KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

10th OCTOBER 2023

At the Hybrid meeting of the ESTATES COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 6.30pm

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Present | Town Mayor | C.Peters |
|  | Deputy Mayor | C.Morgan |
|  | Councillor | C.Peters-Bond, G.Beer, A.Herbert, G.Bras, L.Jones J.Maclaughland, S.John, J.Gilasbey, H.Griffiths, J.Tarsnane  |
|  | Town ClerkEstates  | Virginia O’ReillyMark Stephens |
|  | Town Secretary  | A.Padgett  |
| Apologies | Councillors | J.Westlake, S.Ratty, E.Reeves-Davies |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |

167 MEMBER’S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**168 ESTATES OFFICER REPORT**

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

1. **Cemetery and Memorial Garden**

The boundary hedge with Capel Sul is overgrown. It was **RESOLVED** to have it cut back at a cost of £2,200. It was noted that the pathways are slippery especially in winter. This will be addressed.

Architectural plans for the memorial garden refurbishment were circulated and considered. It was **RESOLVED** to accept them and send them out to contractors for tender. Funeral directors will be asked for observations. Relatives of those interred will be contacted and informed of the plans which will be put on the website.

1. **The Quay and Canal**

Bollards have been taken from the overflow car park. To prevent unauthorised access (which has led to fly tipping in the past) a replacement gate has been ordered at a cost of £465. It was noted that there is a leak in the canal floor.

The Quay wall is disintegrating. Quotes from structural engineers for the cost of producing a survey report have been received £430 and £960. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the lower quote. It was recognised that the restoration work will be prohibitive for the council and heritage grants will be needed.

1. **Car Parking behind St Mary’s Church**

An agreement is being drawn up to facilitate a car parking space for use by St Mary’s.

1. **PGC**

Extra CCTV cameras are needed to comply with licensing requirements. The effectiveness of the current system was considered. At least 8 additional cameras would be needed for full coverage. A quote for £2053 has been received. Seeking alternative quotes and different equipment would take too long as everything needs to be in place for a licenced event on 4th November 2023. It was **RESOLVED** to investigate installing 2 additional cameras onto the existing system as an interim measure.

1. **Additional charging point**

CCC have requested permission to instal an additional electrical charging point next to the 2 existing bays. This matter will be passed onto the hall trustees. Other sites such as Glan yr Afon and Mynydd y Garreg should also be considered.

1. **Stockwell Lane pipe**

Laying a new supply pipe to a replacement bungalow. It was **RESOLVED** that a levy a one-off wayleave payment of £5 per metre, generating a fee of £400 be imposed.

1. **GL25**

The lease has now been completed. A small sign is to be placed at the site entrance stating Morfa Gwendraeth Wildlife Habitat.

1. **Japanese Knotweed**

Annual treatment to commence during the 2nd week of October, weather permitting. Additional spraying will occur behind the former Kidwelly Arms as the infestation is encroaching onto GLH2.

1. **Market Gardening Business**

A local resident wishes to set up a business. Land at Waungadog was considered suitable. Section A - 8½ acres will be cleared and cultivated by the tenant at an annual rent of £100 per acre. Section B - 8 acres is woodland and will be integrated into a biodiverse area at an annual rental of £50 per acre. Total cost = £1250 per annum for a 5 year tenancy.

**Additional matters considered.**

It was **RESOLVED** to fill in the holes in the pitch at Mynydd hall to enable safer play at a cost of £2k plus the cost of the soil.

It was **RESOLVED** to replace the 2 litter bins at the hall as they have jagged edges. The one placed near the bench will be re-located.

A rain water gauge has been placed on the container at the rear of the Gwenllian hall. The trustees will be informed.

**Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 12th September 2023**

**169 TOWN SQUARE PLANS**

With agreement of the Q.S. the work will commence after the Christmas period as the CCC approval will not be received until mid November 2023. A party wall agreement has been reached regarding placing of the green wall on the gable end wall of 1 Causeway Street. The development needs to be completed by the summer visitor season.

##### 170 H19 H15 A12- RENT REVIEW “in camera”

Discussion held *in camera*

**171 NEW STREET SITE**

A planning Pre-application form has been submitted to determine the authority’s stance on the proposed change of use. It was recognised that purchasing the land would be a good investment, whatever its future use due to its central town location.

**172 CASTLE LIGHTING**

Philip Abraham, Cadw, attended Full Council on 5th September 2023. Details are noted in the minutes.

##### 173 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | REF | PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | LOCATION |
| 1 | 6605 | Loft conversion | 11 Parc y Garreg, Mynydd y Garreg |
| 2 | 6613 | 3 detached dwellings | Gwenllian Court, Mynydd y Garreg |
| 3 | 6662 | Dwelling refurbishment and extension | Ty Canol, Meinciau Road, Mynydd y Garreg |
| 4 | 6637 | New dwelling | Penyrerw, Horeb Road, Mynydd y Garreg |

There were no observations made.

##### 174 AGRICULTURAL TENANCIES

GL3 – The previous tenant had requested that the rent (£50) remain the same for the next period of the tenancy and not increase to £55. It was **RESOLVED** that the increase be applied and if the previous tenant did not wish to pay the higher rent, the land be put back to tender.

##### 175 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no referrals.

##### 176 CORRESPONDENCE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2023

There was no correspondence not dealt with above.