENDERS**

GL7 - It was **RESOLVED** to issue a 1 year tenancy until a land survey can be carried out – cost =£1163

## **222 RELINQUISHMENT OF TENANCY GLA6**

It was **RESOLVED** to agree to the termination of the tenancy. The land will be put to tender for a 1 year tenancy, offers in excess of £350. Note and **Close** this item.

## **223 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

There were no referrals.

## **224 CORRESPONDENCE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021**

There was no correspondence not dealt with above.