KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

14th FEBRUARY 2023

At the Hybrid meeting of the ESTATES COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 14th February 2023 at 6.30pm

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

324 MEMBER’S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**325 ESTATES OFFICER REPORT**

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

**(a) Ditch clearance at quay** – water course land drainage has commenced.

**(b) Otter pipe** - CCC has commenced the otter pipe at Commissioner’s Bridge.

**(c) Byway 11/8** – safety concerns at Kingswood

**(d) Fallen trees – Ferry Road**  – dealt with.

**(e) GL25** – request for a 25 year lease due to extensive tree planting scheme

**Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 17th January 2023**

**326 TOWN SQUARE PLANS**

Validation for planning has been approved. The county has a deadline of 7th April 2023 in which to give a decision. Tenders for engaging a Quantity Surveyor are awaited.

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

A valuation has been determined and disputed by the leasees. A meeting was held with Mr Leon Burns and our solicitor. A response is awaited.

##### 328 HISTORY SHED EXPERIENCE

Planning application has been granted. As a condition a full geotechnical survey has being undertaken. Soil samples have been collected and a report is awaited. The area has been fenced off.

**329 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 council’s obligation to pay for the lighting was queried. Due to the lack of co-operation with Cadw on many previous and ongoing projects it was felt that a meeting between the council, Cadw and Lee Waters A.M. might expedite matters. This will be arranged as soon as possible.

**330 PRINCESS GWENLLIAN CENTRE**

The take over lease has been deferred until April 2023. Existing arrangements continue.

It was noted that the charity has not been officially dissolved. A new charity with no personal liabilities will be sought.

The external lift has been surveyed and condemned. Replacement would be expensive. Future grant funding will be considered when the future management of the hall is settled.

**331 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.

##### 332 ADDITIONAL LAND – “in camera”

The council agent is in negotiation and will value the land.

**333 LIGHTING AT LLANGADOG / SPEED LIMIT**

It was recognised that the road from the bypass to Llangadog is a school route. The footpath is overgrown, dark and cars speed past. It was previously **RESOLVED** that the county council be requested to (a) reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30 mph, this will lead to an increase in street lighting (b) improve the footpath (c) apply traffic calming measures. Due to the consultation noted at Minute 340 below, this matter will be considered there. Note and Close this item.

##### 334 HEIGHT RESTRICTOR AT THE QUAY

The installation a height restrictor at the quay car park so that larger vehicles have to use the overflow car park was considered. Consultation with residents and quay users has taken place. There is considerable opposition to the barrier. It was **RESOLVED** not to instal it but provide signage directing larger vehicles to the overflow car park. Additional bins will be provided. The situation will be monitored. Note and **Close** this item.

##### 335 MYNYDD Y GARREG PATH

Work on the path has commenced.

##### 336 TRANSFER OF SILICA SITE AT THE QUAY

The county council has offered to transfer 32 acres of land, near the quay, to the town council. The town council had requested this many years ago, as it maintains the existing footpaths. The bridges and stiles are maintained by the county council. A site survey would be needed and liabilities would have to be considered. An initial site meeting with CCC has been held.

##### 337 PROPOSED SOLAR PARK AT PEMBREY ROAD

A comprehensive consultation report has been circulated detailing proposals of a large solar park on Gravell’s land adjacent to the by-pass. The concept of creating renewable energy was commended. It was recognised that Gravell’s is a large employer and contributes greatly to the local economy. A benefit to the community from the energy generation would be welcomed. Concerns raised:- visual impact from the by-pass, glare onto traffic and risk of combustion.

##### 338 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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|  | REF | TYPE | PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | LOCATION |
| 1 | PL/5184 | Full | Replacement of 2 story extensions | Ty Canol, Meinciau Road, Mynydd y Garreg |
| 2 | PL/5290 | Full | Rear conservatory | 25 Gwenllian Gardens, Kidwelly |

##### 339 AGRICULTURAL TENDERS

GL6 – it was **RESOLVED** to rent the land at an annual rent of £700 for a 4 year period.

##### 340 CCC CONSULTATION – 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

The county council has created an interactive street map illustrating the roads where the speed limit will be reduced. In general, the current 40mph will become 30mph and 30mph will reduce to 20mph. It was **RESOLVED** to support this initiative with an additional request: the 40mph from Parc y Bocs to Water Street be reduced from 40mph to 30mph. There is no pavement and lots of children walk to the play area at the Burns facility.

##### 341 PICNIC TABLES AT THE QUAY

It was acknowledged that there are so picnic tables suitable for wheelchair users. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a table, locate a suitable site and cost the groundworks and access points.

##### 342 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

The WiFi reception at the Gwenllian Centre is poor. Market traders are unable to take payments at the Saturday Market. An I.T. specialist will assess the situation on 18th February2023 and recommend a solution. An estimate of £1,000 has been given. This can be allocated from the Hall budget. It was **RESOLVED** to go ahead with this urgent work.

##### 343 CORRESPONDENCE JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023

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