



KILGETTY - BEGELLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL (KBCC)

Minutes of the General Meeting of The Kilgetty -Begelly Community Council on Thursday, 8th February 2024 at 6.30pm, via the medium of Zoom.

Present: Cllrs Jerry Long, John Whitby, Diane Lockley, Peter Adams, Brenda Jones, Beryl Quigley, Gavin Thomas, and County Cllr Alistair Cameron

Also, Present – Clerk Gary Price.

Meeting recorded.

Meeting Opened by the Vice Chair Cllr Jerry Long at 18.31pm. Cllr Long welcomed the members of the public in attendance and invited them to speak, no response received. Members of the public were reminded that recording video or Audio by the public was not allowed and a criminal offence.

1. To receive any apologies for absence

None

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 11th January 2024.

Cllr Lockley proposed that the Minutes, as presented, of the meeting held on 11th January 2024 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting; Cllr Whitby seconded the proposal with a majority of Cllrs in agreement.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the General Council meeting held on 11th January 2024, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

None

5. To receive declaration of office from new Cllr.

County Cllr Alistair Cameron read the declaration of office, Cllr Long welcomed Cllr Cameron onto the Community Council, thanked Cllr Cameron for his ongoing support.

6. Action tracking

None

7. County Councillor's Report

Report to Kilgetty and Begelly Community Council from County Councillor Alistair Cameron on 8 February 2024

Traffic Speeds in Begelly:

The proposal for traffic calming through Begelly is under review.

The purpose of the scheme is to address concerns raised by local residents and councillors including the poor quality, intermittent footway, and pedestrian safety and to give greater opportunities for walking and cycling.

The current scheme proposal includes traffic calming, reduced road width to maximise the footway, pedestrian crossings, and improvements to junctions.

A bid for funding will be made to the Welsh Government and we should know the outcome by early April. When and if funding is approved, there will be more formal consultation. However, objections have been expressed overusing chicanes to slow down traffic and these have been passed to the Council's engineering team to consider.

Kilgetty Railway Station:

At the January meeting of the Anti-Social Behaviour Problem Solving Group (with the Police Community Councillors and other local stakeholders) concerns were raised again about youths getting on the railway track and putting themselves in danger. This issue is being raised with Transport Police as a matter of priority and they are requested to send a representative to the next online meeting on 21 February.

Residents are requested to report any issues of similar concern or anti-social behaviour to the police. If it is not an emergency, please ring 101 or use the Dyfed Powys Police website. This is important so that the police have an accurate record of issues in the area, and they can use their resources accordingly.

The potential for a Youth Club in Kilgetty:

As reported at the last meeting, the county council's youth service has 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. The anti-social behaviour problem solving group is inviting a volunteer who helps at the Saundersfoot youth club (which is run by volunteers) to its next meeting on 21 February to see what advice they can offer with regards to setting up a youth group in Kilgetty.

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.

8. Reports from Council representatives including:

a) Begelly Kilgetty Community Association

Cllr Long reported.

Electrical Repairs to the Community Centre By local contractor.

All the work has been completed and the invoices have been received.

One invoice is for the Council and the rest for the Association.

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Decorating the Community Centre

The community Centre will be closed for 3 days from Monday 19th February so the Painters can paint the all the main building.

We will be removing everything off the walls next week.

Fund Raising Group for the Playpark

The group have arranged to hold a quiz at the Begelly Arms on February 9th 7:30 for 8pm start.

I hope some of the council can make a team up of six.

So far, the group have raised over £5k with more to come.

2024 Summer Fete

The Fund organising group will be meeting soon to start on this year's event, we would like to get more people involved to help organising and also on the day.

Date has not been confirmed yet, Kilgetty FC are celebrating 100 years since they were formed and want to do something on the event.

b) Rural Futures Group

Cllr Lockley reported It is fantastic to report that the Cabins have now arrived.

Delivery was Tuesday 6th February, and they were craned into position on the same day.

Several pictures have been posted onto the relevant FB pages for people to see.

We now have two large cabins. One will be a craft centre. The second will be the Men's shed the third cabin is a two-cubicle toilet block.

Forward planning, there is still lots to do – such as the water, foul drainage, and electricity connections along with additions to the interiors as apart from a small kitchenette in each they a blank canvas.

The group will be doing a financial exercise to confirm the remaining lottery grant budget to prioritise tasks ahead.

A quote has been requested for the reinstatement of the boundary fence and gateways and the clerk be informed as soon as this has been approved for payment by the RF group. The group is hoping this will be soon so as not to incur security fence hire fees for longer than necessary. Prior to the fence work, decking and accessibility ramps need to go in.

The group have worked hard over the past 4 years to arrive at this point and now feel it has all been worth the effort.

c) One Voice Wales

No report received.

d) Begelly Play Park

Cllr Lockley reported work had not commenced on the footpath due to the wet conditions, the Clerk will speak to the contractor and request a date for completion. The Clerk reported following interest from a close resident to lease a small piece of land, discussions have taken place, a site meeting will be arranged to confirm area for the proposed lease and terms.

e) Kilgetty Play Park

Cllr Long reported.

We are waiting for feedback on application for £100k to the Enhancing Pembrokeshire fund. The deadline was the 5th of January.

Tender Process

The group met after last Month's meeting to work up on the tender process and Cllr Wyatt produced a very good document to send to 8 company's sharing what we want to achieve it terms of the theme for the playpark (mining history, Pirate ship, with equipment suitable to children of all ages and abilities.

Consultation process.

As you know we went up to the school 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.

Up to 30% of the children at the school are from the traveling community.

Alistair spoke to a member of the travelling community who suggested the community should be invited to a meeting to discuss the proposals. We plan to use the community centre at a time that suits all.

If we get the £100k grant we will hold an open day to get feedback from the community on any designs before we finalise anything.

What happens if we do not get the grant?

If we don't get the grant, we will use the c£50k we have (made up of section 106 money and money we have raised) to install one large piece of equipment in the corner of the area so we can add more equipment as and when we raise fund by either grant.

The Community Council want something installed ASAP, so the community have the playpark back and children and their families have some where to meet their friends.

f) Disability Access in the Community

Nothing to report.

g) Finance group

Cllr Jones reported a meeting had taken place; the quarter three statement discussed(to be presented to Council on today's agenda for approval). The group have requested copies of the KBCC financial regulations, Asset register and the financial risk assessment, these items to form part of the future agenda for the group.

e) Health & Safety group

Nothing to report.

9. Consideration of Correspondence:

The Clerk reported notification had been received from the Co-Op facility management group that work will commence shortly on repairing the potholes in the car park. An application has been received from Mr Gavin Davies to become a Community Councillor, the Clerk will invite Mr Davies to the March meeting to meet Cllrs and discuss the application.

10. To consider payment of any invoices received

BACS 1.	Wages	Salary incl w/h	£518.96
BACS 2.	AC DC	Electrical works	£972.00
BACS 3.	BKCA	Donation Electric works	£2124.58
BACS 4.	Skone	Building works	£1020.00

Invoices received for payment total of £4635.54 Cllr Jones proposed payment be made, seconded by Cllr Quigley, all Cllrs in full agreement.

11. To consider quarter three financial statement

Cllr Jones reported that all Cllrs had received copies of the statement and supporting documentation, Cllr Jones proposed that the statement of accounts as presented are a true account, Cllr Quigley seconded the proposal all Cllrs in agreement.

12. Consideration of Planning Applications received:

Reference 23/0814/PA Holloway, STEPASIDE, Narberth, Pembrokeshire, SA67 8JT
Erection of new dwelling & garage following consideration of all the information provided by the Planning Authority, Cllr Adams proposed that Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council support the application Cllr Jones seconded the proposal a majority of Cllrs in agreement.

13. Consideration of Planning Applications received after publication of the agenda

None

14. Notification of Planning Decision/s

23/0614/PA Catershook Farm, Narberth, SA67 8SP Conditionally approved.
23/0707/PA Llyniam, Carmarthen Road, Kilgetty, SA68 0YB Conditionally approved.
23/0669/PA Solace, STEPASIDE, Pembrokeshire, SA67 8JL Conditionally approved.

15) To consider 24-25 Grass cutting price increase

The Clerk reported correspondence has been received from the contractor, the new prices presented to the Council. Cllr Adams proposed the new prices be accepted for the next year;

Cllr Quigley seconded the proposal a majority of Cllrs in agreement.

16) To discuss installation of Bollards at Miners Field entrance.

Cllr Long reported installation of the Bollards at the turning area by the scout hut and Miners Field. There is a need to remind ourselves and the public of why we have installed the bollards.

Issues were brought to light following a number of near misses involving children arriving and leaving the scout hut with cars trying to turn round and park in an already full area and also pedestrians walking to and from the new estate via the miner's field sometimes in darkness due to no street lighting.

The council held a meeting with the scout group, and we were reminded about the conditions of use set out in the "Charity" documents.

The Community Council and each Councillor are Trustees.

The document clearly states that the turning area is for access to the area for recreational use only.

The area used to have a gate that was locked until it got damaged and was removed.

A blue Free Parking sign was erected on the railway fence informing the public that there is a free car park, the council and the British Rail wrote to the person who put the sign up asking them to remove the sign, but it is still there.

The sign has meant many more cars & vans are using the turning area as a car park and this has led to more incidents. The CCTV cameras on the scout hut has picked up some suspicious activity in the early hours.

Follow a meeting with the Trustees (The councillors) it was decided to install the Bollards to restrict access to the area to users of the scout hut only.

Now that the Bollards are in place the trustees will meet to decide when the Bollards are to go live.

The Community Council are fully aware of the lack of parking in the village and have been trying to find an area we can lease or buy in the Village; we are trying to speak to the new owner of the ROAB carpark in Station Road as this would be ideal but cannot find details for them as yet. If anyone knows them, please ask them to get in touch or send us their details.

We know this decision has caused a lot of upset but some of the posts on Facebook have been ill informed and out of order and I hope that when people read them back, they will delete them.

The councils main concern is the health & safety of the users of the scout hut and the people using the footpath in Miners Field.

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

Cllr Quigley requested update on the proposed transfer of the public toilets, the Clerk to set up a site meeting with PCC representatives and invite Cllrs.

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

Cllr Adams thanked the Rural Futures group for their hard work over the last four years, it was good to see the project finally taking shape.

Cllr Long thanked Cllr Wyatt for the hard work and contribution he has made for the Community and Council, Cllr Wyatt recently resigning from the Council was a loss to the Council and Community it serves.

Meeting closed at 20.01pm

18) Date of next meeting

Thursday 14th March 2024 at 6.30pm

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