

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

12th JULY 2022

At the **VIRTUAL** meeting of the **ESTATES COMMITTEE** held on Tuesday 12th July 2022

Present	Town Mayor	C.Peters
	Deputy Mayor	J.James
	Councillor	J.Gilasbey, D.Lloyd-Waterford, C.Morgan, G.Beer, S.Ratty, C.Peters-Bond, G.Bras, C.Davies, H.Griffiths, A.Herbert
	Town Clerk	Virginia O'Reilly
	Estates Officer	Mark Stephens
	Town Secretary	A Padgett
	Admin. Assist.	Owain Davies
Apologies	Councillors	E.Davies, E.Reeves-Davies, J.Tarsnane
No apologies		J.Westlake

67 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 77 – Councillor G.Beer declared an interest.

68 ESTATES OFFICER REPORT

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

(a) LoRaWAN – gateway antenna system to be installed on PGC

(b) Ditch clearance at quay – liaising with CCC and NRW

(c) Telemat – WM Motors has its antennae installed

(d) Container – a container will be placed at Glan yr Afon for use by carnival and scouts

(e) Parc Stephens – defective swing will be repaired

(f) Tree cutting – Tree at Pleasant View has been taken down.

Large sycamores at Ferry Road need felling at a cost of £1,280 to be shared with neighbouring properties. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the cost to the council of £640. As there is no immediate safety risk, the work will be done in autumn.

(g) Rosedale, Meinciau Road – tramway growth is pushing over a wall. It will be demolished urgently. New wall will cost £1,100. It was **RESOLVED** to carry out the work.

(h) Floral management – it was noted that the hanging baskets are exquisite. Thanks were expressed to the estates officer and contractor and those who organised the displays. Flower bed management and care of individual boxes are being undertaken by volunteers. Alstred Street is looked after by Cllr J.Gilasbey's support group. This work was acknowledged.

(i) History Shed – application should go before the planning committee at end of month

(j) Gwennlian centre – ecology survey on adjacent land commissioned. Hall lift to be assessed. Fire alarm to be reviewed. Former trust is winding up its accounts. Transfer of remaining money to be arranged.

(j) Signage – it was agreed to investigate ways in which the council could attribute its responsibilities eg. there is no indication that the parks have been developed by the town council or that it is has funded the flower displays. Sustainable Black Cat stickers could be stuck onto hanging baskets.

(k) Grounds management – There is a current 3 days a week rubbish collection. This is not adequate. It was **RESOLVED** to increase this to a 5 day collection at a cost of £195 per month. A community engagement exercise will be carried out to encourage people to take home their litter. It was suggested that a water fountain be placed in the town square, for water bottles to be refilled. This will be referred to the Policy and Community Development Committee.

MAJOR PROJECTS

The estates officer has compiled a list of 28 projects for deliberation. Members were requested to consider the importance of each item and prioritise the most urgent.

Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 14th June 2022

69 TOWN SQUARE PLANS

Sketch plans for the square development are being revised. They will be submitted to the county council by 15th July 2022. Public consultation will be arranged.

70 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.

71 HISTORY SHED EXPERIENCE

Planning application has been submitted. Natural Resources Wales has received 3 additional reports, Flood assessment, Contamination report and a Construction Environment Plan.

72 SKATE BOARD PARK AND PUMP TRACK

It was previously **RESOLVED** to provide locations for the parks, behind and adjacent to the Gwennlian 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.

73 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.

74 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

	REF	TYPE	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	LOCATION	APPLICANT	CONSULTATION PERIOD
1	PL/04189	Full	Retention and conversion of Garage and Store to Granny Annex.	2, Bolahaul, Horeb Road, Mynnyddygarreg	Jonathan Edwards	20/06/2022 – 11/07/2022
2	PL/04217	Full	Replacement bungalow of the existing bungalow	Stockwell Bungalow, Stockwell Lane, Kidwelly, SA17 4PP	Gary Turner Stockwell Cottage Stockwell Lane Kidwelly	23/06/2022 – 14/07/2022

75 AGRICULTURAL TENDERS

GL10 – It was **RESOLVED** to renew tenancy for a five year term at an annual rent of £88

GL16 - It was **RESOLVED** to renew tenancy for a five year term at an annual rent of £1220

GL31 – It was **RESOLVED** to renew tenancy for a five year term at an annual rent of £690

GL40 - It was **RESOLVED** to renew tenancy for a five year term at an annual rent of £385

GL41 – It was **RESOLVED** to renew tenancy for a five year term at an annual rent of £900

A clause requiring biodiversity will be included in the tenancy agreements if possible. Each individual parcel of land will be considered on its own merits.

76 HERITAGE TRAIL

It may be possible to have assistance from students in developing the heritage trail. It was noted that Burns Pet Nutrition, which owns the river bank, has expressed an interest in building a boardwalk bridge across the river. A community group of interested individuals and organisations could be formed in conjunction with the town council to bring this forward.

77 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Purchase of additional land for car parking. This item was held “*in camera*” because of its commercially sensitive nature. It was **RESOLVED** that the estates officer continue negotiations with the land owner and report back to council.

For clarity this matter will be renamed “Purchase of additional land”.

78 CORRESPONDENCE JUNE/JULY 2022

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