KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

16th January 2024

At the Hybrid meeting of the ESTATES COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 16th January 2024 at 6.30pm

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| Present | Town Mayor | C.Peters |
|  | Deputy Mayor | C.Morgan |
|  | Councillor | C.Peters-Bond, A.Herbert, L.Jones J.Gilasbey, J.Maclaughland, S John, G Bras |
|  | Town Clerk  Estates | Virginia O’Reilly  Mark Stephens |
|  | Town Secretary | J Bell |
| Apologies | Councillors | No apologies were received (H.Griffiths, J.Tarsnane, E.Reeves-Davies and J.Westlake did not attend) |
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301 MEMBER’S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**302 ESTATES OFFICER REPORT**

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

1. **Gwendraeth Railway Society** - Met with Stuart Thomas at the site. Estates Manager has passed on contact details of the tenant on GL26, who is happy to unlock the entrance gate for access.
2. **Canal treework** - Clearance work undertaken.
3. **Princess Gwenllian Centre Lease** – Instructed solicitor to communicate with the Trust with a view to commencing negotiations for agreeing a lease.
4. **Mynyddygarreg Mountain** - Email received from a Mynyddygarreg resident regarding the abuse of land around the mountain area. After some discussion it was agreed that in the first instance the signage for the mountain will be installed. Cllr Christopher Peters-Bond will also contact the local people who had previously expressed a willingness to set up a constituted group to manage the mountain to see if this was still a possibility.
5. **Old Quarrry Lane/Glannant**  - received notification by local residents of further flooding issue at this site which requires remedial work. Quote obtained for providing a precast concrete headwall to place at the junction of the open ditch and a 300mm diameter pipe is £1,250. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase this.

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

**303 CEMETERY**

No update – drawings and specifications out to tender. Still no details from Funeral Directors so may have to put up a public notice. Information about the proposed work is already on the site and on the website. Request from the committee for Estates Manager to check the prices for costings of salt and a salt bin.

**304 KIDWELLY TOWN SQUARE**

Work started yesterday. Everything is currently in place. First site meeting next Monday (22/01/2023). The Estates Committee will be provided with monthly reports for their meetings. It was noted that communication with local residents is vital – they have already received letters from the contractor.

##### 305 PEMBREY ROAD COMMERCIAL SITES

Issues are ongoing. Solicitor to prepare options for KTC to consider.

**306 NEW STREET SITE**

No further developments.

**307 QUAY AND CANAL**

A culvert runs underneath the canal which appears to be leaking and the canal is losing water; this is exacerbated by the tide. The Estates Manager has received a quote for blocking the culvert at the quay to stop the tidal water coming into the canal so that an inspection of the leak can take place with cameras. There is only one company who can do this job and they have quoted £2,300 to block the culvert at the quay and £1,600 to inspect and report on options to fix the leak. Any remediation work would fall in the next financial year. It was **RESOLVED** to go ahead with the temporary blocking and subsequent inspection of the leak.

##### 308 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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|  | REF | PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | LOCATION |
| 1 |  | None |  |

##### 310 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no referrals.

##### 311 CORRESPONDENCE DECEMBER 2023/JANUARY 2024

Defibrillators – Estates Manager is liaising with Mark Gower regarding re-siting the defibrillator at the town square and to get another sited at Llangadog. Kidwelly Town Council will then be responsible for 4 defibrillators throughout the town.

CCC – Local Development Plan submission to Welsh Government will happen in March. Hopefully, Meinciau Road will then become eligible for planning permission.