



## **KILGETTY - BEGELLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL (KBCC)**

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

**Present:** Cllrs Diane Lockley (Chair), Paul Wyatt, David Anderson, Gavin Thomas, Brenda Jones, and County Cllr David Pugh.

**Also, Present** – Clerk Gary Price.

Public participation commenced at 18.36pm, question raised regarding the provision for dog walking at Begelly Play Park, the speaker referenced previous proposals on a fenced area, speaking on behalf of a local resident.

Meeting Opened by the Chair at 18.39pm

### **1. To receive any apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllrs Smith, Adams, J Ebrey, C Ebrey, Ward, Whitby, and Harries.

### **2. To receive any Declarations of Interest**

None

### **3. To consider and approve as a true and correct record the draft Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022.**

Cllr Wyatt proposed that the Minutes, as presented, of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 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 10th February 2022, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**

Item 6. Cllr Jones asked for clarity on the comment *“The falling pupil numbers are a cause for concern regarding the long-term viability of the school”*. Cllr Lockley stated it would be a question for Cllr Pugh on agenda point 6 of meeting.

Item 18. Cllr Jones commented that the matter was not added to the March agenda, requested that the previously reported limited amount of Disabled parking in the Community in the vicinity of the Community Hall be added to the April meeting.

### **5. Action Tracking**

a) Footpath widening in Begelly and speeding,

Cllr Lockley reported on a consultation meeting held Thursday 24th Feb 5.30pm at the Community Hall to discuss pathways through Kilgetty and Begelly, the meeting, arranged by C. Cllr D Pugh at the request of this Council - a request made in February KBCC meeting.

All Councillors were provided with the details of the meeting via email from the Clerk Monday 21st Feb.

In attendance at the meeting were Cllr D Lockley, Cllr P Adams, Cllr D Anderson and C. Cllr D Pugh and the representative from CAPITA

Apologies received from Cllr P Wyatt Cllr B Jones and due to family circumstances, would not have expected Cllr S Smith to attend or Cllr J Whitby, who suffered a fall and in hospital.

Five Cllrs did not indicate their intention to attend or not, to either Cllr Lockley or the Clerk.

The subject of this meeting is something that this Council has been discussing for many years, the non- attendance was disappointing.

The meeting itself was extremely informative with, despite the numbers present, a very long and healthy discussion. During the 2 hours discussion we focused on the Begelly section of the proposal - from the Begelly island following the A478 northbound through Begelly past Folly Farm to Windberry Top. The process is still in its early stages, with current consultation being with local stakeholders i.e., businesses and residents immediately affected, not all of whom have yet been contacted. Cllrs provided the representative from CAPITA with many observations on the proposals, some of which Cllrs were in favour of and some not. These observations along with others will be taken back and considered but what was very useful was being able to listen to the explanations as to why certain changes were being made. This leads to a better understanding of the project. There will be furthermore public consultations in the future, but there is no timeline for that yet.

As there was insufficient time to look at the proposals being made along Carmarthen Road through Kilgetty, the representative from CAPITA had very kindly agreed to return the following week to do a second session.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**

This was a well-attended meeting by Councillors. (7 of 12)

Cllr D Lockley, Cllr D Anderson, Cllr B Jones, Cllr P Adams, Cllr P Wyatt, Cllr G Thomas, Cllr J Ward and Cllr D Pugh.

The focus of the meeting was to discuss the proposed improvements along the full length of Carmarthen Road with the emphasis on pedestrian safety and traffic calming measures.

Starting at the Western end of the Road the following features were discussed

Raised table tops sections

Pedestrian crossings

Road narrowing

Priority of traffic movement along the road

Road and driveway access points onto the Carmarthen Road

Speed bumps

Vehicle parking – cars, delivery trucks etc

Comments were constructive on all the of above

The introduction of more pedestrian crossing points was considered a good feature.

The number and frequency of speed cushions was felt to be over the top and with all the other measures that were suggested, considered to be unnecessary. Councillors agreed that speed bumps may slow some vehicles down but the vehicles that have the highest responsibility on the road, i.e., coaches, buses, lorries etc do not have to slow down as their vehicles are wide enough to straddle the speed bump.

The location of suitable parking and the reluctance of many people to walk is an ongoing concern. Notably the persistent illegal parking outside the co-op on double yellow lines.

Also, Cllrs agreed that Carmarthen Road should not be seen as a short cut from the A477 to the A478. With these measures in place, it is hoped that pedestrians will feel safer, and more people will be encouraged to walk through the village.

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

Letter sent to Council's Solicitor outlining the area that was subject of possession request. Application re-submitted. Phone call received from Solicitor stating possession had been granted, written confirmation awaited. Cllr Lockley thanked Cllr Gavin Thomas for his work in the research and application.

## **6. County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Pugh reported that the feedback on the Pembrokeshire County Council proposed improvements for Kilgetty and Begelly were mostly positive, there are concerns from local businesses in Kilgetty on delivery vehicle access. All feedback has been presented to Capita the consultants. A public consultation meeting will be arranged.

Cllr Pugh reported that he had attend several Finance meetings, Pembrokeshire County Council have agreed on 5% Council Tax increase for 22/23 financial year.

Cllr Pugh reported that the public toilets in Kilgetty have recently been closed for repair following vandalism.

Cllr Pugh reported that his comment on Stepside School was mis-understood, there is not a threat to the school, the problem stated is a County wide issue.

Cllr Pugh reported that application for any road closures within the community related to the Queens Jubilee celebrations will need to be submitted to PCC by 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Cllr Pugh reported that Kilgetty W.I. have offered Benches for the community, various locations suggested, Thomas Chapel, Miners Walk, Community Gardens and Begelly Play Park, sites to be confirmed.

## **7. Reports from Council representatives including:**

a) Begelly-Kilgetty Community Association

Cllr Anderson reported that Hywel Dda have confirmed several additional bookings for the Community Centre. There had been a request from the Men's Shed group for an alternative meeting venue to allow for increase in members. A litter pick stand has been located just outside the Community Hall, encouraging members of the public to take the litter picker and bag with them on their walk.

b) Rural Futures Group

Cllr Lockley reported that discussions are ongoing in relation to the proposed cabins/buildings. Various options being considered such as single units or one larger combined unit, running cost comparisons being calculated. Once proposal is completed the plan will be shared with KBCC.

c) Begelly Play Park Task and Finish Group

Cllr Wyatt reported that quotes for the supply and install of Play equipment are being considered. Various pieces of equipment are to be removed from the rear of the shop; drier conditions required before machinery can go onto field.

d) Kilgetty Play Park task and finish group.

Cllr Wyatt reported that quotes are required for the cleaning of matting recycled from the Begelly park and items of play equipment in the park. Cllr Wyatt proposed that Kilgetty Begelly Community Council set a maximum spend, Cllr Thomas seconded the proposal and all Cllrs in full agreement. The Clerk would continue to look for interested contractors.

**8. Consideration of Correspondence:**

The Clerk reported an email had been received from Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority regarding Tree planting to commemorate their 70th Anniversary in 2022. An offer of 70 trees to the community. The Clerk to contact the ranger to arrange a meeting.

Notice received from current Grass cutting contractor of price increase for the 2022 cutting season., Cllr Paul Wyatt proposed that Kilgetty Begelly Community Council agree the price increase. Cllr Thomas seconded the proposal and all Cllrs in full agreement.

A donation request received from Age Cymru for the sum of £500, the Clerk will reply to request deferring consideration until the next financial year.

A letter received from a local Business regarding the Kilgetty active travel and road safety scheme read to Council. Concern that the narrowing of roadways would prove difficult for deliveries via articulated lorries. Cllr Pugh reported he was aware of the concerns and had given information to Capita.

**9. To consider payment of any invoices received**

101932 One Voice Wales	membership	£396.00
101933 HMRC	Tax (Oct-March)	£509.60
101934 L. Baines Woodworks (replacement cheque)		£165.00
101935 G Price	Wages+postage	£425.65

The previous cheque issued to Woodworks No. 101928 has been returned and cancelled.

Invoices received total of £1496.25 Cllr Jones proposed payment be made, seconded by Cllr Wyatt 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 21/1052/PA Beck Hill, Church Lane, Reynalton, Kilgetty SA68 0Pg. Erection of replacement dwelling. 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 Wyatt seconded the proposal and all Cllrs in full agreement.

b) Reference 21/1033/PA Plot adjacent, Glencoe, Station Road, Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire SA68 0XS. Proposed detached Dorma dwelling. Following consideration of all the information provided by the Planning Authority and related Highway's report, Cllr Paul Wyatt proposed that Kilgetty Begelly

Community Council support this planning application. Cllr Thomas seconded the proposal and all Cllrs in full agreement.

c) Reference 21/1084/PA Wickets Well, 1, Ryelands Way Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire SA68 0US. Erection of detached garage. Following consideration of all the information provided by the Planning Authority, Cllr Brenda Jones proposed that Kilgetty Begelly Community Council support this planning application. Cllr Thomas seconded the proposal and all Cllrs in full agreement.

d) Reference 21/1092/PA 15 Ryelands Place, Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire SA68 0UX. Proposed single storey extension. Following consideration of all the information provided by the Planning Authority, Cllr Brenda Jones proposed that Kilgetty Begelly Community Council support this planning application. Cllr Wyatt seconded the proposal and all Cllrs in full agreement.

e) Reference 21/1133/PA Haresteps Farm, Reynalton, Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire SA68 0PG. Erection of replacement dwelling of existing 3-bedroom dwelling granted under application 15/0200/CL. Following consideration of all the information provided by the Planning Authority, Cllr Gavin Thomas proposed that Kilgetty Begelly Community Council support this planning application on the understanding it remains a single dwelling. Cllr Wyatt seconded the proposal and all Cllrs in full agreement.

f) Reference 21/1128/PA Holmleigh, Reynalton, Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire. SA68 0PE. Extension and alterations. 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 Jones seconded the proposal and all Cllrs in full agreement.

g) Reference 21/1120/PA Deri Dene New Road Begelly, Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire. SA68 0YE. Proposed alterations and extension to existing dwelling. 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 Anderson seconded the proposal and all Cllrs in full agreement.

Note: Cllrs again raised the issue that on many of the planning applications related documentation will not open on the PCC portal, in particular responses from other agencies! This will be reported to the Planning department.

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

None

## **13. Notification of Planning Decision/s**

20/0837/PA Redwood Lodge, Stepside, Pembrokeshire SA67 8PH. **Conditionally approved.**

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

Cllr Wyatt reported that quote awaited on supply of Disability gates. Compliments received on the new pathways. Agenda point for next meeting to be for the gates only.

## **15. Discuss Queens Platinum Jubilee celebration**

Cllr Lockley reported on a recent meeting attended, Jubilee committee has been formed a 'Big picnic party day' has been proposed. The event to be held on the Sports field on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. A request for a donation for the event to be considered. KBCC to consider a commemorative item for children at next meeting. Cllr Lockley proposed that Kilgetty Begelly Community Council donate up to £500 toward the event. Cllr Anderson seconded the proposal and all Cllrs in full agreement.

**16. Discuss install of CCTV at Community Centre**

Cllr Wyatt reported further quotes awaited, Clerk to assist in sourcing quotes, item to be discussed at April 2022 meeting.

**17. Discuss utility charges 'Men's Shed' Kilgetty**

Charges to group to commence from February 2022. Cllr Anderson proposed that Kilgetty Begelly Community Council waive any costs prior to February 2022, Cllr Thomas seconded the proposal and all Cllrs in full agreement.

**18. Discuss Community Council Election May 2022**

Cllr Lockley reported a power point presentation had been circulated from PCC regarding the Elections, detail on dates, procedures and protocols, Cllrs were asked to read and any questions to be forwarded to the Clerk.

**19) Discuss National Salary award April 21/22, spinal point increase 2022 Clerk salary**

The Clerk presented the detail of the pay scales agreed for 2021/22 also detail on the Spinal point increase for April 2022. Cllr Lockley thanked the Clerk for work carried out in his first year. Cllr Thomas proposed that Kilgetty Begelly Community Council agree to the pay award, Cllr Jones seconded the proposal and all Cllrs in full agreement.

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

None

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

Cllr Wyatt discussed increase in Anti-social behaviour in community, appropriate authority has been informed.

Meeting closed at 20.40pm.

**19) Date of next meeting**

Thursday 14th April 2022 at 6.30pm

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