KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

25th APRIL 2023

At the Hybrid meeting of the ESTATES COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 25th April 2023 at 6.30pm

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| Present | Town Mayor | C.Peters |
|  | Deputy Mayor |  |
|  | Councillor | J.Gilasbey, C.Peters-Bond, J.Westlake,  H.Griffiths, A.Herbert, G.Bras, L.Jones, J.Tarsnane, |
|  | Town Clerk  Estates Officer | Virginia O’Reilly  Mark Stephens |
|  | Town Secretary | A Padgett |
| Apologies | Councillors | C.Morgan, G.Beer, D.Lloyd-Waterford, S.Ratty, E.Reeves-Davies, J.MacLaughland |
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421 MEMBER’S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**422 ESTATES OFFICER REPORT**

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

**(a) Floral displays** – 55 baskets and 23 half rounds have been delivered to the garden centre. There will be planted up and prepared for display. Any extra flowers will be planted in the Llangadog island beds. All watering will be carried out by the estates contractor. It was noted that the box at Commissioner’s Bridge needs attention.

**(b) Footpath network** - The first cut has been completed.

**(c) Mountain paths** – extra work to remove boulders and reduce trip hazards is being undertaken. The path will be realigned in places for safety.

**(d)** **CCC LDP drop in session** – after consultation, the candidate site at Brynhefin fields has been withdrawn.

**(e) Gwen Gwen festival –** request received to use Glan yr Afon grassed area for a “tent town”. No vehicles will be allowed and full logistical support will be provided. Local residents will be informed.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree in principle subject to the terms below being complied with. Terms and conditions to include full health and safety risk assessments, detailed emergency and security services protocols, waste disposal arrangements and noise mitigation rules.

These criteria must be set out in writing and submitted to the committee by 6th June 2023 for consideration at the Estates Committee meeting on 13th June 2023.

**(f) GL25 –** the tenant has accepted the terms as previously agreed. A draft lease will be drawn up.

**Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 14th March 2023**

**423 TOWN SQUARE PLANS**

Planning has been approved. The Quantity Surveyor has been appointed along with the architect who will undertake the remainder of the design and construction management.

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

A valuation has been determined and disputed by the leasees. A discussion was held in camera due to the commercially sensitive nature of the negotiations.

##### 425 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 has been forwarded to the planning department. It was agreed that no further expenditure will be incurred until after a progress meeting has been held with the HSE officers. This is to clarify the position in relation to applications for grant funding and future spends.

**426 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.

**427 PRINCESS GWENLLIAN CENTRE**

The take over lease has been deferred. 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.

**428 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.

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

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

##### 430 MYNYDD Y GARREG PATH

Work on the path has been completed. Note and **Close** this item.

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

The county council has offered to transfer 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. Clearance and fencing would be needed. As a former industrial site, contamination may be present. It was **RESOLVED** in principal to pursue the matter, requesting details of the state of the land and possible cost implications.

##### 432 PICNIC TABLES AT THE QUAY

It was acknowledged that there are no picnic tables suitable for wheelchair users. It was previously **RESOLVED** to purchase tables, locate suitable sites and cost the groundworks and access points.

A set of 10 tables, 5 suitable for wheelchair use have been purchased. Note and **Close** this item.

##### 433 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.

##### 434 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 previously **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.

##### 435 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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|  | REF | TYPE | PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | LOCATION |
| 1 | PL/05830 | Full | Single storey side extension | 5, Stockwell Forge, Kidwelly SA17 4AZ |

##### 436 AGRICULTURAL TENDERS

There were no tenders.

##### 437 FLOODING REPORT

An 80 page flooding report has been produced after the flooding of October 2021. The county council and Dwr Cymru are putting in place flood mitigation measures. It was recognised that responsibility does not lie with the town council as it has no property within the flood zones. However, communication with the other agencies should be continued. Planting of trees such as willow and forming flood ponds will be considered. This matter will be monitored. Note and **Close**.

##### 438 CYCLISTS/DOG WALKERS AT THE QUAY

Near collisions and verbal confrontations have been reported between dog-walkers and cyclists. Quotes for signage have been requested for sites at the Quay, Canal and Glan yr Afon. It was recognised that warnings on signs may not be observed. It was noted that dogs are often off leads and may be aggressive by nature, intimidating some walkers. It was reported that Wildfowlers are training hunting dogs on the marshes. The legality will be queried.

##### 439 CASTLES CHALLENGE

A request for permission to use Glan yr Afon as a site for a fundraising running event has been received. It was **RESOLVED** that permission be granted providing that all health and safety risk assessments and insurance cover are in place. No responsibility for any accidents will fall on the council. Notices should posted 2 weeks before the event. Note and **Close** this item.

##### 440 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no referrals.

##### 441 CORRESPONDENCE MARCH/APRIL 2023

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