KILGETTY-BEGELLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**Press Release – May 2015**

The Annual Meeting of Full Council, Kilgetty, Begelly Community Council (KBCC) took place at 7.00pm on 14 May 2015 at Kilgetty, Begelly Community Centre.

The latest news and other main items discussed and agreed by Full Council were:-

* Councillor Trevor Andrews was re-elected as Chair of KBCC for 2015-2016 and Councillor Diane Lockley was re-elected as Vice-Chair.
* External repainting of the Community Centre, Kilgetty, is nearly complete although a need to repair some of the soffits has now also been identified. KBCC thanked Folly Farm for their kind donation of paint.
* The head office of The Co-operative Group, Manchester, has acknowledged KBCC’s concerns about the pot holes in the Kilgetty surgery car park and news on repairs is awaited from them. Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) has confirmed it is unable to contribute toward maintenance of this car park, as it is private land.
* KBCC’s Internal Audit for 2014/15 has been satisfactorily completed and paperwork has now been sent to the national auditor, BDO LLP, for their audit.
* The litter clearance at Kilgetty Railway Station has been completed by Network Rail.
* Work to eradicate the Japanese Knotweed on The Common, adjacent to the Community Centre and Community Garden, will continue between now and the end of August.
* The quarterly inspection of Kilgetty Play Area has recently been completed and a need to replace one of the swing seats has been identified. KBCC will be taking this remedial work forward. Other work to improve the play area, including better drainage, is being undertaken over the next 6 weeks.
* Welsh Government has agreed to make improvements to the A477/A478 Begelly Roundabout next financial year. This will include the seeding of wild flowers similar to that undertaken on the A477 at Sageston and Carew.
* PCC has now agreed to make improvements to the pavement at Begelly and, after discussions with both Dyfed-Powys Police and KBCC, will be taking forward work to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph between Thomas Chapel junction and Begelly Roundabout on the A478. KBCC has agreed to fund a Vehicle Actuated Speed sign in Begelly to complement this work.
* PCC has reported that a reduced level of illegal parking has taken place since new trolley bays and the lift has been installed at the Co-operative in Kilgetty but continue to enforce parking restrictions outside the Co-operative in Carmarthen Road, Kilgetty.
* Stepaside School has an ‘Open afternoon’ on 8 June 2015 starting at 4pm to which members of the public are welcome to attend and undertake a short tour of the school. Tea and Coffee will also be served.
* KBCC’s Annual Insurance for 2015-2016 has been renewed with Aon UK Ltd.
* The Clerk provided all Councillors with a copy of the new Code of Conduct for Community Councils issued by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.
* A Casual Vacancy for a Councillor for Kilgetty Ward continues to exists on KBCC. If any local resident would be interested in serving as a Councillor, please do make enquiries with the Clerk.
* Local residents and local organisations are encouraged to send information on special events in the area to the Clerk, as well as photographs of Kilgetty through the ages, who will then consider for inclusion on the KBCC website. Contact details below.

**Begelly-Kilgetty Community Association (BKCA)**:

* The Kilgetty in Bloom judging day has been set for 15 July 2015.
* BKCA also wished to thank Folly Farm for their kind donation of paint for the painting of the Community Centre in Kilgetty.
* A Table Top and Plant Sale will be held in June 2015 – details will be available soon.
* A further complaint has been received by BKCA about the pot holes in the surgery car park, Kilgetty (see above).

**Planning**

KBCC considered the following planning applications and recommended approval in all cases;

* NP/15/0213/FUL – Erection of single storey side extension at The Poplars, Cross Lanes, Kilgetty
* 15/0096/PA – Upgrade to base installation, Kilgetty farm, Stepaside
* 15/0023/AD – 4x non illuminated wall mounted car park panels at The Co-operative, Kilgetty

**County Councillor David Pugh’s Report**

County Councillor Pugh was not present but provided a short written report. This confirmed the work to be undertaken at Begelly, highlighted above; attempts to improve traffic flow improvements in Carmarthen Road, Kilgetty; and the kind donation of paint by Folly Farm for the re-painting of the Community Centre, Kilgetty.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting of Kilgetty Begelly Community Council will take place on Thursday, 11 June 2015 in the Green Room, Kilgetty-Begelly Community Centre, commencing at 7.00pm. A public participation session is always scheduled prior to the start of the meeting. Copies of the approved Minutes of Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council meetings can be viewed by contacting the Clerk, Ian Morris, on 01834 450306 or by accessing the website.

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