KILGETTY-BEGELLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**Press Release – April 2019**

The latest meeting of the Full Council of Kilgetty, Begelly Community Council (KBCC) took place at 7.00pm on 11 April 2019 at Kilgetty-Begelly Community Centre.

A public participation session took place ahead of the Full Council meeting, at which a number of local residents expressed their concerns about the proposed residential development in Station Road, Kilgetty (see below).

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

* KBCC has agreed to provide a picnic bench in Miners’ Field, Kilgetty and has asked Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) to look at providing a waste bin alongside the footpath in the field, following a recent increase in littering.
* Discussions are ongoing with PCC about the installation of traffic calming measures, including speed ramps and speed signs, in the rural parts of Ryelands Lane, Kilgetty, near to Ryelands Caravan and Camping Park.
* The next meeting of the Begelly Kilgetty Historical Society will be on 15 May 2019 at 7pm in the Community Centre, Kilgetty. Refreshments provided.
* Illegal parking outside the Co-operative Stores in Kilgetty has seen the issuing of 33 parking tickets to offending motorists between January and March 2019. Additional patrols by the Civil Enforcement Officers have been increased. In addition, PCC is exploring the installation of a fixed camera at the location which would have number plate recognition capabilities. PCC is liaising with Bridgend County Borough Council to look at this possibility and to learn from their experiences.
* KBCC’s sub-committee, looking at provision of new play equipment in Kilgetty and Begelly Play Areas, has received approval from Full Council to set aside funding for the provision of urgent remedial work to existing equipment in Kilgetty play area, as well as for the purchase of new equipment at both play areas.
* Alan Marsh has been appointed as KBCC’s Internal Auditor for the 2018/19 Annual Audit. Grant Thornton LLP is KBCC external auditor, appointed by the Wales Audit Office.
* A representative from the Hywel Dda Community Health Council will be undertaking a briefing on their work ahead of the KBCC Annual Meeting, at 6.15pm on 9 May 2019 at the Community Centre, Kilgetty.
* Dyfed-Powys Police surgeries continue to be held in the Community Centre, Kilgetty, on the second Thursday of each month between 10am and 12 noon. KBCC councillors also attend these surgeries to answer any questions and to listen to matters of concern from local residents.

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

* The Community Centre, Kilgetty, received a clear fire inspection this month.
* Wi-Fi is back up and running at the Community Centre.
* The pergola in the community garden has been replaced, at a cost of £1k.
* A Plant Sale has been arranged for 15 June 2019.
* Kilgetty-in Bloom entrants will be judged on 12 July 2019 and presentations to winners will be made on 19 July 2019.

**Planning**

KBCC considered the following planning application and after discussion made the following recommendation to Pembrokeshire County Council;

**18/1284/PA – New access track to property at Reynalton House, Reynalton, Kilgetty SA68 0PG.** Full Council recommended **approval.**

KBCC also discussed a Pre-planning application consultation in respect of a proposed residential development of 15 houses (including 2 affordable homes) at land off Station Road, Kilgetty. KBCC provided the following comments to the applicant’s agent. These comments took account of concerns expressed by local residents during the public participation session;

* Would the existing sewerage system be able to cope with the new development?
* Residents expressed concern about water run-off from the new development. Would the existing soakaway be able to handle additional water run-off, as there are times when this overflows at the present time, causing some problems in the nearby underpass? The underpass is the only safe access route from Pentlepoir to Kilgetty for pedestrians (both adults and children) and is one of Pembrokeshire County Council’s “Safe Routes in the Community”. This route is also a popular jogging and cycle route.
* Concerns were raised about access to the new development by pedestrians (there is currently no pathway in what is a narrow road (Station Road) at the point of the development. The road width is about 4 metres.). In addition, KBCC expressed concern about construction and works traffic turning into Station Road from Carmarthen Road, Kilgetty. This is a blind corner when looking east from Station Road toward the low bridge. There can also be illegal parking outside the Post Office opposite this turning which could cause additional issues for works traffic.
* Residents had concerns about being able to access their properties during construction and asked if some temporary off-road car parking might be made available nearby.
* Local residents also expressed concern about the closeness of the proposed new properties to the existing properties in Station Road.
* Would a Biodiversity/Ecology plan be produced which considered the existing wildlife, which may well include a badger set, as well as the existing mature trees.

**County Councillor David Pugh’s Report**

County Councillor Pugh provided the following report;

* Cllr Pugh had asked PCC to look at ‘No Parking’ signage outside the Co-operative in Kilgetty. As mentioned above, patrols by Civil Enforcement Officers had been increased at this location and installation of an automated number plate recognition camera was being explored, with advice sought from Bridgend County Borough Council.
* PCC would shortly be commencing surface dressing of roads in the county, including some within KBCC’s area.
* A site meeting planned to take place at Heritage Park, Stepaside, had been postponed.
* PCC’s Scrutiny Committee had met on 11 April and had discussed enforcement of fixed penalty notices for dog fouling and littering. Cllr Pugh had been appointed to a Working Group to look at these issues in the county. An idea put forward by a local resident to put up mobile signs to inform motorists about legislation on littering was being considered by PCC.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of KBCC is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 9 May 2019 at Kilgetty-Begelly Community Centre, commencing at 7.00pm. This would be the Annual Meeting at which KBCC’s Chair and Vice-chair for 2019/20 would be elected.

A fifteen-minute public participation session is always scheduled prior to the start of Full Council meetings. Copies of the approved Minutes of KBCC meetings can be viewed by contacting the Clerk, Ian Morris, on 01834 450512. Minutes of previous meetings can also 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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