



KILGETTY - BEGELLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL (KBCC)

Minutes of the General Meeting of The Kilgetty -Begelly Community Council on Thursday, 10th February 2022 at 6.30pm, via the medium of Zoom.

Present: Cllrs Diane Lockley (Chair), Paul Wyatt, David Anderson, Janet Ward, Peter Adams, Gavin Thomas, Chris Ebrey, Jayne Ebrey, John Whitby, Lindsey Harries, Brenda Jones and County Cllr David Pugh.

Also, Present – Clerk Gary Price.

Public participation commenced at 18.41pm, question raised regarding the provision for dog walking at Begelly Play Park, the speaker referenced previous proposals on a fenced area.

Meeting Opened by the Chair at 18.48pm

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Sandra Smith

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wyatt declared interest in agenda item 11b.

3. To consider and approve as a true and correct record the draft Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 13th January 2022.

Cllr Ward proposed that the Minutes, as presented, of the meeting held on 13th January 2022 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting; Cllr Jones seconded the proposal with a majority of Cllrs in agreement

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 13th January 2022, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

None

5. Action Tracking

a) Footpath widening in Begelly and speeding,

Update received from Pembrokeshire County Council Highways Department, the preliminary designs received for Begelly & Kilgetty to enhance active travel opportunities and address the community concerns as highlighted during the site visit with representatives from the Community Council (9th December 2020) and further representation received by residents (Begelly).

These include the poor-quality intermittent footway and vehicle speeds through Begelly and the pedestrian/cyclist connectivity and vehicle speeds through Kilgetty. Both schemes include traffic calming throughout the length of the respective schemes, reduced carriageway width to maximise footway delivery, enhanced pedestrian crossing provision and tightening of the junction radii.

Note the plans are marked as “**Highly Confidential**” & “**Issued for Information**” and have not yet been circulated to a wider audience at this stage, although informal engagement is ongoing with a number of key residents and businesses over the length of both routes. This is an ongoing process with a high number of individual landowners who may be affected, as such the design may evolve as this process is undertaken.

Both are significant schemes (Kilgetty cost estimate £650k & Begelly £590k) and require external funding to construct and implement. They are comparable with similar recent schemes of this size i.e., Safe Routes in Communities (Pembroke) and more recently the schemes in Pentlepoir, New Hedges and Narberth, all of which have received funding from Welsh Government following successful bids.

It was anticipated that both schemes would be submitted to Welsh Government for funding within the Road Safety Capital Grant 22/23, However we have been informed that WG are not receiving bids for any new schemes. Funding will only be provided for previously identified multiyear scheme for which a commitment to fund has been agreed. The Road Safety Grant Funding for 22/23 has been reprioritised for the Nationwide 20mph Project. Funding will therefore need to be sought from an alternative source, which we are trying to identify.

It would assist in the community engagement, if the Elected member and the Community Council are able to manage the expectations of the Communities regarding the delivery and timescale of these schemes, as the proposals are developed and implemented. As you can see from the proposals, they are substantial schemes requiring major changes to the immediate environment to address the needs of the community, to ensure a robust scheme is achieved it will require time to implement the proposals fully.

b) The adverse possession of the Begelly play park field.

Letter received from the Council Solicitor stating they had received notification from the Land Registry that they are not prepared to register the land forming part of the parking area at the adjoining shop, bus stop and entrance to the park. This area is not included in the application from KBCC, a letter to the Solicitor is to be sent to clarify original application.

6. County Councillor's Report

Report received from Cllr David Pugh.

Heritage Park

The Stepside Pleasant Valley Residents Group (SPVRG) have lost their Judicial review case brought against PCC's planning decisions regarding Heritage Park Stepside. The Judge dismissed all seven complaints and awarded the maximum costs of £10,000 which will have to be paid to PCC by SPVRG

Begelly Footpaths

Information has been now sent to the clerk giving an update on the latest situation. A couple of weeks ago, at very short notice, I went out with a civil engineer from Capita to talk to residents and business owners who may well be affected by the proposals. The overwhelming response was very positive and secured commitments from property owners where necessary. These contacts are ongoing.

There were concerns raised by some business owners in Kilgetty about loading and parking, but all were willing to discuss various options to resolve foreseeable problems. These included unloading HGVs etc at the commercial centre with the need to turn into Station Road as the Low railway bridge prevents direct through access along Carmarthen Road. Likewise need to look at off street parking etc.

My immediate concern is to prioritise the footpath along the A478 through Begelly and to secure suitable funding for this part of the overall scheme to go ahead asap. I would suggest that, if agreeable, I arrange a further meeting with Capita to come along with detailed drawings to a separate KBCC meeting and present their plans and instigate further discussion. I am sure this can be arranged.

Brynhir Housing development

As some of you may know that Welsh Government changed their policy regarding council housing, allowing County Councils to start building council houses instead of using Housing Associations As a

result of that change, PCC is starting an ambitious programme of building council houses for rent. One such scheme is at Brynhir on the outskirts of Tenby. (Between New Hedges and Tenby) This development will offer 102 council houses for rent, 134 houses for sale, 8 shared ownership and the possibility of some self-build options. Outline planning has been granted by PCNP and the design stage is well underway with a 3/4-year completion. Local county councillors were given an update and question and answer session re plans yesterday and there is now an opportunity for KBCC to have a similar input. Whilst not directly affected by this development there are residents in this area who have the local connection and may have their names on the waiting list for council accommodation. Again, if there is any interest, I will arrange a suitable meeting for KBCC to see the plans etc.

Stepaside School Kilgetty

The process of recruiting a new Head Teacher is now underway following the retirement of Mr Paul Harries in Dec 21. The interim head is Kate Chandler-Hall who was assistant head at the school. She is likely to stay as interim head until September. The falling pupil numbers are a cause for concern regarding the long-term viability of the school.

PCC budget

County Councillors have been involved in a number of budget setting seminars which have highlighted serious concerns over delivery of some services, two thirds of PCC total budget is spent on Education and Social Services leaving one third to cover all statutory and non-statutory services e.g., highways, rubbish collections, leisure centres, libraries, environmental, licensing, planning, maintenance, and all other aspects that PCC covers. Social Services are under severe pressure given the current covid situation and the demographic changes in the county resulting in an older population putting additional pressure on resources and budgets. However, a better-than-expected WG settlement has eased the pressure

7. Reports from Council representatives including:

a) Begelly-Kilgetty Community Association

Cllr Anderson reported that the Meetings held by the Association are open to all residents to attend, the regular bookings for the Hall have now all returned. The Association have been discussing options for the Queens Jubilee celebration. A complaint had been received from a local resident about the amount of litter within the locality, the Association have requested that litter is disposed of correctly.

b) Rural Futures Group

Cllr Adams reported that discussions are ongoing in relation to the proposed cabins/buildings. Confirmation on Planning conditions awaited, Utility service providers to be contacted. Once proposal is completed the plan will be shared with KBCC.

c) Begelly Play Park Task and Finish Group

Cllr Wyatt reported that the groundworks were now completed, a French drain being completed through centre of park to alleviate drainage issue. Steps have been constructed on the entrance to the field, a handrail to be installed later. An arborist has previously quoted for additional tree works, the Clerk to contact them to arrange site meeting.

d) Kilgetty Play Park task and finish group.

Cllr Wyatt reported that interest was sought from local trades to carry out essential Power Washing at the park, work to include the cleaning of matting recycled from the Begelly park and items of play equipment in the park.

8. Consideration of Correspondence:

The Clerk reported a letter of thanks had been received from the Treasurer of St Mary's Church Begelly thanking the Council for the recent donation.

An email was read to the Council received from a local Begelly resident enquiring on the provision of 'dog walking' at the Begelly play park.

An email and related correspondence were read to the Council received from MP Simon Hart enquiring on the redevelopment of the Begelly play park and the provision of 'dog walking' in the park area.

9. To consider payment of any invoices received

101926	SSE	Electricity	£89.16
101927	Countrywise	Kilgetty Path works	£23,040.00
101928	Woodworks	Bench repairs	£165.00
101929	G Price	Wages	£407.60
101930	LITE	Christmas lighting 3 of 3	£774.00
101932	J C Howells	Begelly groundworks	£6600.00

Invoices received total of £31,075.76 Cllr Jones proposed payment be made, seconded by Cllr Chris Ebrey and all Cllrs in full agreement.

10. To consider payment of any invoices received after the distribution of the agenda

None received

11. Consideration of Planning Applications received:

a) Reference 21/0863/PA Lower Carne, Begelly, Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire SA68 0PB. Proposed conversion of barns to holiday accommodation. Following consideration of all the information provided by the Planning Authority, Cllr Paul Wyatt proposed that Kilgetty Begelly Community Council support this planning application. Cllr Thomas seconded the proposal and all Cllrs in full agreement.

b) Reference 21/0910/PA Ivydene, Carmarthen Road, Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire, Proposed garage. Following consideration of all the information provided by the Planning Authority, Cllr Gavin Thomas proposed that Kilgetty Begelly Community Council support this planning application. Cllr Ward seconded the proposal and a majority of Cllrs in full agreement.

12. Consideration of Planning Applications received after publication of the agenda

Items received, determination date post the next general meeting, applications to be considered at March meeting.

13. Notification of Planning Decision/s

None received

14.To consider matters appertaining to the Kilgetty Play Park-Pathway round park, access, and play park

Cllr Wyatt reported that it was being arranged to take Drone footage of the new pathways around the Community Garden, these would be publicised with footage of the area prior to development. Cllrs had met with the contractor who conducted the work on the pathways. Cllr Anderson reported that a plan was in place to replace the broken gateway at the rear of the gardens, this area would be finished off with shrubs. Cllr Adams discussed the possibility of constructing Archways to

commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee, quotations awaited for two way gates. Cllr Anderson would share proposal with the Community Association.

15. Discuss Queens Platinum Jubilee celebration

KBCC to contact all local clubs, associations in the Community to discuss options.

16. Discuss install of CCTV at Community Centre

Cllr Wyatt reported further quotes awaited, item to be discussed at March 2022 meeting.

17. To consider any emergency items and/or outstanding issues before Full Council

None

18. Any Other Business – please note this item is strictly for information only.

Cllr Jones reported the state of the pathway and guttering on the road at the top of Ryelands Lane adjacent to the fields following the cutting of the hedges, debris not being removed resulting in the pathway being very slippery and in places one must step onto the road. The matter will be reported to PCC.

There is an increase in the number of cars that are parked on the pathways and grass verges which is churning up the grass and making a mess.

Cllr Jones also reported on the limited amount Disabled parking in the Community in particular in the vicinity of the Community Hall, this matter will be added to the agenda of the March meeting.

Cllr Harries reported on the need for maintenance on the bridal way at the top of Windberry Hill. Cllr David Pugh will investigate this.

Cllr C Ebrey enquired on the future location of the monthly KBCC General meetings. Meetings will continue through the media of Zoom for the present time.

Meeting closed at 20.40pm.

19) Date of next meeting

Thursday 10th March 2022 at 6.30pm

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