

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

8th NOVEMBER 2022

At the Hybrid meeting of the **ESTATES COMMITTEE** held on Tuesday 8th November 2022

Present	Town Mayor	C.Peters
	Deputy Mayor	
	Councillor	J.Gilasbey, C.Morgan, G.Bras, E.Reeves-Davies, D.Lloyd-Waterford, J.Westlake, H.Griffiths, J.Tarsnane
	Town Clerk	Virginia O'Reilly
	Estates Officer	Mark Stephens
	Town Secretary	A Padgett
	Admin. Assist.	Owain Davies
Apologies	Councillors	J.James, G.Beer, C.Peter-Bond, S.Ratty, A Herbert
No apologies		C.Davies

193 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

194 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. Quotes for further work are awaited

(b) Path network - Trimming work undertaken by KTC for CCC has been completed for this year. Joint working with St Ishmael Council is being explored to share costs of overlapping footpaths and byways. £2,550 is required for immediate clearance. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

(c) Glanvrafon container – delivered and in situ.

(d) Castle walk footbridge – Handrail needs replacing as does part of the sensory garden gate. These two items would cost £2,100. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

(e) Japanese knotweed – Ongoing treatment cycle has commenced.

(f) Canal path – a sink hole has appeared. It was filled in by the county council.

(g) Trail bikes – complaints about the use of trail bikes on Mynydd mountain have been passed to the police.

(h) Slipway key – a new bollard key has been offered to the St John's Ambulance Divisional Officer in charge at Ferryside so the service can access the slipway.

(i) Network Rail – meeting was held on 7th November 2022. Signalling is being upgraded to an automatic system. Consequently, Kidwelly signal box will be redundant and will be demolished. An unmanned crossing barrier will be installed.

Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 11th October 2022

195 TOWN SQUARE PLANS

Planning permission has been sought. A bat survey is required. An ecologist will investigate any activity in the roof space of the toilet. A claim for reimbursement of architect fees has been submitted.

196 H19 H15 A12- RENT REVIEW “in camera”

A valuation has been determined and disputed by the leasees. A meeting has been arranged with Leon Burns.

197 HISTORY SHED EXPERIENCE

Planning application has been granted. As a condition a full geotechnical survey is required. Soils contamination tests will be undertaken at a cost of £5,800. It was recognised that the tests were necessary as this area is open access to the public. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee to allocate funding.

198 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.

199 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. The accountant is completing the accounts. The existing trust has unlimited liability for trustees, which is not acceptable. A new charity with no personal liabilities will be sought. Meetings are being held with CAVS. Estimated costs for utilities for next year have been received from British Gas. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee. Pop-up market – additional trading space is required. It was requested that the old container be moved to the rear car park and the rough ground area be cleared and covered with hardcore. The quote of £1,900 was accepted. Volunteers were thanked for clearance work already carried out. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee to allocate funding.

200 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.

201 ADDITIONAL LAND – “in camera”

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

202 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. The availability of Safe Routes money and Section 106 funding will be investigated.

203 HEIGHT RESTRICTOR AT THE QUAY

Misuse of site by camper vans. The installation a height restrictor at the quay car park so that larger vehicles have to use the overflow car park was considered. Placement of the barrier to allow for turning of vehicles would require permission from the owner of Quay Farm, which will be requested. Signage directing larger vehicles to the overflow park will be costed. Consultation with residents and quay users in particular, stating council’s intensions will be initiated. Concerns that restrictions may turn away tourists were expressed.

204 MYNYDD Y GARREG PATH

Drawings have been drawn up, specifications undertaken. 2 tenders were returned. £29,222 and £27,130. The second tender would reduce to £21,130 if the palisade fence were removed. Further work on the project and rerouting the path has reduced the cost to £13,000

205 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

REF	TYPE	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	LOCATION	APPLICANT
		No applications to consider		

206 AGRICULTURAL TENDERS

There were no tenders to consider.

207 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no referrals not considered above.

208 CORRESPONDENCE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2022

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