



## **KILGETTY - BEGELLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL (KBCC)**

Minutes of the General Meeting of The Kilgetty -Begelly Community Council on Thursday, 11th July 2024 at 6.30pm, at the Community Centre Kilgetty.

**Present:** Cllrs Jerry Long, Diane Lockley, John Whitby, Brenda Jones, Gavin Thomas, Gavin Davies.

**Also, Present** – Clerk Gary Price.

Meeting Opened by the Chair Cllr Jerry Long at 18.35pm.

### **1. To receive any apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllrs Quigley and Cameron

### **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 13th June 2024.**

Cllr Thomas proposed that the Minutes presented, of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting; Cllr Lockley seconded the proposal with a majority of Cllrs in agreement.

### **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the General Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**

None

### **5. Action tracking**

#### Hybrid meetings

Nothing to report

Begelly Play Park: The Clerk has spoken to contractor, commencement of path work w/c 15<sup>th</sup> July.

### **6. County Councillor's Report**

The Clerk presented the report in County Cllr Cameron's absence:

#### **Traffic in Begelly**

As reported previously, the County Council's application for funding from the Welsh Government for design and construction work for pavement improvements and road safety measures in Begelly was unsuccessful. The Welsh Government stated there was insufficient

evidence of accidents to justify the funding. There have been two recorded accidents on the road in the past 60 months: one serious and one minor.

I met with council officers several weeks ago and they are now looking into whether an application can be made using a different Welsh Government funding stream where we might meet the criteria. From my experience of walking along the pavements, some vehicles are travelling too fast, and the pavements are too narrow in many places. People feel unsafe and this should be taken account of in determining funding applications.

Many residents have asked for fixed speed cameras. However, the accident record does not meet the Police and Welsh Government's criteria for fixed speed cameras.

We want vehicles to travel safely through the village and safe footpaths. We also want to improve visibility along the road (such as at the Thomas Chapel junction and the bends near the church) and to make the Fir Grove junction safer.

I will keep you informed about future funding applications. There will be proper consultation on any proposals so that we can move forward for the benefit of everyone.

### **Concerns over speeding traffic in New Road, Begelly and Carmarthen Road, Kilgetty (near the school)**

I have received complaints from residents about speeding vehicles in New Road, Begelly and Carmarthen Road, Kilgetty (near the school). County council officers are carrying out speed checks at both of these locations and I will report back on this once the checks have been carried out.

### **Car Park by Begelly Kilgetty Community Centre**

The Co-op have put on hold their original plans to fully resurface the car park by Begelly Kilgetty Community Centre during the current financial year. I have therefore sent the Co-op's agents details of potholes in the car park by Begelly Kilgetty Community Centre / Kilgetty Surgery. It is particularly bad at the entrance. The agents are getting some quotes to get the potholes filled. I have recommended they tarmac the entrance to the car park as this is particularly bad.

### **Damage to Bus Shelters**

Two bus shelters have been damaged in Kilgetty: the one between the Coop and post box on Carmarthen Road and the one on Ryelands Lane by the Woodfield Avenue junction. I have reported this to the Council.

### **Facilities for young people in Kilgetty**

When Cllr Long and I spoke with residents in the Coop as part of the consultations on the new play area, we had a few conversations with teenagers about what they would like in the village.

They felt it would be good to have a meeting place for young people. Some have gathered at the railway station in the past because they say there is nowhere else to go.

This is something we need to address alongside providing the play equipment for younger children.

The next meeting with the county council and police to discuss amongst other matters facilities for young people will not be until 9 September. Whilst the county council does not have the finance to pay for a youth worker, council officers are meeting to consider what support they can give.

I will keep you updated on this and please let me know if you have any views.

## **7. Reports from Council representatives including:**

### **a) Begelly Kilgetty Community Association**

Fund Raising Group for the Playpark:

Next meeting is next Tuesday at 7pm in the community centre, we will be finalising the running order for the entertainment etc.

The wooden Gate to the field from the community gardens has been broken. This has been temporary repaired, and we are trying to get some quotes to replace it and install a new one at the other entrance.

Kilgetty in Bloom:

Judging day will be on 15<sup>th</sup> July Entry forms will be available for local business.

The deadline for entries was 10<sup>th</sup> July and it appears that there are less than last year which may be due to the bad weather.

Storeroom:

A low-level asbestos was found in the floor of the storeroom, which is not a hazard for users, we need to get some floor covering down. We will be doing this over the week-end of 28/29 July and the Vinyl will be fitted on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July. Some of the store cupboards will be relocated to the corridor between the main building and the bungalow.

BKCA AGM:

The AGM will be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July @7pm – it would be great if some of you could attend.

### **b) Rural Futures Group**

Cllr Lockley reported Rural Futures had met on two occasions, group are still awaiting on a formal response from the Co-op before completing wastewater and sewage connections.

Japanese Knotweed has been found on land adjacent to cabins and on areas of the Common, a quotation to treat in the Autumn has been received from a contractor, Cllr Long proposed the contractor be instructed to carry out necessary work, Cllr Whitby seconded the proposal all Cllrs in agreement.

The group will link with the Coed Lleol project on the proposals for conservation work on the Common.

Cllr Thomas reported he no longer attends the Rural Futures group meetings.

c) One Voice Wales

Nothing to report

d) Kilgetty Play Park

Tender process and the Community Consultation the feedback was submitted on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

It has been requested the funder contact us if they require any further Information. The deadline is later this month, we should hear back in September or early October.

If we are not successful, we will use the c£50k we have available to install something ASAP in the park.

e) Disability Access, Health & Safety in the Community

Nothing to report

f) Health and Safety in the Community

Cllr Thomas reported that certain pathways within the Community are difficult for wheelchair access, a list of areas that need improvement will be sent to PCC.

g) Finance group

Cllr Jones reported that the finance group have scrutinised the accounts, it is proposed that a 3-to-5-year business plan be put in place, consultation with the public on what projects they would like to see in the Community, making further use of social media. Cllr Davies added that there will need to be improved communication with individuals who do not use social media, possibly on public notice boards in areas such as the Post Office and the Co-Op.

## **8. Consideration of Correspondence:**

Cllr Long presented the project agreed with Coel Lleol, various options to be considered, the Clerk to report back on preferences. Coel Lleol, in conjunction with the community council will deliver elements of a SPF Levelling Up Project on land at Kingsmoor Common between June 2024 and December 2024.

Cllr Long presented the consultation document received from PCC in regard to the new boundaries for the Community and Town Councils within Pembrokeshire. Feedback to be sent to the Clerk.

The Clerk read an email received regarding the future use of the current Men's Shed office space. A proposed use for Counselling and Wellbeing sessions for individuals within the community. Cllr Davies proposed that when the current space is vacated an agreement for the use as requested be granted, with an annual review, Cllr Thomas seconded the proposal all Cllrs in agreement.

The Clerk read an engagement letter received from a local Accountant, to carry out internal Audit of KBCC accounts for the 23-24 period. Cllr Jones proposed that the accountant carries out the Audit, Cllr Davies seconded the proposal all Cllrs in agreement.

## 9. To consider payment of any invoices received

BACS 1. Clerk	Salary incl w/h	£518.96
BACS 2. All Seasons	Grass contract	£665.00
BACS 3. PPS Pembrokeshire	Park inspection	£25.00
BACS 4. HMRC	Tax	£250.40

Invoices received for payment total of £1459.36 Cllr Lockley proposed payment be made, seconded by Cllr Jones, all Cllrs in agreement.

## 10. To consider any payments received after publishing of agenda.

The Clerk presented payment due for the Zoom Licence, Cllr Whitby proposed the payment of £155.58 be processed, Cllr Thomas seconded the proposal all Cllrs in agreement.

## 11. Consideration of Planning Applications received:

Reference 24/0307/PA 21, Church Close, BEGELLY, Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire, SA68 0YP Demolition of conservatories, rear extension to dwelling, reduction of ground /patio levels. Following consideration of all the information provided by the Planning Authority, Cllr Lockley proposed that Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council support the application, Cllr Davies seconded the proposal all Cllrs in agreement.

Reference 24/0287/PA Land adj to Westaways, Station Road, Kilgetty Residential Development (3 Plots in outline with all matters reserved ). following consideration of all the information provided by the Planning Authority, Cllr Davies proposed that Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council support the application, Cllr Lockley seconded the proposal a majority of Cllrs in agreement.

## 12. Consideration of Planning Applications received after publication of the agenda

None

## 13. Notification of Planning Decision/s

24/0079/PA Windberry Cottage, Kilgetty, SA68 0XA **Conditionally approved**  
24/0132/PA Tucking Mill, STEPASIDE SA67 8JS **Conditionally approved**  
24/0029/PA Land at Long Park, Thomas Chapel, SA68 0XH **Conditionally approved**  
23/1037/PA Land West of Barley Park, Begelly, SA68 0YF **Conditionally approved**

## 14. To appoint internal Auditor

Item covered in agenda point 8

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

Cllr Jones reported that the public bins in Ryelands Lane are very often overflowing, and rubbish bags left on the pavement, PCC to be contacted to resolve and review collection periods.

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

Cllr Thomas reported as per correspondence received the main road between Kilgetty and St Clears will be closed overnight for a period to carry out essential works.

Cllr Lockley reported that the borders around the bench in front of the Co-Op are overgrown and in need of cutting back, the Clerk to contact the contractor.

Meeting closed at 20.29pm

**18) Date of next meeting**

Thursday 12th September 2024, 6.30pm at the Community Centre

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