KILGETTY-BEGELLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**Press Release – March 2015**

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

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

* Japanese Knotweed, growing on the Common in Kilgetty, will be destroyed by an expert local resident, who has donated his labour free of charge.
* The new head teacher of Stepaside School, Paul Harries, attended the Full Council meeting, to highlight his vision for the school in working closely with all local community groups. Mr Harries has agreed to attend future meetings when possible.
* As part of the ‘Keep Wales Tidy’ scheme, a village clean will take place in Kilgetty on 21 March 2015 commencing at 10.00am.
* The Annual Inspection of Kilgetty Play Area has been undertaken and some low to medium risks have been identified, including the need to improve drainage around the swings. The inspector confirmed that the play area can remain open and is safe to use whilst KBCC looks to undertake the remedial work. Repair and other remedial work to the fencing, gate and a new style at the Kilgetty play area has now been completed by KIlgetty based business, ‘*Woodworks’*. These improvements meet some of the concerns expressed by the play area inspector.
* Begelly-Kilgetty Community Association has made suggestions for the choice of hanging baskets to be installed in Kilgetty. KBCC will now need to clear installation with Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC).
* The next meeting of the ‘Men’s Shed in Kilgetty’ (MSK) initiative takes place at The Begelly Arms on 8 April 2015 at 7pm. KBCC has offered MSK use of its office in the shorter term.
* 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 consider for inclusion on the KBCC website. Contact details below.

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

* There will be Table Top Sale in the Community Centre, Kilgetty, on 28 March 2015 from 10.00am with proceeds going to the Harriet Davis Trust.
* The date for this year’s Kilgetty in Bloom judging will be 8 July. Application forms will be available from retail outlets in Kilgetty soon.
* The book sale that took place on 7 March 2015 at the Community Centre, Kilgetty, raised £100.
* The creation of a wild flower area in the Kilgetty play area will be taken forward with the help of children from Stepaside School. A survey of preferred flowers has taken place and a mixture of annual and perennial flowers will be used.
* A defibrillator has been purchased by the Vintage Tractor Group, Kilgetty. This is currently located in the White Horse Public House, Kilgetty.

**Planning**

KBCC considered the following planning applications and recommended approval to PCC in both cases;

 **14/0930/PA –** Change of Use of 6 bed dwelling to 1x3 bed and 1x2 bed dwelling at Kilvelgy Farm House, 20 Kilvelgy Park, Kilgetty SA68 0TZ.

 **14/0983/CL –** Certificate of Lawfulness for Occupation of Dwelling in Breach of Agricultural Occupancy Restriction, at Oakley Rose, Thomas Chapel, Kilgetty. SA68 0XG.

**County Councillor David Pugh’s Report**

 County Councillor Pugh was present and provided a report which included the following;

* A consultation meeting on the future of School Crossing Patrols, at some schools in Pembrokeshire, including outside Stepaside School, is to take place on 20 March 2015. Cllr Pugh will be attending. KBCC is keen to see the School Crossing Patrol in Kilgetty retained.
* PCC is continuing to look at the legalities of changing some parking facilities in Carmarthen Road, Kilgetty. Formal consultations on any proposed changes will be instigated in due course and KBCC will be included in the consultation.
* Cllr Pugh is still in contact with Valero over support for the repainting of the Community Centre in Kilgetty.

 **Next meeting**

 The next meeting of Kilgetty Begelly Community Council will take place on Thursday, 9 April 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 website.

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