



KILGETTY - BEGELLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL (KBCC)

Minutes of the Annual and General Meetings of The Kilgetty -Begelly Community Council on Thursday, 11th May 2023 at 6.30pm, via the medium of Zoom.

Present: Cllrs Paul Wyatt, Diane Lockley, Brenda Jones, Jerry Long, Beryl Quigley, John Whitby, Wes Thompson, Peter Adams, and County Cllr Alistair Cameron.

Also, Present – Clerk Gary Price.

Meeting Opened by the Chair Cllr Paul Wyatt at 18.34pm

Meeting recorded.

1) To elect the Chair of Kilgetty & Begelly Community Council for 2023/2024 and to receive their declaration of interest.

Cllr Diane Lockley nominated Cllr Paul Wyatt for the position of Chair of Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council. Cllr Wyatt accepted, all Cllrs in full agreement.

2) To elect the Vice Chair of Kilgetty & Begelly Community Council for 2023/2024

Cllr Peter Adams nominated Cllr Jerry Long for the position of Vice Chair of Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council, Cllr Long accepted, all Cllrs in full agreement.

3) Outgoing Chair's report

Cllr Paul Wyatt reported the past 12 months has seen a number of changes, Both Long and Short serving Cllrs leaving us. Their dedication and time spent supporting this community council is much appreciated.

Obviously as our communities continue to grow it is apparent that we will all continue to remain busy in supporting them, Something I have learnt in my time as chair is that we have to keep listening to the people we are supporting and ensure they contact us via the correct channels, our clerk.

I've enjoyed my time as Chair and representing Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council.

4) 2023/2024 Chair's address to the Council

Cllr Paul Wyatt thanked Cllrs for their support in his first term and ongoing.

5) To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies received Cllr Lindsey Harries

6) To receive any personal and prejudicial Declaration of interests

None

7) Appointment of Committee/Working Party/Task and Finish group Members

Cllr Wyatt requested nominations for the position of Chair for each group followed by Cllr members to the group.

Kilgetty Play Park , Chair Cllr Long, Cllrs Lockley, Wyatt, Adams, Whitby, and Quigley

Begelly Play Park, Chair Cllr Lockley, Cllrs Wyatt, Adams, and Whitby

Disability Access group, Chair Cllr Jones, Cllrs Thompson, and Quigley

Finance Group, Chair Cllr Adams, Cllrs Long, Jones and Quigley

Health & Safety Group, Chair Cllr Adams, Cllrs Wyatt, Long, Quigley

8) To review the Councils representation on outside bodies

Cllr Wyatt requested nominations for representatives for each group:

Begelly-Kilgetty Community Association, Cllr Long

Rural Futures, Cllr Lockley

One Voice Wales, Cllr Adams

9) To set the time and dates of the General Meetings of Kilgetty & Begelly Community Council (June 2023 to April 2024)

Cllr Wyatt proposed that the Council meet at 6.30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each calendar month. Cllr Lockley seconded the proposal all Cllrs in agreement.

18.59pm

10) To consider and approve as a true and correct record the draft Minutes of the General Council meeting held on 13th April 2023.

Cllr Jones proposed that the Minutes, as presented, of the meeting held on 13th April 2023 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting; Cllr Quigley seconded the proposal with a majority of Cllrs in agreement.

11) Matters Arising from the Minutes of the General Council meeting held on 13th April 2023, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

None

12) Action Tracking

a) To consider future hybrid meetings

Cllr Long reviewing detail received and will source quotations for the set-up and report back at next meeting.

13) Reports from Council representatives including:

a) Begelly Kilgetty Community Association

Cllr Long reported:

Solar Panels Update

In April the panels supplied 57% of the energy to the community centre. And in May is showing as 74% so far.

The EV car: The App to book the car is still NOT live but will be soon. “Fingers Crossed” We are looking for someone to be the local coordinator, which is PAID post. It involves showing people how to drive the car and help with any issues etc. All the booking and payments are done on the App. The salary is very good. Must be between 25 and 69 and have clean driving license. If you know anyone, please give them my details.

Roof Repairs

The flat roof has been repaired and the rest of the roof will be started soon.

Kilgetty & Begelly Village Fete –

Sunday 27th August – from 12 noon. We have started booking stalls and acts and so far, we have,

A Rock Choir - Dance School – Kids Fun rides- Ice Cream man – Singers, Art & Craft Stalls and we hope Greenacres will do a display too. We hope to get a few more local acts too.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 16th May, and I would love to see some more of you to join Beryl, Alistair, and myself to help organise the help on the day of the event.

A Coffee Morning recently held at the centre was a success, a demonstration also received on the use of the ‘De-fibrillator’.

A monthly neighbourhood policing update received from Narberth NPT:

As some of your constituents may have noticed there has been an increased police presence in Kilgetty during the past 6 weeks. This is due to a few different issues we are currently trying to tackle.

We are aware of vandalism and criminal damage of the areas around the property Avondale (derelict property opposite station garage). This property has been repeatedly targeted since last year and recently the rear windows of the property have all be put through with rocks. We have been working closely with MAW Arson Prevention Team , property owner, our own Designing Out Crime team and Pembrokeshire CC planning department to try and push through the submitted planning application for demolition of the property as quickly as possible.

Other incidents of criminal damage we have been made aware of recently include the picnic table at the far end of the Miners field being damaged and graffiti appearing in the A477 underpass. It also appears the underpass area has been a hive of activity for youths in recent months, so we are actively patrolling this during evenings and weekends. It may be beneficial if the picnic tables were placed in the middle of the field or closer to the gate entrance, so they are not in such a secluded location behind the scout hut.

It has been noticed that a few youths have access to E-Scooters. As you are probably aware these scooters still fall under the classification of a ‘mechanically propelled vehicle’ and thus are not exempt in the same way E-Bikes are. This means that if anyone is caught riding these in any place other than on private land with the landowner’s permission, the vehicle/device will likely be seized due to having no tax and no insurance. One scooter has been seized in the area recently so we are hoping word will soon get around as these are expensive bits of kit.

Lastly but not least youths have been seen on more than one occasion on the railway line bridge over Carmarthen Road. They were caught and identified by PCSO Morris who was patrolling in the area at the time. This information was passed onto British Transport Police who have attended the identified youths home addresses to offer stern words of advice. It has also been noted that there is a large area of litter and debris on the railway line in the area directly opposite the station shelter, TFW/BTP have been informed about this.

A lot of the above issues may well be linked to the same group of youths so we will continue patrolling the area in a pro-active manner to hopefully deter further issues.

As always if there is anything you think we need to be made aware and/or concerns that constituents & residents have please do not hesitate to get in touch. I will do my best to provide monthly updates to both Community and County Councillors through both active engagement and emails.

Obviously if members of the public wish to report a crime, then that needs to be done via 999/101 telephone service or the DPP online reporting tool. Report Dyfed-Powys Police.

b) Rural Futures Group

Cllr Lockley reported the first draft of the grant application for the next phase of the project has been sent to the grant provider, hopefully for submission in the June meeting if not July.

c) One Voice Wales

Nothing to report.

d) Begelly Play Park task and finish group.

Cllr Lockley reminded Cllrs that the Park is now due an inspection, Cllr Whitby requested to attend the next inspection to go through the process. Cllr Wyatt reported that funding is available to lay a footpath to the park giving disabled access, Cllr Wyatt to create a plan to then receive quotes for the works.

d) Kilgetty Play Park

The Site has been cleared and levelled and most of the trees have been removed to give better visibility which will hopefully reduce any anti-social behaviour.

The contractor is now waiting for us to give him the go ahead to move the fence and install Slide & the Tunnel. We need to request the swing to be delivered and installed.

We would love to have something in the park before the schools break up for summer.

We have a quote to replace the fence but need to get at least one more.

We have contact details for Adventure Playgrounds Wales and the Clerk is organising a site meeting with them.

The Summer fete will be Raising funds for Equipment. The sale of the Folly Farm tickets has gone very well, a big thank you to Folly Farm for the donation, the tickets raising over £3000. A special thank you to the Post Office in Kilgetty for administering the sale of the tickets.

f) Disability Access in the Community

Cllr Jones reported that there had been no progress, the Clerk to contact the Access officer once again, Cllr Cameron to also follow up on the issue.

14) Consideration of Correspondence:

County Councillor Alistair Cameron – report to Kilgetty Begelly Community Council May 2023

Road Safety in Begelly

The County Council have informed me that all of the Welsh Government's road safety capital funding this year will be used to implement the 20 mph limits to be introduced in September. This means there will be no funding this year for measures to slow down traffic / improve the pavements in Begelly.

The Council are therefore considering not applying the 20-mph limit on the main road in Begelly as officers believe the calming is needed to slow down traffic first to make the 20-mph practicable. However, the 20-mph limit will still be introduced for the other roads in Begelly (e.g., Fir Grove), all of Kilgetty and the central part of Reynalton. I am concerned about delays in measures to slow down traffic in the main road in Begelly specially to ensure that the junctions (e.g., with Broom Lane) are safe as well as delays in widening / improving the pavements.

Following concerns at the last Council meeting that the northbound VAS sign is not working correctly, I have received the following response from the County Council's senior traffic technician who has agreed to check that the sign is working correctly:-

Please note – the driver feedback signs are calibrated to only activate at 27mph with the warning message dynamically flashing between 30-40 mph. The reasoning being to only activate to those vehicles who need reminding and not those that travel under 27mph, or over 40mph to prevent a 'high speed challenge' This may be the reason why activation of the device is not at a consistent point of travel.

I have asked the Council to reduce the speed limits between the two roundabouts near to Begelly / Kilgetty. They have advised that the traffic order will need to be amended and I am waiting further information on this.

Parking Problems in Carmarthen Road, Kilgetty near the railway bridge

There have been complaints about vehicles parking on the double yellow lines near the railway bridge and also on the pavements nearby causing problems for users of mobility scooters. I approached the owner of one of the shops to ask him to be more considerate in his parking, but his response was abusive.

I have contacted the Council's Parking Enforcement Manager who suggested one response could be to introduce a "no waiting at any time" restriction as is in place outside the Co-op. Clearly, this would have an impact on local businesses. At present, you are allowed to park for a reasonable time (10 minutes) to load and unload for your business.

The Parking Manager will get back to me once he has a report on how the parking patrols are going in Kilgetty.

Cllr Adams proposed this matter was looked into further as it is of major concern, Cllr Thompson seconded the proposal all Cllrs in agreement.

Vandalism Problems in Kilgetty

There have been a number of complaints of vandalism / litter in Kilgetty including on the railway track by the train station, setting fire to a bench in the Miners' Field and also to empty properties. I have reported these to the Police and Transport for Wales. The Police advise that all of these problems must all be reported using 101 so that they can build up a record and patrols can be undertaken. The Police meet the County Council's Youth Service every week and give them details of reported crimes so that the Council can determine where to prioritise their youth work. When I last contacted the Council's Head of Youth Service about this, he said there had been no reported incidents for Kilgetty.

Bus Services 351 Tenby to Pendine (via Kilgetty) and 352 – Ryelands Lane to Tenby

Following the decision by Taf Valley Coaches to terminate bus service 351 Tenby to Pendine (via Kilgetty) and 352 Ryelands Lane to Tenby at the end of April, Council Officers have negotiated a new service 351 Tenby to Pendine which includes Ryelands Lane. The new service will not run between Amroth and Pendine for May and June due to a closure in the Amroth to Pendine road for road repairs. The full service, including Amroth to Pendine, will therefore be in operation from July.

New Road, Begelly

A further meeting was held with local residents in the Begelly Arms two weeks ago (thank you Peter for hosting the meeting) including with the Council's Head of Planning to discuss issues relating to the new development. This is an ongoing concern and a further meeting with residents is being arranged.

Request for Dog Waste Bin at Broom Lane Entrance to Begelly Play Park

As reported at the last Council meeting, I need to arrange a meeting with county council officers and community councillors to investigate providing a dog waste bin at the Broom Lane entrance. Council officers have looked at the site. They did not see an issue when they looked but are more than happy to meet with myself and Community Councillors to discuss further. They are a bit anxious that a bin does not make this area become a site for fly tipping. I have had discussions with some local residents on this who support a bin.

Meeting with Council to discuss Section 106 Monies and Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grants

A meeting took place with Sinead Henehan from the County Council and the Clerk and Chair of the Community Council to discuss using local Section 106 money (from planning applications) as well as making an application under the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Scheme (funded by the Council Tax surcharge on second homes) to provide funding for play equipment for Kilgetty Park. We should also be applying for smaller Enhancing Pembrokeshire Scheme grants for funding to replace the wooden fence for the sports field (for Kingsmoor Sports Association) and for safety work for the electric cables at the rear of the bus shelter in Reynalton.

15) To consider payment of any invoices received

BACS 1.	Clerk	Salary incl w/h	£484.43
BACS 2.	One Voice Wales	Training	£35.00
BACS 3.	All Seasons	Grass contract	£570.00
BACS 4.	SSE	Electricity	£164.60
BACS 5.	BHIB	Insurance	£1278.79

Invoices received total of £2532.82 Cllr Jones proposed payment be made, seconded by Cllr Lockley, all Cllrs in full agreement.

16) To consider quarter four financial statement 2022-23, Budget statement.

The Clerk presented the quarter four statement and an explanation on the out turn of the budget for 22-23 detailing all income and expenditure. Cllr Long proposed that the statement be accepted , Cllr Jones seconded the proposal all Cllrs in agreement.

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

None

18) Consideration of Planning Applications received.

Reference. 23/0027/PA. Social Club, Station Road Kilgetty SA68 0XR, Residential Development. Following consideration of all the information provided by the Planning Authority, Cllr Quigley proposed Kilgetty Begelly Community Council **object** to the application on a number of matters:

- The increase in heavy goods vehicles during the construction phase with congestion at the already busy junction onto Carmarthen Road travelling east and west under the bridge.
 - Gross over development of the planned site in relation to existing properties and access.
 - The plan does not show any pedestrian consideration in station road or to the new development.
 - Station road is a pedestrian link between the Villages of Kilgetty & Begelly and Pentlepoir, it is a quiet lane without footpaths. Increased vehicle use will (during development and after) put users of this vital link at risk. (Relationship to The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015)
 - Failure to notify residents who are adjacent and next to the proposed development.
 - Concerns about proximity of the proposed dwellings to existing properties.
 - The development will instigate the change of use from a car parking area to dwellings in a commercial centre that already has a continuous parking problem due to lack of safe parking.
 - Despite being a commercial centre car parking in the vicinity is currently a major problem, Businesses having deliveries and the increased traffic caused by development of this site and users thereafter will exasperate the current problems.
 - Consideration to the gradient of the land leading down to the proposed development with no pedestrian/disabled access allowance.
 - Consideration of the proximity of the adjacent properties relating to the gradient and potential land movement as a result of the development.
 - Consideration of restriction to rear access to all adjacent properties on Station Road and Carmarthen Road
 - Considerable number of objections raised by residents.
 - Concerns relating to wastewater and noise pollution of possible pumping station.
- Cllr Adams seconded the proposal, all Cllrs in agreement.

Cllr Quigley proposed that Kilgetty Begelly Community Council request this matter be brought before the Planning Committee, Cllr Adams seconded the proposal, all Cllrs in agreement.

19) Consideration of Planning Applications received after publication of the agenda.

None

20) Notification of Planning Decision/s

- a. 22/0785/PA Plum Tree Hall, Stepside, Pembs, SA67 8JX **Refused.**
- b. 22/1133/PA 15, Ash Park, Kilgetty, SA68 0XY **Conditionally approved.**
- c. 22/0239/PA 18, Parsonage Green, SA68 0YN **Conditionally approved.**
- d. 22/1019/PA Windberry Top Farm, SA68 0XA **Conditionally approved.**
- e. 22/0901/PA Glencoe, Station Road, Kilgetty, SA68 0XS **Refused.**
- f. 22/1003/PA Ashmead, Thomas Chapel, SA68 0XH **Conditionally approved.**
- g. 22/1066/PA Vine Cottage, Kilgetty, SA68 0XU **Conditionally approved.**

21) To consider any emergency items and/or outstanding issues before Full Council

Cllr Jones reported that the Hedgerows along Ryelands Lane are overgrow and in need of cutting back. The Clerk to contact PCC and request they are cut back.
Cllr Wyatt requested the website detail be updated, the Clerk to make amendments.

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

Cllr Lockley enquired if the proposed new fence line had been received from the Scout Association.

23) Date of next meeting: June 8th, 2023

Meeting closed 21.05pm

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