

## KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022

At the **VIRTUAL** meeting of the **ESTATES COMMITTEE** held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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

Members of the public present: Joan Dibble, Stephen Finch, Wendy Houston, Peter Collett

Rhys Davies attended and gave a presentation outlining plans for a skateboard park and pump track. This item is covered under Minute 355

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

Minutes 356, 362 – Cllr J.Gilasbey declared an interest, did not speak or vote.

Minute 355 – Councillors J.James and J.Gilasbey declared an interest and left the meeting.

### **351 ESTATES OFFICER REPORT**

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

**(a) Canal area** – discussions with NRW and CCC officers over estuary and pond clearance are ongoing. It was agreed that the required Otter and Vole survey be commissioned at a cost of £934.

**(b) Defibrillator Boxes** – A unit for the Gwenllian Centre has been purchased and is active.

**(c) Old Quarry Lane** – Repairs are almost complete.

**(d) Ger y Castell fencing** – Work has been completed.

**(e) Meinciau Road drain** – The legal responsibility for this drain transferred to the purchasers of the land when sold on.

**(f) Play area equipment maintenance** – Quote has been received.

**(g) Glan yr Afon** – Clearance work around the foot and cycle paths at the ramp have been commissioned.

**(h) Otters** – An otter had been killed on Pembrey Road. CCC will be requested to construct the otter tunnel as soon as possible.

**(i) Play equipment maintenance** – costs will be investigated and considered at the budget setting meeting.

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

### **352 CEMETERY**

The retaining wall has been completed. Railings have been installed. Pathways will be part of the next phase. Cemetery notices have faded. New notices will be ordered. The pedestrian gate, which has disintegrated, will be replaced.

### **353 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. Additional information requested has been forwarded to the agent.

### **354 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.

### **355 SKATE BOARD PARK AND PUMP TRACK**

Rhys Davies gave a presentation which detailed the following:-

Evidence of consultation with residents was given. Opportunities for young people were demonstrated. Logistics were detailed. Sources of funding were explored. He was thanked for his clear and well presented research. It was **RESOLVED** to support the venture and provide locations for the parks, behind and adjacent to the Gwennlian Centre. This initiative will be publicised so the community will be aware of the development and become involved at an early stage.

### **356 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. No response has been received. This item will be **Closed** until further information is received.

### **357 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.

### **358 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. Legal advice taken states that the drainage is the responsibility of the purchasers of the land. The property owners will be informed. Note and **Close** this item.

### **359 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.

### **360 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.

### **361 TOWN SQUARE PLANS**

Application for revenue funding of £10k for a feasibility study of the square development, available via the 10 Towns initiative, has been made. A capital funding bid for £100k for the square development scheme is being prepared.

### **362 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Ref	Type	Proposed development	Location	Applicant
		No applications		

### **363 AGRICULTURAL TENDERS**

GL2 – It was **RESOLVED** to offer a one year tenancy for £115.

GL6 – It was **RESOLVED** to offer a one year tenancy for £661

### **364 LAND SURVEY**

The tenanted land is to be valued. Costs are awaited. Management of the estate by an external agency will be considered.

### **365 PGC – FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

It was **RESOLVED** that the tenders for management of the hall be sent out – to be returned before Full Council on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022. A draft lease will be prepared for discussion. Separation of utilities between hall and council offices will be completed. Urgent electrical work will be undertaken.

### **366 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

There were no referrals.

### **367 CORRESPONDENCE DECEMBER 2021/ JANUARY 2022**

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