

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

9th NOVEMBER 2021

At the **VIRTUAL** meeting of the **ESTATES COMMITTEE** held on Tuesday 9th November 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, A.Gilley, C.Morgan
	Town Clerk	V. O'Reilly
	Estates Officer	Mark Stephens
	Town Secretary	A Padgett
	Admin. Assist.	Owain Davies
Apologies	Councillors	G.Beer

Members of the public present: Dr Stephen Finch, Wendy Houston, Sally Milson, Geraint Richards, Joan Dibble, Philip Hayman, Cutis Benelck, Rob Davies, William Dunn

256 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minutes 263, 267 – Cllr J.Gilasbey declared an interest, did not speak or vote.

Minute 262 – Councillor J.James declared an interest and left the room

257 FLOODING

County Council officers attended:-

Aynsley Williams - Environment Officer, Darren King - Highways Services Manager, Nick Griffiths – Assistant Highways Services Manager

The officers gave a verbal report. It was noted that the average rainfall of 30mm in 24 hours had fallen within a 2 hour period causing strain on the existing drainage systems. They listed the areas flooded and the maintenance work carried out. Additional inspections would be added to the schedule. A map was provided. They explained that new funding from the government for flood defence would need to be supported by a strong business case and would take a long time to procure. £150k for improvements to existing infrastructure could be available by March dependant on a report commissioned by the county council provided by external consultants. Concerns of residents were expressed, insurance problems, fear of further flooding, danger to the public and house price devaluation. A multi agency meeting was requested.

Cllr J.Gilasbey will arrange a community meeting with county officers as soon as possible, partly face to face, partly on zoom. Weekly updates will be put onto social media.

Town councillor site visit – Saturday 13th November 2021 10.00am at Cae Fynnon.

258 ESTATES OFFICER REPORT

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

(a) Canal towpath – Cost of trimming back the overgrowth over 4km of paths is £2,500. It was **RESOLVED** to do this work.

(b) Defibrillator Boxes – A unit was considered for the Gwenllian Centre. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase the unit recommended by the estates officer.

(c) Grounds maintenance contract – The current contract ends on 31.03.21. Revised details have been distributed. Tenders to be returned by 6th December 2021.

(d) Waungadog flooding – It was **RESOLVED** to pay £360 for flood repair work carried out by the owner at Waungadog farm.

(e) Old Quarry Lane – Glannant is in danger of being flooded. A price for flood attenuation work is awaited.

(f) Playground equipment maintenance – Quotations for equipment maintenance have been sought from specialist companies.

(g) Trees at Stockwell Lane – trees (109-114 and 117) on the bridleway are an immediate threat. It was **RESOLVED** to carry out the work as a matter of urgency – at a cost of £1,750.

Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 12th October 2021

259 CEMETERY

The retaining wall has been completed. Railings should be installed by the end of the month. Pathway surfaces will be the next phase of the cemetery refurbishment.

260 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. The solicitor is on sick leave and will be re-contacted when returned to work.

261 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.

262 SKATE BOARD PARK AND PUMP TRACK

A request for a skate board park and pump track has been received. It was **RESOLVED**, in principal, to support the project. A community group has been formally constituted to progress the project. Cllr J.James was appointed as council representative, allowing her to participate in discussion. The association will provide initial design plans and meet with the estates officer to consider locations.

263 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. It was **RESOLVED** to propose a 20 year lease.

264 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.

265 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.

266 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.

267 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

	Ref	Type	Proposed development	Location	Applicant
	PL/1026	Consultation	71 dwellings with associated infrastructure	Part of former Dinas Yard, Pembrey Road	Dinas Yard Developments

Grave concerns over the recent flooding and the location of the development will be submitted. The position of the new school in relation to flooding will also be mentioned.

268 AGRICULTURAL TENDERS

GLA6 - It was **RESOLVED** to issue a 1 year tenancy until a land survey can be carried out. A tender for £600 was accepted.

269 TOWN SQUARE PLANS

Installation of parklets will be delayed until spring. To take advantage of the funding available via the 10 Towns initiative, within the short timeframe restrictions, it was **RESOLVED** to prepare a design concept and present it to the community for observations.

270 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no referrals.

271 CORRESPONDENCE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2021

Mr Lanigan	Members were informed of a dispute between Mr Lanigan and a council tenant of adjoining land. It was considered a problem that was between the two parties. Mr Lanigan will be informed. Note and Close this item.
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