



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

Minutes of the General Meeting of The Kilgetty -Begelly Community Council on Thursday, 14th December 2023 at 6.30pm, via the medium of Zoom.

**Present:** Cllrs Paul Wyatt, Brenda Jones, Jerry Long, Gavin Thomas, Beryl Quigley, and County Cllr Alistair Cameron

**Also, Present** – Clerk Gary Price.

Meeting Opened by the Chair Cllr Paul Wyatt at 18.35pm

### **Meeting recorded.**

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

Apologies received from Cllrs Diane Lockley, and John Whitby

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

None

#### **3. To consider and approve as a true and correct record the draft Minutes of the General Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and the EGM held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2023**

Cllr Thomas proposed that the Minutes, as presented, of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting; Cllr Long seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in agreement. Cllr Long proposed that the Minutes, as presented, of the EGM held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting; Cllr Quigley seconded the proposal with a majority of Cllrs in agreement.

#### **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the General Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and the EGM held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2023, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**

None

#### **5. Action Tracking**

None

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

Report to Kilgetty and Begelly Community Council from County Councillor Alistair Cameron on 14 December 2023

Traffic Speeds in Begelly:

Following the introduction of a 20-mph speed limit for the A478 in Begelly there has been some reduction in vehicle speeds. However, many residents are concerned that some vehicles are still being driven too fast through the village.

The county council is drawing up proposals to introduce four traffic islands where you have to give way to oncoming traffic in order to help slow down traffic. Two of these traffic islands will give priority to northbound traffic and two to southbound traffic. There will need to be proper consultation before any measures are introduced and I will be arranging for the plans to be circulated to local residents and a local meeting to be organised.

The Council is also intending to apply for Welsh Government funding for further road safety measures within the village. If successful, this will include improving the pavements, improving visibility on Begelly Hill, and making the junctions with Broom Lane (to Thomas Chapel), Fir Grove and Parsonage Lane safer.

I met with Councillors Paul Wyatt and Jerry Long and council officers last week in Begelly to discuss the proposals. At this meeting, council officers collected data of vehicle speeds recorded by the two vehicle speed flashing lights. This data shows there has been a reduction in speed limits after the 20 mph limits was introduced although speeds remain above the speed limit. These are available to councillors as well as the proposed locations of the four islands.

The potential for a Youth Club in Kilgetty:

I recently met with county council youth services staff in order to consider whether any activities for young people could be provided in Kilgetty.

The county council has no extra resources to pay for youth workers although it should be able to provide back up support (e.g., DBS clearance for youth workers).

A youth club has been set up in Saundersfoot run by volunteers.

If we wish for a youth club to be set up in Kilgetty we need a venue. The annual staffing costs of a youth worker for one night a week are approximately £3,500.

In order to be a success, the desire for a youth club needs to come from young people. This issue will be discussed at the next anti-social behaviour Teams meeting with the local police and other relevant bodies on 24 January at 1.30 pm.

Possible Introduction of Parking Restrictions in Kilgetty Coop Car Park:

The Coop are considering introducing parking restrictions in their car park which will mean vehicles parked for over a specified period will incur a fine. If introduced, this will be enforced by an electronic number plate surveillance system. This possibility has caused significant concern for some residents who need to cross the car park in order to get to their homes. If this scheme is introduced, the Coop propose to have a white number plate system in which the number plates of residents, carers, relatives, and frequent visitors can be recorded so that these do not incur fines. For friends etc who are not on the white records and who visit these properties, the Coop Manager has suggested that they give him the fine notice and he will destroy it.

There are clearly practical concerns over the impact of this scheme if introduced, and I met the Coop Manager with a resident to discuss it. Some residents are very concerned over having to contact the Coop Manager every time a visitor not on the whitelist gets a fine notice.

I am also concerned that as this will stop employees at other businesses in the village from using the car park, this will lead to more parking problems in Station Road and the surrounding area. I have written to the Council to make the Highways Department aware of these potential concerns.

Application for Funding from the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Fund for Play Equipment for Kilgetty Play Area:

The Community Council have been invited to make an application for funding for play equipment for Kilgetty Play Area through the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Fund (which is funded by the Second Home Premium). The deadline is midday on 5 January. As part of the assessment, we have been advised that we may wish to provide evidence that consultation of needs has informed the application.

Councillors Paul Wyatt, Jerry Long and I met with the Headteacher and School Senedd at Stepside School and the school children are being asked for their views on what play equipment they would like in the new area. The intention is that the school children will consider what play equipment they would like as part of a school project in January. This information will need to be included in the application.

Introduction of 40 mph Speed Limit on A478 North of Pentlepoir:

The County Council is proposing to introduce a 40-mph speed limit on the A478 north of Pentlepoir up to the roundabout.

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

### **a) Begelly Kilgetty Community Association**

Cllr Long reported:

Solar Panels Update:

As expected, the panels and power wall only supplied 24% of the energy to the community centre in Nov 23. This means that since the panels were installed (Late Mar23) on average 70% of the energy to the community centre so far.

We anticipate a saving of 50% over the whole year.

Asbestos Survey:

As requested by the Welsh Government, an Asbestos Survey has been carried out and we have the full report, and it will be kept in the community centre to be used by contractors before any work is carried out. In summary five areas of concern were tested and four of these were found to contain Chrysotile Amosite. Two are in the roof and the other two are the Floor in the main storeroom and the back storeroom.

This is **NOT** dangerous unless its disturbed!!

Fund Raising Group:

The group held a "Free" Christmas Event for families in the community centre on Sunday Afternoon the event was a success with over 250 people attending and over 80 children received a present from Father Christmas.

The event was sponsored by the Association, with help from Tuk Tuk trips and the Kilgetty Co-op.

We will be using the money left over for prizes for the Quiz night at the Begelly Arms on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February at 7pm

EV Car Club:

A new coordinator has been recruited so I am no longer involved with the car club. The Project team are sending a draft MOU for the council to review and suggest any amendments etc. They have also paid for the energy that the charger used since it was installed. The association are keen for this project to be successful for the benefit of the community.

b) Rural Futures Group

Cllr Thomas reported that progress is being made, currently seeking quotes for the hire of a crane to lift cabins in place once delivered.

c) One Voice Wales

None received.

d) Begelly Play Park

The Clerk reported that the contractor is awaiting dry weather to commence the install of the tarmac footpath, a tree on the boundary of the park is 'leaning' and will need to be removed. Cllr Wyatt requested the concrete slab possible lease be added to 'action tracking'.

e) Kilgetty Play Park

Cllr Long reported.

Unfortunately, our application to the Levelling up fund for £150k to install new Playground equipment and a meeting place in the centre of the common with a cover, lighting and free WIFI was turned down. However, PCC have asked us to apply to the enhancing Pembrokeshire fund and we are working on that as we speak.

As part of the application, we have to be able to show that we have consulted with the community including the children, Alistair arranged a meeting at the school and Paul, Alistair and I went up to the school last week and met with the Head and the school parliament. The meeting went well, and we left some catalogues from the play equipment companies and the school are going to do a project which the children will present back to us in the new year.

We also discussed the playground with parents and children on Sunday but as it was so busy it wasn't as much as I was hoping it was going to be but based on the feedback we got from the school and the Christmas event they liked the idea of having the local history incorporated into the Playground.

The Clerk has emailed a lot of suppliers of playground equipment asking them to quote for one large piece of equipment to install in a corner of the area ASAP then at least we should have something that the children can enjoy while we continue to raise funds to complete the whole park. We need to wait for the ground to dry up so we can sort out the yellow tunnel and put in in position and put the soil on top to create a mound with the slide on.

f) Disability Access in the Community

Nothing to report.

g) Finance group

Cllr Jones reported two meetings had taken place, a precept proposal to be presented to Council, the group currently reviewing and updating the KBCC Financial regulations.

e) Health & Safety group

None

**8. Consideration of Correspondence:**

None

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

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| BACS 1. | Clerk            | Salary incl w/h     | £484.23 |
| BACS 2. | Kilgetty Sports  | Donation            | £100.00 |
| BACS 3. | P. Wyatt         | Purchase of lock    | £12.08  |
| BACS 4. | HMRC             | Tax PAYE            | £539.80 |
| BACS 5. | PCC              | Election fees 22-23 | £225.00 |
| BACS 6. | Golden Age group | Donation            | £120.00 |

Invoices received for payment total of £1481.11 Cllr Jones proposed payment be made, seconded by Cllr Long, all Cllrs in full agreement.

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

None

**11. Consideration of Planning Applications received:**

Reference. 23/0669/PA Solace, Kilgetty Lane, STEPASIDE, Narberth, Pembrokeshire, SA67 8JL Replace timber balcony and staircase and replace with steel balcony, following consideration of all the information provided by the Planning Authority, Cllr Thomas proposed that Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council support the application Cllr Quigley seconded the proposal all Cllrs in agreement.

Reference. 23/0707/PA Llyniam, Carmarthen Road, Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire, SA68 0YB, Change of use from fast food to a dog grooming salon. , following consideration of all the information provided by the Planning Authority, Cllr Jones proposed that Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council support the application, it is to be noted that the reference to the parking on page 5 of the application is incorrect as there is not allocated parking, it is requested the Clerk inform the planning department, Cllr Quigley seconded the proposal a majority of Cllrs in agreement.

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

None

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

23/0528/PA Lower Carne, BEGELLY, Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire, SA68 0PB **Refused**  
23/0272/PA Inglefield, Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire, SA68 0UE **Conditionally approved.**  
23/0541/CL Trees Caravan Park, Managers House, Stepside, SA67 8JT **Refused.**  
23/0538/PA Trees Caravan Park, STEPASIDE, SA67 8JT **Refused.**

**14) To consider NALG Pay agreement 23-24**

Cllr Long proposed that the recommended pay increase from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, be applied, Cllr Quigley seconded the proposal all Cllrs in agreement.

**15) To consider closure or transfer of Public Toilets**

The Clerk reported an email had been received from PCC, the toilets in Kilgetty would be closing as of April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Cllr Long reported he has inspected the toilets and that they are in a very poor condition, clarification on the lease agreement with the Co-Op who own the land is required, additionally detail on the condition of the toilets to be sent to PCC.

**16) To consider Proposed allotments Kingsmoor.**

The Clerk reported correspondence had been received from PCC on the possibility of Allotments being sited at various locations within the Kilgetty, Begelly area, Cllr Wyatt enquired if Ecology reports had been considered also a CADW protected area maybe within the proposed area. The Clerk to clarify these points with PCC.

**17) To consider works required in relation to the recent Electric survey at the Community Centre.**

Cllr Long reported that following an Electrical inspection at the Community Centre urgent works had been identified along with some long-term energy saving replacement works. A detailed program of works presented. Cllr Thomas proposed that the urgent works identified should be carried out as soon as possible, Cllr Quigley seconded the proposal all Cllrs in agreement. Cllr Quigley proposed that a donation towards the cost of the energy saving works be given to the Community Association who have agreed to part fund the works, the additional work identified will require quotations from local contractors Cllr Jones seconded the proposal a majority of Cllrs in agreement.

**18) To discuss 24-25 precept application**

Cllr Long presented the proposed precept for 2024-25, the detailed account will be sent to Cllrs prior to the January meeting.

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

Cllr Jones requested that the current vacancies for Community Cllrs be advertised on the Facebook page.

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

Meeting closed at 20.55pm

**18) Date of next meeting**

Thursday 11th January 2024 at 6.30pm

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