KILGETTY-BEGELLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**Press Release – November 2015**

The latest meeting of Full Council, Kilgetty, Begelly Community Council (KBCC) took place at 7.00pm on 12 November 2015 at Begelly-Kilgetty Community Centre.

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

* The grass bank outside Stepaside School, Kilgetty, has now been strimmed by KBCC’s contractor and looks much tidier.
* Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) has now agreed to re-site the bus shelter from outside Begelly Stores. A final location for a new Perspex shelter has yet to be confirmed but KBCC had been consulted and welcomed this news.
* The due process to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph between Thomas Chapel junction and Begelly roundabout on the A478 is continuing with relevant notices now posted locally.
* KBCC approved PCC plans to introduce a prohibition on road parking between the Co-operative Stores and the Railway Bridge in Kilgetty. KBCC has, for some time, been seeking to see this take effect and fully backed PCC’s proposals.
* KBCC continues to monitor the safety of the road when exiting the GP surgery and adjacent to the bus lane in Kilgetty. KBCC was grateful for local resident feedback recently which has been passed on to PCC. PCC’s views have been sought on ways to make this area safer for all road users.
* KBCC discussed a draft Charter, drawn up by PCC, between PCC and all Town and Community Councils in Pembrokeshire. KBCC comments and concerns have been passed back to PCC. The aim of the charter is to improve communication and co-operation between these bodies.
* Some remedial and repair work has been carried out at Kilgetty play area and will continue over the coming weeks.
* Kilgetty’s Christmas lighting, funded by KBCC, will be erected later this month for the benefit of local residents and visitors alike.
* KBCC will look to fill a number of Councillor Casual Vacancies for both the Kilgetty and Begelly Wards early in the new year but local residents are encouraged to contact the Clerk at any time if they are interested in becoming a councillor.
* 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.

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

* Further improvements to the interior of Begelly-Kilgetty Community Centre are now going ahead with improved decoration and new lighting central to the work.
* Local group, ‘Sandlewood’ has been booked to entertain at the Mince Pies and Music event on 10 December 2015 between 2pm and 4pm at the Community Centre.

**Planning**

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

**15/0754/PA – Removal of condition 3 of D3/0262/93 in respect of holiday occupancy at Churchlands Farm, Reynalton SA68 0PE.**

**15/0758/PA – Alterations and extension to dwelling at Stoney Cottage, Thomas Chapel, SA68 0XH.**

**15/0759/PA – Erection of new customer entrance and souvenir shop at Folly Farm, Begelly, SA68 0XA.**

**County Councillor David Pugh’s Report**

County Councillor Pugh provided the following update;

* Councillor Pugh has been re-appointed as Vice Chair of School Governors at Stepaside School, Kilgetty.
* PCC is facing a budget cut of around £18m next financial year with a similar cut of its budget in 2017/18. This will increase the pressure on non-statutory services although PCC has undertaken not to close any leisure centres or libraries. Area maintenance will be looked at closely but partnerships with Town and Community Councils are to be developed to help with activities such as grass cutting, parking enforcement, litter collection, etc. Councillor Pugh will address KBCC Full Council in December 2015 with proposals for such joint working. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting of Kilgetty Begelly Community Council will take place on Thursday, 10 December 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 450512 or by accessing the KBCC pages on the website.

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