

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

8th FEBRUARY 2022

At the **VIRTUAL** meeting of the **ESTATES COMMITTEE** held on Tuesday 8th February 2022

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| 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, Wendy Houston

404 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 416 – Cllr J.Gilasbey declared an interest, did not speak or vote.

Minute 409 - Councillors J.James and J.Gilasbey declared an interest and left the meeting.

405 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. The required Otter and Vole survey has been completed. Path clearance has commenced.

(b) Notice board survey – to be undertaken to enable refurbishment.

(c) Telemat – meeting scheduled to discuss extra router siting.

(d) Tree planting & Orchards – Nature Forum meeting arranged on Teams with One Voice Wales.

(e) Glan yr Afon – Clearance work around the foot and cycle paths at the ramp have been completed. Planning permission for siting a container for the Welfare Committee and Scouts has been made.

(f) Welsh Wildlife Trust – meeting with officer for advice relating to community woodlands and pond schemes.

(g) Lease of the foreshore – it was agreed to continue to lease the foreshore from the Crown estate as in previous years.

Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 18th January 2022

406 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.

407 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. A meeting is to be arranged.

408 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.

409 SKATE BOARD PARK AND PUMP TRACK

It was **RESOLVED** to provide locations for the parks, behind and adjacent to the Gwenllian Centre as detailed in the plans submitted by the estates officer. This initiative will be publicised so the community will be aware of the development and become involved at an early stage.

410 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.

411 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.

412 FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Locations for hanging baskets, window boxes and ground planting have been identified. The flower supplier has been contacted. Watering is the problem. Advertisements for watering will be publicised. Residents living near hanging basket lampposts will be contacted regarding watering arrangements. Equipment would be supplied to volunteers.

413 TOWN SQUARE PLANS

Revenue funding of £10k for a feasibility study of the square development, available via the 10 Towns initiative, has been obtained. Darkin, Architects has the tender. He will prepare the stage 1 designs at a cost of £2,300. A capital funding bid for £100k for the square development scheme will then be applied for.

414 LAND SURVEY

The tenanted land is to be valued. A report is being prepared.

415 PGC – FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

The tenders for management of the hall are to be returned by 28th February 2022. Officers will review the tenders, anonymise them and circulate for consideration by members. It is hoped that a decision can be made at a Full Council meeting on 8th March 2022.

416 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

| | Ref | Type | Proposed development | Location | Applicant |
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| | PL/03398 | Full | Siting a storage container on vacant land | Trinity Methodist Church, Kidwelly | KTC |

417 AGRICULTURAL TENDERS

There were no tenders

418 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no referrals.

419 CORRESPONDENCE JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022

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