

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

11th MAY 2021

At the **VIRTUAL** meeting of the **ESTATES COMMITTEE** held on Tuesday 11th May 2021

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

6 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute – 13 Cllr J.Gilasbey declared an interest and left the meeting.

7 ESTATES OFFICER REPORT

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

(a) Tree branch – A tree branch has fallen on Castle River Walk. The property owner has been informed.

(b) Defibrillator Boxes – 2 boxes have been damaged. Replacements have been ordered.

(c) Otter tunnel – a proposed tunnel is being planned at Commissioner's Bridge, funded by the county council.

(d) Mynydd playing field – This has been added to the mowing schedule.

(e) Mynydd play area – John Mayne has mended the ring on the climbing frame. Protruding concrete will be removed.

(f) Pro-map – training on the software has been undertaken. The second draft of the cemetery plan has been submitted. When finalised, all cemetery data will be on the programme.

(g) Town toilets – a blockage has been resolved.

(h) Photography – a request to photograph wildlife at Commissioner's bridge has been granted.

(i) Webinar – Welsh Government "introduction to Corporate Landlord" has been attended.

(j) Ger y Castell play area – Designs have been prepared. Options for fencing and costs have been provided.

(k) Kidwelly Scouts – scout meetings at Glan yr Afon – referred to Finance Committee.

Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 20th April 2021

8 CEMETERY

Some of the steeper slabs on the pathway will be removed and reset at a lower level extension of the pathway and will be replaced by non-slip resin composite as part of the Phase 2 development scheme. Quotes for the retaining wall around the memorial garden are awaited.

9 H19 H15 A12- RENT REVIEW

A valuation has been determined and disputed by the leasees. A 14 day moratorium has been instigated to allow time for discussion between parties.

10 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. The tenant had responded stating that he was awaiting a planning opinion. The matter was deferred until further information has been received and the tenant's response has been considered.

11 HISTORY SHED EXPERIENCE

A site topographical survey has been provided. A block plan showing building locations has been supplied. Surveys required for planning are being prepared and then the application will be submitted.

12 SKATE BOARD PARK

A request for a skate board park has been received. It was previously **RESOLVED**, in principal, to support the project. It had been noted that there is money in the budget for parks development which could be used, in part, for match funding provided that an officially constituted group of skate park users be formed to manage the project and work with the council. The estates officer has meet with those involved and identified land that could be used – play areas at Water Street and Ger y Gwendraeth. Members had been informed that residents of Ger y Gwendraeth had objections to use of land near their homes. Two further sites are possible and will be considered, the rear of the Gwenllian Centre and part of Parc Stephens.

13 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.

It was previously **RESOLVED** to enter into a 15 year lease with the county whereby the bridleway section will be maintained by them. It was **RESOLVED** to ask for £500 per annum. A county maintenance plan for the paths, pond and bridges on CCC land adjacent to the canal cannot be included in the lease. However a “Nature Partnership” is being set up, a multi-agency initiative, which could develop the Quay area.

14 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.

15 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. The boxes will be removed for maintenance when a risk assessment has been completed.

16 HOUSE AT 24 STATION ROAD

It was **RESOLVED** to sell the property. Various options for selling will be explored. The sale proceeds will be ringfenced and used to develop further property projects.

17 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.

18 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.

19 FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

The floral group, Councillors J.Gilasbey, D.Lloyd-Waterford and J.Bezant will continue as previously and work with volunteers, the Gardening Club and Allotment Association. Councillor C.Peters will manage the Mynydd y Garreg boxes. Additional areas for planting will be considered. The estates officer and contractor have purchased requirements for the hanging baskets. The flowers have been planted.

20 COCKLING

For the coming season, the Licencing Authority intends to licence boats and not individual cocklers. No decisions about launching from the quay slipway can be made until details of the new arrangements have been formalised. Access to the slipway is currently locked.

21 TREE PLANTING SCHEME

Common Ground has planted trees at Glan Yr Afon. A commemorative woodland could be created in memory of the pandemic.

22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

	Ref	Type	Proposed development	Location	Applicant

There were no planning applications considered.

23 AGRICULTURAL TENDERS

There were no tenders considered.

24 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no referrals.

25 CORRESPONDENCE MARCH/APRIL 2021

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