



KILGETTY - BEGELLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL (KBCC)

Minutes of the General Meeting of The Kilgetty -Begelly Community Council on Thursday, 14th March 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 18.33pm. Cllr Long welcomed Gavin Davies to the meeting.

1. To receive any apologies for absence

None

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

Cllr Long declared interest in agenda point 10 E.

3. To consider and approve as a true and correct record the draft Minutes of the General Council meeting held on 8th February 2024.

Cllr Lockley proposed that the Minutes, as presented, of the meeting held on 8th February 2024 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting; Cllr Quigley seconded the proposal with a majority of Cllrs in agreement.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the General Council meeting held on 8th February 2024, 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 14 March 2024

Kilgetty Play Area

The application for a grant for play equipment from Pembrokeshire County Council's Enhancing Pembrokeshire Scheme of £100,000 has been deferred by the Council's Cabinet until the next deadline of 12 July. This is to ensure that the tendering process is complete, and all local consultations have been completed.

The county council will be able to assist us with the tendering and offer advice on the local consultation which is very important. I am arranging a meeting with council officers to take this forward.

Kilgetty Railway Station

The next meeting of the Anti-Social Behaviour Problem Solving Group (with the Police Community Councillors and other local stakeholders) will be on 20th March. There have been previous concerns about youths getting on the railway track and putting themselves in danger. We have therefore asked the Transport Police to attend this meeting as a matter of priority.

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.

We are trying to get a volunteer who is helping to run the youth club in Saundersfoot to attend the meeting on 20th March so that we can get some ideas about starting a youth club in Kilgetty.

Meeting with Saundersfoot Medical Centre

Councillors Alec Cormack, Chris Williams and I met with Saundersfoot Medical Centre last week to discuss the ongoing challenges at the medical centre.

There is a high demand for appointments and during the week commencing 19th February there were 2224 calls of which 1264 were between 8 and 9 am. As an alternative to ringing for an appointment, patients with access to the internet are encouraged to book online using the NHS Wales App which you can find on the medical centre's website. This should be a quick way to book an appointment and it will also ease some of the pressure on the reception staff who are taking calls. However, the centre recognises that some patients are unable to access the internet and need to book through the phone.

If you want advice from your doctor, self-help information or have an administrative request (such as a sick note or test result) you can use e consult which can also be accessed from the medical centre website. This takes you through a series of questions to help establish what the issue is and within 72 hours you will get a response from the medical centre.

Of course, if there is an emergency, you should still dial 999.

You may not always need to see a GP and where there is an alternative service that would be appropriate for you, reception staff will signpost you to this, additionally there is further information on the website of what alternative options are available.

Social care is a big strain on demands and if you are a carer, you can contact the team for assistance and assessment. Carers need to be registered even if they do not get paid to make sure they get all the support and help needed. You are able to register with social services or at the surgery.

As councillors, we felt there has been an improvement in being able to get an appointment at the medical centre and we believe staff at the centre are working hard to provide a good service when the NHS is under enormous pressure. Whilst it can be frustrating, we ask that everyone is considerate towards the reception staff who are working hard to see to everyone's needs.

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.

Council Tax

Last week the county council agreed a council tax rise of 12.5% alongside significant budget cuts including a 2% cut in the school's budget, closing all adult day centres (moving to a different model to support adults) and four weekly collections for general domestic waste. In addition, £1.5 million was taken out of reserves which will need to be replaced.

The main cost pressures are for taking children into care, care for elderly residents and accommodation for people who are homeless.

7. Reports from Council representatives including:

a) Begelly Kilgetty Community Association

Cllr Long reported.

Decorating the Community Centre, this has now been completed, we are now arranging for new blinds and curtains for the large room.

Horses on the Field, you are aware two horse have been abandoned on the field and have been there for 3 weeks.

The Police & the council have tried to find the owners but have been unsuccessful.

The horses have been scanned for Micro Chips by Vets and no chips have been found. The horses have caused damage to the community gardens and the field. Notices have been put up and on Facebook informing people that if the horses are not removed by Friday, they be removed to a rescue centre. I now need to find someone to take them, anyone know anyone that can help us?

Fund Raising Group for the Playpark.

The fund-raising group held their first meeting to start working on this year's summer fete and evening event at the Begelly Arms to raise funds for the Playpark or other local good causes (if we get the £100k park grant)

The date for the Fete is Sunday the 25th of August, the 5k Fun Race will also be held on the same day but in the Morning.

Some years ago, there was a Talent competition held so we are going to try to do this again and get some local acts to enter, this will be held on the day and be 2 or 3 age groups (if we get any entries!)

Kilgetty Football Club are celebrating 100 years since they were formed and what to do something on the event and have also offered to help on the day.

b) Rural Futures Group

Cllr Lockley reported. The Rural Futures group meeting (13th March 2024). Eight members in attendance.

We have been informed that an additional £7208 has been allocated for the project, which is exciting news.

A meeting is being arranged with the PCC Accessibility Officer with a view to consider how best to make the new facilities available to all.

The filming day on February 28th went very well and there will be a presentation to the Senedd in June when two members of the RF group will attend.

A local event is being planned by the group for the end of April (possible date 26th) when Kilgetty residents and any other interested parties will be invited to come along and see the progress that has been made. The AGM for the Rural Futures group will take place on the same date.

We are in communication with the Co-op regarding the connection to the wastewater/sewage system and seeking quotes for various works to be completed.

c) One Voice Wales

Cllr Adams reported he has contacted One Voice Wales and is awaiting detail on the next meeting.

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, further communication required to confirm if the resident is still interested.

e) Kilgetty Play Park

Cllr Long reported.

Possible Funding, our application for £100k has been deferred until June as we need to do the following,

Tender Process

The council want us to follow the full procedure as per their guidelines, we submitted are last application (as per advice) without the tending documents as we only received the forms just before Christmas and the deadline was the 5th of Jan 24.

Consultation process.

We also need to carry out more consultation with the public including the children of the villages.

The school have handed us the project that the children did over Christmas & New Year

An officer from PCC will help us, and Alistair has requested a meeting with her and some of this group.

f) Disability Access in the Community

Nothing to report.

g) Finance group

Cllr Lockley reported a meeting had taken place; the group are currently reviewing the financial regulations, proposed amendments to be made by the Clerk, to be presented to Council at a future meeting.

e) Health & Safety group

No report received, the group membership to be reviewed at the AGM.

8. Consideration of Correspondence:

The Clerk reported notification had been received from Pembrokeshire County Council that they will not continue to monitor and maintain the Community Councils website from April 2025. Cllr Adams has volunteered to assist with the design of a new website.

9. To consider payment of any invoices received

BACS 1.	Wages	Salary incl w/h	£518.96
BACS 2.	HMRC	TAX	£444.60
BACS 3.	SSE	Electricity	£184.67
BACS 4.	IDEA	Architect Rural Futures	£1694.50
BACS 5.	Container cabins	Rural Futures	£1508.40

Invoices received for payment total of £4351.13 Cllr Adams proposed payment be made, seconded by Cllr Jones, a majority of Cllrs in agreement.

To confirm payment **made** on behalf of the Rural Futures group:

BACS 1. Haven Crane Hire Construction £1800.00

Cllr Jones proposed payment be confirmed, Cllr Quigley seconded the proposal, a majority of Cllrs in agreement.

The Clerk reported an invoice has been received for the transporting of the abandoned Ponies on the Common. Cllr Lockley proposed that if the transport company was required then the invoice of £250.00 be paid to Massey Equine Transport, Cllr Quigley seconded the proposal, all Cllrs in agreement.

10. Consideration of Planning Applications received:

Reference 23/00790/PA Penrath Farm, Ryelands Lane, Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire, SA68 0UY Use of land as caravan site, caravan storage and erection of storage shed (in retrospect) following consideration of all the information provided by the Planning Authority, Cllr Thomas proposed that Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council **object** to the application, very little information is available on the planning portal, vital detail not presented, concerns on the access to the site, given the likely increase in traffic, the application refers to a small Caravan site whereas other sources state up to nineteen pitches. Cllr Jones seconded the proposal a majority of Cllrs in agreement.

Reference 10271 Pre-planning application Langdon Mill Farm Jeffreyston, Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire, SA68 0NJ Planning Application for the Erection of a Calf Building and Weaned Calf Building and Associated Yard Areas, following consideration of all the information provided Cllr Thomas proposed Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council support the application, Cllr Lockley seconded the proposal all Cllrs in agreement.

Reference 23/0885/PA Little Langdon, BEGELLY, Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire, SA68 0XN Resubmission and re-siting of commercial dog boarding and day care centre with upgrade to access, parking and ecological enhancements (following refused appeal application 22/0479/PA) following consideration of all the information provided by the Planning Authority, Cllr Adams proposed that Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council support the application however conditions relating to the access and increase in traffic at times be considered by the Highways department, Cllr Thomas seconded the proposal a majority of Cllrs in agreement.

Reference 23/0930/PA Victoria House, STEPASIDE, Narberth, Pembrokeshire, SA67 8JS Demolition of existing outbuilding and re-build as ancillary granny flat accommodation / home office following consideration of all the information provided by the Planning Authority, Cllr Quigley proposed that Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council **object** to the application, concerns on the variances in applications, concern on the purpose stated, the property being outside the LDP Cllr Thomas seconded the proposal a majority of Cllrs in agreement.

Reference 23/0897/PA Kilgetty Sports Club, James Park, Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire, SA68 Construction of new purpose-built single storey female specific changing facility following consideration of all the information provided by the Planning Authority, Cllr Cameron proposed that Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council support the application Cllr Thomas seconded the proposal a majority of Cllrs in agreement.

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

None

12. Notification of Planning Decision/s

23/0926/CL Trees Caravan Park, Stepside, SA67 8JT **Conditionally approved.**

13. To discuss Kilgetty Play Park tender

The Clerk reported three quotations received, the next stage is for the task group to agree an evaluation process, assistance offered from Pembrokeshire County Council, a meeting to be arranged.

14. To discuss potential closure of Kilgetty public toilets

The Clerk reported that Pembrokeshire County Council have not heard from the Co-op who are the owners, the intention being that they give notice on the lease, a meeting is to be arranged with all parties on site, the current contractor also to be invited to the meeting.

15. To consider any emergency items and/or outstanding issues before Full Council

None

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

Cllr Long reported a meeting with officers of Pembrokeshire County Council is awaited regarding parking within the Community.

Meeting closed at 20.35pm

18) Date of next meeting

Thursday 11th April 2024 at 6.30pm

Website: www.pembstcc.co.uk

Email: kilgetty-begellycc@outlook.com