KILGETTY-BEGELLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**Press Release – September 2016**

The latest meeting of Kilgetty, Begelly Community Council (KBCC) took place at 7.00pm on 8 September 2016 at Kilgetty-Begelly Community Centre.

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

* Potholes in the Kilgetty-Begelly Community Centre car park will be repaired by the landowners shortly.
* Investigations to find out if Giant Hogweed was growing on The Common, Kilgetty, have confirmed that there is no evidence of any being present and there is no record of any growing in Pembrokeshire.
* KBCC has again asked Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) to look at undertaking improvement work to the footpath in the Fir Grove area of Begelly and has also asked PCC to undertake cleaning of the bus shelters in the Kilgetty area.
* The latest inspection report for Kilgetty Play Area has not identified any major safety risks although corrective work on some low level risks will be undertaken shortly.
* Amended Financial Regulations have now been approved by KBCC.
* The Auditor General for Wales has issued KBCC an unqualified audit report for FY 2015/16.
* Cllr Peter Adams has been nominated as an Additional Community Governor for Stepaside School, Kilgetty.
* KBCC considered a number of requests for charitable donations. It approved donations of £100 to Cruse Bereavement Care, Pembrokeshire CAB, Wales Air Ambulance and St Mary’s Church, Begelly.
* 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)**:

* No report this month.

**Planning**

KBCC considered the following planning applications;

**16/0495/PA –** New Double Garage at 3 Park Gardens, Begelly, Kilgetty SA68 0YH. Full Council recommended **approval.**

**16/0496/PA** – Erection of a double garage at 4 Park Gardens, Begelly, Kilgetty SA68 0YH. Full Council recommended **approval.**

**16/0483/PA** – Change of existing flat roof garage to pitched roof to match existing dwelling and conversion of garage into extra bedroom at Heathfield, 29 Mayfield Acres, Kilgetty SA68 0UW. Full Council recommended **approval.**

**County Councillor David Pugh’s Report**

County Councillor Pugh was also present and provided the following report;

* PCC had issued a summary report of its survey on Well Being in the county, including on use of the Welsh language. The summary also covers the issue of second homes and empty properties.
* PCC had decided to charge a premium of 50% of Council Tax on second home owners from April 2017. Revenue collected will be spent on affordable housing in the county and on local community projects. There are 24 second homes in the KBCC area. Rate relief will be stopped on long term empty properties from next year although grants will be made available to improve the condition of such properties.
* PCC is currently undertaking consultations on establishing Leisure Centres, Museums and tourist services as charitable trusts.

**Next meeting**

The next monthly meeting of Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 13 October 2016 in the Plum Room, Begelly-Kilgetty 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 and audit paperwork can be viewed by contacting the Clerk, Ian Morris, on 01834 450512. Minutes can also be accessed via the website.

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