

## KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

**8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

At the **VIRTUAL** meeting of the **ESTATES COMMITTEE** held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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

Members of the public present: Joan Dibble, Wendy Houston, Stephen Finch, Anne Gilley

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

Minute 463 – Cllr J.Gilasbey declared an interest, did not speak or vote.

### **452 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 enabling access to the pond site.

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

**(c) Telemat** – meeting to discuss extra router siting identified 4 additional sites.

**(d) 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.

**(e) Hedge cutting** – Undertaken at the road hedge to the overflow car park at PGC and the field below town cemetery

**(f) Tree cutting** – Due to storms, extra work has been undertaken at the bridleway and Old Quarry Lane

**(g) Park Stephens** – defective equipment is being dealt with

**(h) Bridleway/school** – meeting with CCC and school architect arranged. Ecology report expected to be accepted by mid March. Draft lease for the bridleway will follow.

### **Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

#### **453 CEMETERY**

The retaining wall has been completed. Railings have been installed. Pathways will be part of the next phase. The pedestrian gate, has been replaced. This item will be **Closed** until Phase 3 plans have been finalised.

#### **454 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 estates officer has met with council’s solicitor and a report will be presented to the next estates committee meeting.

#### **455 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.

#### **456 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.

#### **457 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.

#### **458 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. This item will be **Closed** until further action can be taken.

#### **459 FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Locations for hanging baskets, window boxes and ground planting have been identified. The flower supplier has been contacted and is awaiting a definitive order amount. Advertisements for watering have been unsuccessful. Residents living near hanging basket lampposts will be contacted regarding watering arrangements. Equipment would be supplied to volunteers.

#### **460 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 Phase One capital funding bid for £100k for the square development has been successful. A Phase 2 submission is being prepared.

#### **461 LAND SURVEY**

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

#### **462 PGC – FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

Tenders for management had to been returned by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022. One tender only was received which was anonymised by the estates officer and circulated for consideration by members. It is hoped that a decision can be made at a Full Council meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

**463 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

	Ref	Type	Proposed development	Location	Applicant
	PL/3302	Full	1 <sup>st</sup> floor flat extension with roof terrace	1-3 Water Street, Kidwelly	Mr Singh

**464 AGRICULTURAL TENDERS**

There were no tenders

**465 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

There were no referrals.

**466 CORRESPONDENCE FEBRUARY/MARCH 2022**

Additional lighting at Meinciau Road:-

A press article has caused concern over its inaccurate information. The public needs to be aware that the town council pays charges for lighting. The county councillor will arrange a meeting between the estates officer and county lighting officer to discuss lighting arrangements which will be reported to the next committee. Note and **Close** this item.