KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

12th March 2024

At the Hybrid meeting of the ESTATES COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 6.30pm

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| Present | Town Mayor | Carl Peters-Bond |
|  | Deputy Mayor | C.Morgan |
|  | Councillor | Chris Peters-Bond **(Chair)**, A.Herbert, L.Jones, J.Gilasbey, G.Bras, , G Beer, J Westlake, J.Maclaughland, (joined the meeting at 18:55) |
|  | Town Clerk  Estates | Virginia O’Reilly  Mark Stephens |
|  | Town Secretary | J Bell |
| Apologies | Councillors | Liz Reeves Davies, H Griffiths, J Tarsnane |
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383 MEMBER’S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 394 – Jeanette Gilasbey declared an interest. She has a dispensation to speak, but is unable to vote.

**384 ESTATES OFFICER REPORT**

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

1. **Princess Gwenllian Centre Lease** – Our solicitor has now written to the Charities Commission requesting them to provide us with the lease.
2. **Mynyddygarreg Mountain** – Signage is currently being installed.
3. **GL44 and GL45**  - Estates Manager has been approached by CETMA requesting availability of land for a potential market gardening site. As this requirement aligns with what our recent tenant at GL44 & 45 is aiming for, and having spoken with our tenant, he is amenable to co-operating with CETMA

1. **Picnic tables** – Bases are in, tables are to be installed in a couple of weeks.
2. **Tree damage at Mynyddygareg** – Further tree cutting and surgery along the BOAT 11/15/2 path (between Shintor Fach and Knockingstone kennels). Overhanging tree at path leading up to Penlan Isaf Farm from Cae Ffynnon has also been dealt with.
3. **Management Plan for LNR at Glanyrafon** - I&G Ecology have been commissioned to produce an ecological management plan, to inform on future maintenance and phased clearance of invasive plants.

**Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 13th February 2024**

**385 CEMETERY**

One quote has been received to complete the work at the cemetery and it is in excess of £50K, therefore Estates Manager has approached two other construction companies. It will be necessary to have a proper procurement process for this and a review of funding for this project. Quotes/tenders to be requested for consideration and subsequent acceptance after completion of town square, when KTC will know how much money is available for the project.

KTC has finally had a response from the Funeral Directors so letters have gone out to families regarding the proposed work.

**386 QUAY AND CANAL**

Listed planning consent is not required for work on the quay wall, therefore quotes will be obtained for this work.

Estates Manager met with officers from CCC Public Rights of Way (PROW) team regarding potential co-funding for remedial work at the canal. Agreement in principle was given, pending the outcome of survey report.

**387 KIDWELLY TOWN SQUARE**

##### Progess is good. The original figure for the Town Square was £368,171.65 but given issues which have arisen since construction work started, the revised total is now £403,164.04 (inc. VAT).

The plan for the green wall now is for it to be situated as a free-standing structure next to the gable end of the building.

Councillors stated their irritation that the electricity point was put in for the bus shelter information point although CCC had been asked not to do this. Councillors requested that we go back to CCC to see if the bus shelter can be moved, as it will act as a barrier to the square, and to insist that CCC follow the plans and site the bus stop in its designated position. KTC to enlist the support of the local county councillors if need be.

##### 388 PEMBREY ROAD COMMERCIAL SITES – IN CAMERA

A12 to be handed back on the due date 08/03/2024. There are outstanding issues regarding the terms of the lease and a schedule of dilapidation is to be drawn up. There will be a cost element to clearing the site before letting it out. Two years rent currently outstanding.

**389 NEW STREET SITE**

No update.

**390 ACTIVE TRAVEL ROUTE**

A preliminary meeting with the consultants was held last Thursday and the next meeting is arranged for 11th April.

**391 BANNERS**

The banners are currently in storage and will be installed when the weather improves. No response from CCC regarding costs involved with installation but we are waiting for Highways to programme the work.

**392 PLANNING**

CCC have put planning in for the reinstatement of the Old Town Hall for listed planning PL/07354.

**393 TENDERS**

There were none.

**394 KIDWELLY INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM**

Discussed in Full Council. The Town Clerk has since been in touch with an officer from CCC Archives.

**395 MATTERS ARISING FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

There were none.

**396 CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter regarding a mapping exercise for the Rural Path Network, to enable volunteers to help manage these routes. Training offered on CAMS (their mapping software). Letter has been circulated to local walking groups. Please circulate to councillors.