



## **KILGETTY - BEGELLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL (KBCC)**

Minutes of the General Meeting of The Kilgetty -Begelly Community Council on Thursday, 11th January 2024 at 6.30pm, via the medium of Zoom.

**Present:** Cllrs Paul Wyatt, Jerry Long, John Whitby, Diane Lockley, and County Cllr Alistair Cameron

**Also, Present** – Clerk Gary Price.

Meeting Opened by the Chair Cllr Paul Wyatt at 18.39pm

### **Meeting recorded.**

#### **1. To receive any apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllrs Brenda Jones and Beryl Quigley

#### **2. To receive any Declarations of Interest**

None

#### **3. To consider and approve as a true and correct record the draft Minutes of the General Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**

Cllr Long proposed that the Minutes, as presented, of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting; Cllr Wyatt seconded the proposal with Cllrs in agreement.

#### **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the General Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**

None

#### **5. Action Tracking**

None

#### **6. County Councillor's Report**

##### **Report to Kilgetty and Begelly Community Council from County Councillor Alistair Cameron on 11 January 2024**

##### **Traffic Speeds in Begelly**

As previously advised, the county council has drawn up proposals to introduce four traffic islands where you have to give way to oncoming traffic in order to help slow down traffic. Two of these traffic islands will give priority to northbound traffic and two to southbound traffic. A map of these proposals is attached to this report.

There will need to be proper consultation before any measures are introduced and I will be arranging for this to happen including organising a local meeting to be organised.

Some residents have asked whether fixed speed cameras could be installed as an alternative to the islands / chicanes. Council officers have advised me that the road does not meet the criteria for fixed cameras (set by the National Police Chief's Council and Welsh Government).

The Council is also intending to apply for Welsh Government funding for further road safety measures within the village. If successful, this will include improving the pavements, improving visibility on Begelly Hill, and making the junctions with Broom Lane (to Thomas Chapel), Fir Grove and Parsonage Lane safer.

The potential for a Youth Club in Kilgetty

Following my meeting with county council youth services staff about activities for young people in Kilgetty, the council have advised me that they are considering how they can consult with young people to see if there is an appetite for a youth club in the village.

The county council has no extra resources to pay for youth workers although it should be able to provide back up support (e.g. DBS clearance for youth workers).

A youth club has been set up in Saundersfoot run by volunteers.

If we wish for a youth club to be set up in Kilgetty we need a venue. The annual staffing costs of a youth worker for one night a week are approximately £3,500.

In order to be a success, the desire for a youth club needs to come from young people. This issue will be discussed at the next anti-social behaviour Teams meeting with the local police and other relevant bodies on 24 January at 1.30 pm.

Message from Saundersfoot Medical Centre and Kilgetty Surgery

The following is a message I have been given from the Medical Centre:-

*As a GP Practice, we are having to make difficult decisions that will affect the level of service we can deliver to our patients.*

*The income we receive from Welsh Government to provide medical care to patients is insufficient for us to continue providing the current range of services.*

*Regretfully, you will see changes in the way services are delivered and the range of services we can provide.*

*For every patient registered with the practices we receive just £111.40 each year and in return, we offer unlimited medical appointments and advice to our patients.*

*Recent activity data shows that last year (22/23) alone, GP surgeries in Wales received a total of twenty-seven million phone calls, with nineteen million appointments offered, 1.3 million referrals to secondary care made and a total of fifty-six million prescription items issued all within a population of three million.*

*For the vast portfolio of services that we offer in general practice in 2020/21 general medical services had only 6.1% of NHS Wales budget. The percentage of NHS funding spent on general practice has fallen by 30% since 2005 from 8.7% to 6.1%, while at the same time the services provided by the practice has increased.*

*The NHS has been chronically underfunded for years, and in primary care it has gone unnoticed due to the dedication of GPs and practice staff to continue providing a service. The system is, however, on the brink of collapse and we cannot keep making up the shortfall for the NHS, we simply do not have the capacity to do so. This saddens us as it is something we never thought we would have to say.*

*We are, therefore, asking for your help and support. As given our rurality there are few other medical services locally to “prop up” the system if we are not here.*

*Please help us to secure a financial rescue package from the Welsh Government by signing and sharing this petition before it is too late. You can also help us by contacting your local Member of the Senedd (MS) We have to work together to try to keep our surgery open and enable us to keep providing the current range of service.*

*If the situation does not improve, we fear the surgery will close and the services we provide will be lost, and in a rural community such as ours there are limited alternative services to rely on or to replace us. Sign and share the petition*

<https://petitions.senedd.wales/petitions/245944>

*Further information can be found here <https://www.bma.org.uk/bma-media-centre/80-of-gps-express-patient-safety-concerns-as-gp-crisis-deepens-in-wales>*

## **7. Reports from Council representatives including:**

### **a) Begelly Kilgetty Community Association**

Electrical Repairs to the Community Centre By ACDC.

The contractor Started on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January and have completed the work on the “Bungalow” including changing the fuse board and installing an extra heater in the Council Office.

Main Building

All the lights have been changed and some switches moved etc.

The work on the Fuse board and installing the main “one switch” that will turn everything off for the two building will be installed next Wednesday.

Fund Raising Group

We have arranged to hold a quiz at the Begelly Arms on the February 9<sup>th</sup> 7:30 for 8pm start. It would be brilliant if we could put a team of six in as all money raised will go in the fund for the New Playpark

### **b) Rural Futures Group**

Cllr Lockley reported that the new cabins are scheduled for delivery late January, the group are in the process of engaging with a lift contractor to hoist cabins in to place. Current daily parking will be an issue for the instal date, the group will endeavour to cordon area off, inform users of the car park disruption prior. A fence contractor will install the new boundary fence. The current fence has been damaged, this matter is being investigated.

### **c) One Voice Wales**

No report received; the Clerk will advise Cllrs of next One Voice Wales regional meeting.

d) Begelly Play Park

The Clerk reported following interest from a close resident a draft proposal will be presented to Council in regard to leasing out of the small concrete slab area.

e) Kilgetty Play Park

Cllr Long reported.

Possible Funding:

We have applied for £100k to the Enhancing Pembrokeshire fund.

The deadline was the 5<sup>th</sup> of January so the Clerk, Alistair and I met up to finalising the Application form and Dianne and Paul stayed connected so thank you to everyone involved over the Christmas & New Year period.

As we only received the application form in December, we were not able to complete the tendering process and we thought we would not be able to submit the form. But Alistair spoke to PCC, and we were advised to submit the form and IF they think our project is credible, we will be allowed to complete the Tendering process.

Tendering Process

We have received a number of Quotes, and we need at least four so we will draw up a spec and share with four suppliers and do what we did with the Begelly Playpark.

We will get quotes for two options which are, Option 1 we get the grant and option two if we do not get the grant, we will use the c£50k we have available to ensure we get some equipment installed ASAP.

Consultation process:

We must be able to show that we have consulted with the community including the children, Alistair arranged a meeting at the school and Paul, Alistair and I went up to the school last week and met with the Head and the school parliament.

The meeting went well, and we left some catalogues from the play equipment companies and the school are going to do a project which the children will present back to us in the new year.

Hopefully, we will have that "project" and feedback soon.

We plan to invite all the community to attend a meeting at the Community Centre so they can share their views on the plans for the play area.

C30% of the children at the school are from the traveling community.

Alistair has been speaking to the traveling community and they have indicated that would like to meet with us, and I hope they bring some of the children too. We plan to use the community centre at a time that suits all.

The Clerk reported on the criteria to follow for the tender for purchases over 75k if option one was to be followed also the reason to stipulate option two within the tender.

f) Disability Access in the Community

Nothing to report.

g) Finance group

Cllr Lockley reported a meeting had taken place, a precept proposal to be presented to Council on today's agenda.

e) Health & Safety group

None

#### **8. Consideration of Correspondence:**

None

#### **9. To consider payment of any invoices received**

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| BACS 1. | Wages       | Salary incl w/h+Backpay | £834.05  |
| BACS 2. | Lite        | Xmas lighting           | £1536.00 |
| BACS 3. | PCC         | Purchase of Salt bin    | £216.00  |
| BACS 4. | Audit Wales | Fees 2021-22            | £335.00  |

Invoices received for payment total of £2921.05 Cllr Lockley proposed payment be made, seconded by Cllr Whitby, all Cllrs in full agreement.

#### **10. To consider payment of any invoices received after the distribution of the agenda**

None

#### **11. Consideration of Planning Applications received:**

Reference CO/0424/23 BT Payphone, Carmarthen Road, Kilgetty, SA68 0UE, BT have requested comments on the proposed removal of the telephone kiosk, following consideration of all the information provided by the Planning Authority, Cllr Lockley proposed that Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council support the application Cllr Whitby seconded the proposal all Cllrs in agreement.

#### **12. Consideration of Planning Applications received after publication of the agenda**

None

#### **13. Notification of Planning Decision/s**

none

#### **14) To discuss transfer of public toilets**

The Clerk reported correspondence has been received from PCC, The Local Authority pressing for decision on PCC request for the Community Council to take responsibility for the Toilet Facility. The current lease agreement is between PCC and the Co-Op, it is for PCC to engage with the Landlord on transfer of the lease. The condition of the current facility needs attention, the current toilet block not being fully DDA compliant will also need to be addressed prior to the proposed handover. The Clerk will advise PCC of the Community Councils concerns.

#### **15) To discuss 24-25 precept proposal**

Cllr Lockley presented the Budget and Precept proposal for the next budget year 24-25 prepared by the Finance group. Cllr Long proposed that the budget proposal put forward by

the Finance group be accepted with a proposed Precept request to be submitted to PCC of £53,170.00, Cllr Whitby seconded the proposal all Cllrs in agreement.

**16) To consider any emergency items and/or outstanding issues before Full Council**

Cllr Wyatt reported a request had been received from County Cllr Alistair Cameron to enrol as a Kilgetty-Begelly Community Cllr.

**17) Any Other Business – please note this item is strictly for information only.**

Cllr Long reported that a consultation with the Community will be arranged for February, date to be agreed. The consultation covering three items:

- I. Traffic Calming proposals in Begelly.
- II. Kilgetty Play Park
- III. Proposed take-over/closure of the public toilets received from PCC.

Meeting closed at 20.13pm

**18) Date of next meeting**

Thursday 8th February 2024 at 6.30pm

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