KILGETTY-BEGELLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**Press Release – February 2018**

The latest meeting of the Full Council of Kilgetty, Begelly Community Council (KBCC) took place at 7.00pm on 8 February 2018 at Kilgetty-Begelly Community Centre.

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

* Gavin Thomas and John Whitby were welcomed as newly co-opted KBCC councillors for Begelly ward.
* One further Casual Vacancy for the office of Councillor for Kilgetty ward still exists. Anyone wishing to apply should ensure their application reaches the Clerk by 2 March 2018. See website for details or the Community Notice boards in Kilgetty.
* A KBCC ‘Open Day’ is to be held on Saturday 17 March 2018 between 9am and 12pm at the Community Centre, Kilgetty. This event will provide the opportunity for local residents to meet with councillors and to hear more about the work of KBCC. Residents can also offer their suggestions for improvements to community facilities in the area.
* A special meeting of KBCC will be held in April 2018 to discuss long term improvements at the Kilgetty Play Area and at The Common, Kilgetty.
* Discussions are continuing with Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) on the installation of a footpath between Newton Heights and Bridge Stores, through Miner’s Field, in Kilgetty.
* KBCC will continue to look at the options available for the installation of Vehicle Actuated Speed Signs in Kilgetty, at its meeting on 5 March 2018. Installation of rumble strips in some locations in Kilgetty will also be considered.
* KBCC agreed to extend its grass cutting contract with *All The Seasons Gardening Service* for a further year.
* KBCC awaits the results of a soil test on Miner’s Field, Kilgetty, before considering further local residents’ proposals to set up allotments on the field.
* Members were reminded of the locations of defibrillators in the area. These were at The White Horse public house, Kingsmoor Sports Club, One Formula Fitness Club, The Begelly Arms Hotel and at Folly Farm.
* Local residents and organisations are encouraged to send information on special events in the area to the Clerk, who will then consider for inclusion on the KBCC website.

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

* The toilets at the Community Centre have been refurbished and now provide disabled facilities. Installation of new flooring has almost been completed. BKCA will look at replacing the existing chairs at the Community Centre as their next project.
* Plants have been ordered for the long beds.
* Members of BKCA will be attending the KBCC Open Day on 17 March 2018.

**Planning**

KBCC considered the following planning applications and after discussions made the following recommendations to Pembrokeshire County Council;

**17/0926/PA – Conversion of existing garage to art studio and mezzanine storage at Holly Mead, 11 Ash Park, Kilgetty SA68 0XY.** Full Council recommended **approval.**

**17/0936/PA – Proposed development for 70 residential units and associated engineering works at Land South of Sunnyside, Parsonage Lane, Begelly SA68.** KBCC raised concerns about surface water and ability of the sewerage system to cope with this development; that this was a very large development within a small rural area; the proposed affordable housing allocation was below 20% of the total number of units (70) and questions were raised about responsibility for the on-going maintenance of the public open space area. However, providing these concerns were addressed, Full Council recommended **approval** by a majority vote.

KBCC also discussed, for a second time, a Pre-application consultation submitted by Denmore Homes Ltd of Pontypool, relating to land south of Kilvelgy Park, Kilgetty. This pre-application consultation concerns a proposed residential development of 20 units, including 4 affordable homes, on the land south of Kilvelgy Park, Kilgetty. KBCC had previously queried the lack of open space/children’s play area planned for within the proposed development but made further comments following representations made by local residents at the public participation session. These

included concern over highway safety for both drivers and pedestrians during the development phase and damage to the highway caused by heavy vehicles. KBCC also queried future plans once the first stage of the development had been completed.

**County Councillor David Pugh’s Report**

County Councillor Pugh provided the following report;

* PCC will be deciding the 2018/19 Council Tax rate at its meeting on 8 March 2018. Options to increase the rate by 5%, 8% or 12.5% were being considered.
* A PCC Working Group of officials and councillors was looking at refuse collection options. No changes to existing collections have been proposed at the present time.
* County Cllr Pugh had attended the Stepaside School Governors meeting on 6 February 2018.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 8 March 2018 in the Plum 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. Minutes of previous meetings can be accessed via the website. Website address: [www.pembstcc.co.uk](http://www.pembstcc.co.uk) Email:kilgetty-begellycc@live.co.uk

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