KILGETTY-BEGELLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**Press Release – May 2016**

The Annual Meeting of Full Council, Kilgetty, Begelly Community Council (KBCC) took place at 7.00pm on 12 May 2016 at Begelly-Kilgetty Community Centre.

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

* Councillor Diane Lockley was elected as Chair of KBCC for 2016-2017 and Councillor Janet Ward was elected as Vice-Chair for 2016-17.
* KBCC is continuing to look to fill a number of Councillor Casual Vacancies for both the Kilgetty and Begelly Wards. Local residents are encouraged to contact the Clerk before 2 June 2016, if they are interested in becoming a councillor.
* Arriva Trains Wales (ATW) has now cleared the litter at Kilgetty railway station although Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) will be writing to ATW to express concern over the state of the track, litter and age of some of the rolling stock used in the county. The height difference between the train and the platform at Kilgetty is also a concern. This has also been raised with ATW in the past by KBCC.
* PCC has agreed to erect new signage on Carmarthen Road, east Kilgetty, directing pedestrians on to the safer Sardis Road for Stepaside, rather than seeing pedestrians cross over the busy A477 junction.
* Welsh Government has agreed to contact KBCC shortly to consult on improvements to the vegetation on the A477/A478 Begelly Roundabout.
* KBCC has asked PCC about progress on making improvements to the pavement at Begelly and the re-siting of the bus shelter outside Begelly Stores. A reply is awaited.
* Remedial work to some of the equipment at Kilgetty Play Area has recently been completed. KBCC will be taking other improvement work forward over the coming weeks.
* Folly Farm has kindly agreed to maintain the ‘Welcome to Begelly’ road sign on the A478 outside the attraction.
* KBCC will be discussing the provision of 2016/17 Christmas lighting in Kilgetty at its next meeting on 9 June 2016.
* KBCC’s Annual Insurance for 2016-2017 has been renewed with Aon UK Ltd and includes a Long Term Agreement, resulting in a lower premium.
* 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 then consider for inclusion on the KBCC website. Contact details below.

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

* The Kilgetty in Bloom judging day has been set for 13 July 2016. Results will be announced and presentations undertaken at 3.00pm on 22 July 2016.
* A Table Top Sale will be held at Begelly-Kilgetty Community Centre on 18 June 2016.
* New curtains have been donated to the centre and have now been installed in the hall.

**Planning**

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

* **16/0017/PA -** Alterations and extension at 2 Shipping Cottages, Begelly SA68 0XB.
* **16/0087/PA –** Demolition of existing dormer bungalow and construction of replacement dwelling and detached garage at Begelly Green, Begelly. SA68 0XE.

**County Councillor David Pugh’s Report**

County Councillor Pugh was present and reported the following;

* PCC has agreed to assess the need for speed restrictions on the A478 near to the Ryelands Lane junction.
* Recent problems with the water supply in James Park, Kilgetty have been rectified. The site manager at the new development of 55 homes near to James Park has agreed to issue a fortnightly newsletter detailing forthcoming work and current progress.
* Overhanging branches in Parsonage Lane, Begelly, will be cut back by PCC soon.
* The Standards Committee at PCC is looking to extend its membership and may approach Community Councils shortly.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting of Kilgetty Begelly Community Council will take place on Thursday, 9 June 2016 in the Plum 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.

Website address: [www.pembstcc.co.uk](http://www.pembstcc.co.uk) Email: kilgetty-begellycc@live.co.uk

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