

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

14th DECEMBER 2021

At the **VIRTUAL** meeting of the **ESTATES COMMITTEE** held on Tuesday 14th December 2021

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

Members of the public present: Wendy Houston, Joan Dibble

306 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minutes 312, 318 – Cllr J.Gilasbey declared an interest, did not speak or vote.

307 ESTATES OFFICER REPORT

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

(a) Canal towpath – Trimming back the overgrowth over 4km of paths has been completed at a cost of £2,500. It was previously **RESOLVED** to do this work.

(b) Defibrillator Boxes – A unit for the Gwenllian Centre has been purchased. The external housing box is awaited.

(c) Old Quarry Lane – Repairs are being carried out at a cost of: Labour £2180, materials £950

(d) Trees at Stockwell Lane – Work has been completed at a cost of £1,750.

(e) Banc Organics – It was agreed to use the KTC site as a pick up point for their boxed produce. It would be at their own risk.

(f) Land asset survey – An assessment will be made to clarify the scope of the survey and lay out parameters for the surveyor. The cost effectiveness of the exercise will also be considered against the additional income received from raised rents. This will be considered in January 2022.

(g) GLA6 – tenderer has handed back the land due to loss of horse. The next tenderer will take the tenancy at £400 per annum.

Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 9th November 2021

308 CEMETERY

The retaining wall has been completed. Railings have been installed. Pathways will be part of the next phase.

309 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.

310 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.

311 SKATE BOARD PARK AND PUMP TRACK

A request for a skate board park and pump track has been received. It was previously **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 has provided initial design plans and will present the ideas to the next meeting on 18th January 2022.

312 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 previously **RESOLVED** to propose a 20 year lease.

313 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.

314 FLOODING

Mynydd y Garreg:-

Properties in Menciau Road have been damaged, boundary walls collapsed. Owners want the council to bear the cost due to historic ownership of the land and installation of drains. It was recognised that the onus is on the owner to prove the drains are the responsibility of the council. The archives will be searched for any deeds, covenants or legal reasons to support any claims received. Cllr.J.Bezant will research the archives.

Waungadog:-

Damage caused by flooding at Waungadog has incurred repair costs of £960. This matter was referred to the finance committee.

315 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.

316 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.

317 TOWN SQUARE PLANS

It was **RESOLVED** not to install the parklets but use the £10k allocated for them towards a statue of Gwenllian, grants from community arts organisations will be sought.

Three designs for the square had been submitted by Liz Davies, who was thanked for her contribution. These will be posted on the website, facebook and noticeboards for comments or suggestions by the community. The county council as land owner will be requested to give permission for the square refurbishment and enquiries made as to the sale of the square to the town council. Application for funding for a feasibility study of the square development, available via the 10 Towns initiative, will be made.

318 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref	Type	Proposed development	Location	Applicant
		No applications		

319 AGRICULTURAL TENDERS

There were no tenders due.

320 ESTATES MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The tender for cutting the footpaths and bridleway will be deferred until further information has been received from the county as to its level of reimbursement for the work.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the tenders: mowing £38,810, toilets £12,001 refuse £21,013. This contract will run from 1st April 2022 until 31st March 2025. Note and **Close** this item.

321 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no referrals.

322 CORRESPONDENCE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

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