

KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

13th DECEMBER 2022

At the Hybrid meeting of the **ESTATES COMMITTEE** held on Tuesday 13th December 2022

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

236 MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

237 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 have been received. It was **RESOLVED** to carry out work at the south side of the canal at a cost of £2k.

(b) Path network - Trimming work undertaken by KTC for CCC has been completed for this year. Joint working with St Ishmael Council to share costs of overlapping footpaths and byways has been agreed in principle. Schedules will be drawn up.

(c) Playground Inspection Reports – have been received. A local tradesman will undertake maintenance work.

(d) Castle walk footbridge – Handrail needs replacing as does part of the sensory garden gate. These two items cost £2,100. Materials have been purchased and work will commence shortly.

(e) Japanese knotweed – Ongoing treatment cycle has been completed.

(f) Tree work – Cutting trees at Ferry Road and the Cemetery have been completed.

(g) War Memorial Trust – a list of all war memorials and plaques will be made and registered with the trust.

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

238 TOWN SQUARE PLANS

Planning permission has been approved but the result of a bat survey is awaited. A planning number can then be allocated and the matter can proceed.

239 H19 H15 A12- RENT REVIEW “in camera”

A valuation has been determined and disputed by the leasees. A meeting has been arranged with solicitors on 21st December 2022.

240 HISTORY SHED EXPERIENCE

Planning application has been granted. As a condition a full geotechnical survey is being undertaken. Soil samples have been collected. The area has been fenced off. Warning signs will be erected. A notice indicating the reason for the sampling will be put up.

241 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.

242 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.

Pop-up market – The old container has been moved to the rear of the building and the rough ground area cleared and covered with hardcore. This has allowed for additional parking spaces.

243 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.

244 ADDITIONAL LAND – “in camera”

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

245 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.

246 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 intentions will be initiated. Concerns that restrictions may turn away tourists were expressed.

247 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

248 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

REF	TYPE	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	LOCATION	APPLICANT
04958	Approval of reserved matters	Reserved Matters application for the access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of 15 no. dwellings.	Land off Park View Drive, Kidwelly, SA17 4UP	N Dodd Elfed House Oak Tree Court Cardiff Gate Business Park Cardiff CF23 8RS
05022	Full planning	Change of use of former Chapel from a Place of Worship	Former Siloam Baptist Chapel, Carmarthenshire, Kidwelly, SA17 5DQ	Anthony Jones 58 Buckingham Road Shoreham by Sea
04874	Full planning	Three detached dwellings	Former Gwenllian Court Hotel, Mynydd y Garreg, Kidwelly, SA17 4LX	ADEL Construction - Craig Lloyd 8 Canaston Court Penlan
05058	Full planning	Conversion of Builder's Store to Residential Accommodation	Land part of 92, Ferry Road, Kidwelly, SA17 5EJ	Mr & Mrs G & S Thomas Erw Las Danyrhelyg Newcastle Emlyn

249 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. It was agreed that further discussion with the county should proceed.

250 AGRICULTURAL TENDERS

There were no tenders to consider.

251 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no referrals not considered above.

252 CORRESPONDENCE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022

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