KILGETTY-BEGELLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**Press Release – December 2017**

The latest meeting of the Full Council of Kilgetty, Begelly Community Council (KBCC) took place at 7.00pm on 14 December 2017 at Kilgetty-Begelly Community Centre.

A well-attended public participation session took place ahead of the meeting.

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

* KBCC has commissioned a soil test at Miner’s Field, in connection with the request from local residents to establish allotments on the field. The soil test is due to take place in early January 2018 and the results should be known by early February 2018.
* Comments made during the public participation session by residents of Newton Heights, Kilgetty, about the installation of a footpath between Newton Heights and Bridge Stores, were noted by Full Council.
* Three Casual Vacancies, for the office of councillor, currently exist on KBCC. Anyone that might be interested in becoming a KBCC councillor should contact the Clerk for details.
* A KBCC ‘Open Day’ is to be arranged early in the New Year. This event will provide the opportunity for local residents to meet with councillors and to hear more about the work of KBCC.
* KBCC has been informed that Edwards Coaches will stop operating the 361 bus service from 11 January 2018. However, Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) has agreed to provide the service using a revised timetable which will operate on Monday to Friday only. PCC is happy to receive queries or suggestions on the new timetable which will run from 12 January 2018. PCC contact telephone number is 01437 764551 or email at public.transport@pembrokeshire.gov.uk
* A special meeting of KBCC will be held in March 2018 to discuss long term improvements at the Kilgetty Play Area and at The Common, Kilgetty.
* Local residents and organisations are encouraged to send information on special events in the area to the Clerk, who will then consider for inclusion on the KBCC website.
* Members of KBCC wish all residents and visitors to the area a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

* the ‘Mince Pie and Music’ event was very successful with over 40 attendees.
* The Co-operative Community Fund has awarded BKCA with a donation of £3,674 which will be put toward the cost of new flooring in the Community Centre hall - work to start 4 January 2018.
* BKCA will shortly be starting work on refurbishing the toilets at the Community Centre. BKCA intend to provide 2 unisex/easy access/disabled toilets - work to start first week January 2018 and could take up to 3 weeks to complete.
* BKCA has discussed future projects, including the provision of new tables and chairs and refurbishing the old library. These projects are in the very early days of planning and work may have to wait until funds become available.

**Planning**

KBCC considered three planning applications and after discussions made the following recommendations to Pembrokeshire County Council;

**17/0763/PA – Change of use from C3 (dwelling/house) to Sui Generis (veterinary clinic with ancillary accommodation), single storey rear extension and new pedestrian access off Carmarthen Road at Brierlyn, Carmarthen Road, Kilgetty SA68 0YA.** Full Council recommended **approval.**

**17/0790/PA – Extension to existing gypsy and traveller site to provide 13 additional pitches and associated infrastructure at Kingsmoor Common Caravan Site, Bush Farm, Begelly SA68 0YX.** Full Council recommended **approval,** provided the applicant adhered to the comments and suggested conditions made in the accompanying planning documents from Dwr Cymru, Highways and Natural Resources Wales.

**17/0882/PA – Rear and side extensions, pitched roof over garage to replace existing flat roof at Honeywood Cottage, Thomas Chapel, Begelly SA68 0XH.** Full Council recommended **approval.**

**County Councillor David Pugh’s Report**

County Councillor Pugh provided the following report;

* PCC budget discussions were continuing with three options for rises in Council Tax being considered to help meet the £16.7m funding gap for 2018/19. Rate reduction schemes would continue.
* Discussions were also continuing on how income from the second home premium would be distributed. KBCC could receive around £5-6k but final decisions on allocation of this funding have still to be made.
* Wales was 3rd in the table of developed countries for recycling.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 11 January 2018 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 450512. Minutes of previous meetings can be accessed via the website. Website address: [www.pembstcc.co.uk](http://www.pembstcc.co.uk) Email:kilgetty-begellycc@live.co.uk

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