KILGETTY-BEGELLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**Press Release – October 2015**

The latest meeting of Full Council, Kilgetty, Begelly Community Council (KBCC) took place at 7.00pm on 8 October 2015 at Begelly-Kilgetty Community Centre.

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

* New play bark has now been spread around the play equipment at Kilgetty play area. Other remedial work will take place over the next couple of months.
* Improvements to the footpaths in Begelly have now begun with dropped kerbs being installed near to Begelly Stores. Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) plans to re-site the brick built bus shelter, currently adjacent to Begelly Stores, will be shown to KBCC for comment in due course.
* The consultation process, around the introduction of a prohibition on road parking between the Co-operative Stores and the Railway Bridge in Kilgetty, is continuing with disabled groups now being consulted.
* Following the resignation of a councillor, KBCC will look to offer Casual Vacancy opportunities for councillors early in 2016.
* KBCC has approved a small funding donation toward the floodlighting at St Mary’s Church, Begelly.
* The Wales Audit Office has approved changes to the annual audit process which will see Grant Thornton, Bristol, become KBCC’s external auditors for the next three financial years.
* Following a request from Stepaside School, Kilgetty, the grass bank on the south side of the school in Carmarthen Road, Kilgetty, has been added to KBCC’s grass cutting contract.
* KBCC will be discussing at its November 2015 meeting, a draft Charter between PCC and all Town and Community Councils in Pembrokeshire. The aim of the charter is to improve communication and co-operation between these organisations, who act as the bedrock of local democracy.
* 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, Begelly, Thomas Chapel and Reynalton through the ages. These will then be considered for inclusion on the KBCC website. Contact details below.

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

* The Country Fayre and Tea Tent event held in the summer raised just over £200. However, this may be the last of its kind due to lack of new volunteers.
* Further improvements to the interior of Begelly-Kilgetty Community Centre are planned for the autumn, subject to available funding. A recent donation from a local resident, which will help with the costs of these improvements, has been gratefully received.
* Future events at the Community Centre include a St Mary’s Church Church Table Top Sale on 21 November 2015; a BKCA Table Top Sale on 5 December 2015 and a Mince Pie and Music event on 10 December 2015. A quiz night is being arranged for late November 2015 but details have yet to be confirmed.

**Planning**

KBCC considered the following planning applications and recommended approval to PCC in each case,

**15/0634/PA –** Variation of condition 14 of ref 11/1146/PA at plot adjacent to Broom Cottage, Thomas Chapel, Kilgetty.

**15/0648/PA –** Replace existing timber stairs with metal stairs at The Hawthorns, Stepaside, Narberth.

**15/0663/PA –** Erection of agricultural building to house livestock on land at Bangeston, Stepaside, Narberth.

**15/0664/PA –** Temporary dwelling application for a rural enterprise worker on land at Bangeston, Stepaside, Narberth.

**15/0719/PA –** One detached affordable dwelling (in perpetuity) on land south of Highgrove, Reynalton, Kilgetty. KBCC’s recommendation of approval on this application is subject to the proposed dwelling being within the adopted Local Development Plan 2013.

**County Councillor David Pugh’s Report**

County Councillor Pugh provided the following updates;

* A grass bank not being cut on the south west corner of Begelly roundabout will be added back on to PCC’s grass cutting schedule.
* The due process to introduce a 30 mph speed limit on the A478 between Thomas Chapel Junction and Begelly roundabout is still continuing. Yellow ‘rumble strips’ will be part of the improvements with speed monitoring to be undertaken before any KBCC-funded Vehicle Actuated sign is installed.
* Welsh Government has put on hold Local Government re-organisation plans until after next year’s Welsh Assembly elections.
* An additional rubbish bin, to be placed outside the entrance to the community garden in Kilgetty, will be requested of PCC.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting of Kilgetty Begelly Community Council will take place on Thursday, 12 November 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 KBCC pages on the website.

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