KILGETTY-BEGELLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**Press Release – July 2016**

The latest meeting of Kilgetty, Begelly Community Council (KBCC) took place at 7.00pm on 14 July 2016 at Kilgetty-Begelly Community Centre. A lively 40 minute public participation session took place ahead of the meeting, during which planning, ground maintenance and access issues were discussed.

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

* Peter Adams was welcomed by Full Council, as a newly Co-opted councillor for Begelly Ward.
* Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) had now completed the painting of new road markings (double yellow lines) along Carmarthen Road (outside the Co-operative) in Kilgetty. The majority of drivers were complying with the new road layout at the entrance to the Community Centre and surgery in Kilgetty.
* Potholes in Carmarthen Road, Kilgetty, (eastbound beyond the Sardis turn) had now been filled by PCC. KBCC will monitor the condition of the public footpath adjacent to the Community Garden in Carmarthen Road, Kilgetty, as well as the condition of the road under the railway bridge in Kilgetty, following reports that there was some deterioration in the surfaces.
* KBCC’s contractor, *Dig It Garden Services*, had now provided and spread additional play bark in Kilgetty play area. More work is planned over the coming weeks, including repairs to the climbing wall.
* KBCC will be discussing provision of 2016/17 Christmas lighting in Kilgetty, at an Extraordinary Meeting on 28 July.
* PCC plans to install a new footpath between the new James Park housing development and the eastern side of Kilgetty (through Miner’s Field) will be discussed at a future meeting, when more information is available.
* KBCC agreed to make a small contribution toward the cost of the new Emergency Exit/Fire Door in the Community Centre.
* 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 recent Table Top Plant Sale, held at Kilgetty-Begelly Community Centre, raised £385.
* A new Emergency Exit/Fire Door had now been installed in the Plum Room at The Community Centre.
* Work on the outside water supply for the Community Garden had now been completed.
* A report that Giant Hogweed was growing on The Common was to be investigated.

**Planning**

KBCC considered the following planning applications;

* **16/0238/PA –** Erection of anagricultural building for free range egg production at Langdon Farm, Begelly, Kilgetty. SA68 0NJ. **Approval recommended.**
* **16/0327/HG –** Hedgerow removal on land west of Fir Grove, Begelly, Kilgetty.

**Refusal recommended** on environmental grounds (hedgerow being a haven for birds, animals and insects);

* **16/0301/PA –** Change of Use of agricultural land to a holiday caravan park at Windberry Top Farm, Begelly, Kilgetty SA68 0XA. Full Council discussed this application at length (and received comments from local residents at the Public Participation session). In view of the large amount of documents included with the planning application (which had only been received by KBCC three days before the meeting), Members agreed to defer making a recommendation on this application until the next meeting of KBCC, to be held on 11 August 2016.

**County Councillor David Pugh’s Report**

County Councillor Pugh was present and reported the following;

* PCC would be holding budget meetings throughout the rest of the year in order to find savings of £12m in next year’s budget. The Education budget would not be ‘ring-fenced’ next year.
* Welsh Government had now confirmed that the planned County Council mergers would now not take place but Councils were expected to work more closely together.
* PCC receive about 80% back from the Welsh Assembly from the total amount of Business Rates collected by PCC, on behalf of the Welsh Government.
* Green ‘fly-tipping’ had taken place in New Road, Begelly.
* Dragon LNG Power Station was sponsoring employees to work in the communities of Pembrokeshire. Efforts would be made to see if Kilgetty and Begelly could benefit from this scheme.

**Next meeting**

The next monthly meeting of Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council will take place on Thursday, 11 August 2016 in the Plum Room, Begelly-Kilgetty 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 website.

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