

## KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022

At the **VIRTUAL** meeting of the **ESTATES COMMITTEE** held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Present	Town Mayor	C.Peters
	Deputy Mayor	J.James
	Councillors	J.Gilasbey, D.Lloyd-Waterford, C.Morgan, G.Beer, C.Peters-Bond, G.Bras, C.Davies, E.Davies, H.Griffiths, S.Ratty, J.Tarsnane
	Town Clerk	
	Estates Officer	Mark Stephens
Apologies	Town Secretary	A Padgett
	Admin. Assist.	Owain Davies
	Councillors	J.Westlake, E.Reeves-Davies

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

There were no declarations of interest.

### **26 ESTATES OFFICER REPORT**

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

**(a) LoRaWAN** – gateway antenna system, electricity costs will be investigated.

**(b) Path clearance** – mynydd pathways will be checked.

**(c) Cockles** – the quay slipway is closed to commercial cocklers. This closure will remain.

**(d) Toilets** – radar key will be checked. Assistance will be given to users of disabled facilities.

**(e) Heritage trail** - work is progressing, full report at next meeting

### **MAJOR PROJECTS**

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

Numbers 1-5 are part of the Community Enhancement Scheme

- 1 Ten Towns Initiative
- 2 History Shed Experience
- 3 Heritage Path planning
- 4 Development of Mynydd y Garreg mountain
- 5 Community woodlands and ponds
- 6 Brynhefin tramway assessment
- 7 Pantygarleg flooding assessment
- 8 Cemetery path remodelling
- 9 Pear technology mapping for cemetery management
- 10 PGC management and M&E work
- 11 Playground inspection reports
- 12 Castle lights

- 13 Town Clock
- 14 Estate valuation and consultancy
- 15 Parking at rear of St Mary's church
- 16 Bin provision at amenity sites
- 17 Quay wall assessment and structural report and refurbishment costs
- 18 Canal path upgrade in collaboration with Wales Coastal Paths
- 19 GL43 and H12 ditch for dredging
- 20 BOATS and general signage
- 21 Otter tunnel at Pembrey Road
- 22 Japanese knotweed assessment
- 23 Quay height restrictor to prevent use by mobile homes and signage
- 24 Pembrey Road commercial properties lease review
- 25 PV solar panels on PGC roof
- 26 LoRaWAN Gateway antenna at PGC
- 27 Kidwelly Quay / Carmarthen bay Ferries
- 28 Siop Fach parking

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

#### **27 TOWN SQUARE PLANS**

Sketch plans for the square development were shown. Public consultation will be arranged.

Transforming Towns – financial consideration for funding the project.

Option 1 As the Transforming Towns grant request exceeds £250k (£258,856) the project would have to be referred to the Welsh Government, creating another layer of bureaucracy to deal with and delay in decision making.

Option 2 By capping the Transforming Towns grant at £250k, there would be no need to refer to the Welsh Government. Match funding would require £225,237. Using the £150k ringfenced from the sale of 24 Station Road means the council would be expected to find £75,237 as a contribution for the worst case scenario of a total cost of £575,237.

It was **RESOLVED** “in principal” to accept Option 2.

#### **28 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.

#### **29 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.

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

It was previously **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.

### **31 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.

### **32 FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Councillors J.Gilasbey, D.Lloyd-Waterford and C.Morgan were thanked for their work on the town floral displays. The hanging baskets will be watered by the estate contractor. Note and **Close** this item.

### **33 LAND SURVEY**

The tenanted land has been valued and a comprehensive report received. This will be used as a tool for future management of the estate.

It was reported that several requests to purchase land had been made. It was noted that the current Land Management Policy states that no land will be sold. Evaluation of the Land Survey may indicate a change of this policy in the future. Note and **Close** this item.

### **34 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Ref	Type	Proposed development	Location	Applicant
None				

### **35 AGRICULTURAL TENDERS**

GL19 – It was **RESOLVED** to renew the tenancy for a five year term at an annual rent of £220.  
GL24 - It was **RESOLVED** to renew the tenancy for a five year term at an annual rent of £1120.

### **36 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

There were no referrals.

### **37 CORRESPONDENCE MAY/JUNE 2022**

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