KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL

17th JANUARY 2023

At the Hybrid meeting of the ESTATES COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 17th January 2023

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

280 MEMBER’S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**281 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. The otter and vole surveyor will visit the site.

**(b) Path network** - Joint working with St Ishmael Council to share costs of overlapping footpaths and byways has been agreed in principle. This is on hold.

**(c) Castle walk footbridge** – Handrail has been replaced.

**(d) Playground inspection reports**  – reports have been received and a schedule of work will be drawn up.

**(e) Defibrillators** – These will be checked and status report sent to the governing authority.

**Matters arising from the Estates Committee Meeting of 13th December 2022**

**282 TOWN SQUARE PLANS**

Planning permission has been approved. A tender template has been received from the county council for engaging a Quantity Surveyor. Potential tenderers will be approached.

##### 283 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.

##### 284 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.

**285 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.

**286 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.

**287 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.

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

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

**289 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.

##### 290 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 has been received. 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.

##### 291 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

##### 292 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.

##### 293 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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|  | REF | TYPE | PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | LOCATION | APPLICANT | CONSULTATION PERIOD |
| 1 | PL/05273 | Application for Removal or Variation | Variation of Condition 1 on S/38787 | Kidwelly Town Bowls And Social Club, 38 Lady Street, Kidwelly | Mr David Wyn Edwards | 09/01/2023-30/01/2023 |

##### 294 AGRICULTURAL TENDERS

GL2 – it was **RESOLVED** to rent the land at an annual rent of £130 for a 4 year period.

##### 295 RENT INCREASES

It was **RESOLVED** that the following rents be applied:-

Garage spaces 2 and 4 - £250 Parking Space 2 - £120

##### 296 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.

##### 297 REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no referrals not considered above.

##### 298 CORRESPONDENCE DECEMBER 2022/JANUARY 2023

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