



KILGETTY - BEGELLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL (KBCC)

Minutes of the General Meeting of The Kilgetty -Begelly Community Council on Thursday, 8th January 2026 at 6.00pm, on Zoom.

Present: Cllrs Diane Lockley, Brenda Jones, Beryl Quigley, Peter Adams, John Whitby, and County Cllr Alistair Cameron

Also, Present – The Clerk.

Meeting Opened by the Chair Cllr Lockley at 18.14pm.

1) To receive any apologies for absence

Cllr Gavin Davies

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 November 2025.

Cllr Adams proposed that the Minutes presented, of the meeting held on 13th November 2025 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting; Cllr Cameron seconded the proposal with all Cllrs in agreement.

4) Matters Arising from the Minutes of the General Council meeting held on 9th October 2025, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Cllr Lockley requested that the parking issues and marking of bays be added to the Action Tracking document, Cllr Cameron to enquire with PCC on minor repairs to the adjacent lane and marking of parking/collection bay.

Cllr Lockley enquired if any response received from the County Scout organiser, the Clerk stated no response received requesting a meeting. The Clerk to write again also copying in the Scout leader with a further request for a meeting also stating the Councils intentions on opening access at times when the Scout hut is not being used for its purpose.

5) To consider Skateboard Park proposal

To be moved to February meeting.

6) County Councillor report

Report to Kilgetty and Begelly Community Council from County Councillor Alistair Cameron - January 2026

Stepaside CP School

I have had the pleasure of being a non-voting governor at Stepside School for over a year. This is an excellent school, caring and nurturing, brilliant staff and head teacher and it had a very good report from Estyn.

We have falling pupil numbers in many local schools due to wider demographic factors including an aging residents' profile and more second homes.

However, pupil numbers at Stepside have recently been at a constant level (about 115) and I strongly believe alongside parents and governors that we need to keep the school in the interests of present and future children.

I asked the Council in December to defer a decision over whether to consult over closure until this March. This was to give the school time to set out the reasons why it should stay open. However, Council decided to go ahead with the consultation on closure which will be this Summer.

There is an online and paper based petition to keep the school (deadline 17/02/2026) which can be accessed through the county council

website: <https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/how-to-get-involved/petitions>

I am proposing the following motion for Kilgetty Begelly Community Council tonight :-

1. Kilgetty Begelly Community Council supports the retention of Stepside CP School due to the excellent education it provides for local children as backed up in its recent Estyn Inspection report as well as its valuable contribution to the local community.
2. KBCC resolves to work with the school, parents, and governors to support proposals to retain the school.

Requests for Grit Bins

There have recently been a number of requests for grit bins. The policy is that town and community councils pay to install the bins and the county councils supply the grit. Kilgetty Begelly Community Council have provided a number of bins under this arrangement and have recently requested that bins are provided in Newton Fields (just installed) and Heights and Oakfield Drive all in Kilgetty.

The county council is currently replenishing the grit bins across the whole of Pembrokeshire following the recent icy weather. Thank you to council staff for all of the hard work in dealing with the bad weather over the last few days.

Saundersfoot Medical Centre

In December I met with the doctors and business staff alongside Cllrs Alec Cormack (Amroth and Saundersfoot North) and Chris Williams (Saundersfoot South).

We discussed the ongoing challenges at the Medical Centre, including the spread of flu and winter illnesses.

We also discussed the ongoing difficulties for patients in being able to contact the centre to get an appointment. The medical centre is introducing a new telephone answering system which we hope will make it easier for patients including booking appointments. Where possible, patients are asked to book appointments online as this reduces the pressure on the phones. However, we appreciate that there are quite a few patients who do not have a computer and need to ring up.

There are still flu jabs available at the Medical Centre, and everyone is encouraged to have a jab if they have not already done so.

7) Reports from Council representatives including:

- a) Begelly-Kilgetty Community Association

No report received

- b) Rural Futures Group

Nothing to report.

- c) One Voice Wales

Nothing to report.

- d) Disability access

Nothing to report.

- e) Health & Safety in the Community

The Clerk reported emergency repairs needed to be carried out in the Community garden, following the excavation of the trench for the CCTV, the reinstatement of paving had become unsafe, works to repair carried out, also fences repaired on the Common boundary.

- f) Finance group.

Nothing to report.

8) Consideration of Correspondence:

The Clerk reported that access had been set up to the Charity commission website, returns outstanding now completed. Passwords for this site and all other portals requiring login details to be stored centrally.

9) To consider payment of any invoices received

December payments:

BACS 1. Clerk	Salary incl w/h	£854.20
BACS 2. B Griffiths	Rural Futures	£154.30
BACS 3. D Caulfield	Repairs, Gardens, Fence	£277.62
BACS 4. HMRC	Tax	£468.30
BACS 5. PPS	Parks inspections	£70.00

Invoices paid, payment total of £1824.42 Cllr Adams proposed payments be approved, seconded by Cllr Jones all Cllrs in agreement.

January payments:

BACS 1. Clerk	Salary incl w/h	£854.20
BACS 2. HMRC	Tax	£209.00
BACS 3. PPS	Monthly Inspections	£70.00
BACS 4. Viking	Office supplies	£482.34

The Clerk provided detail of two storage cabinets required for Council past records to be stored in the Council office, item 4 on January payments for consideration. Cllr Adams proposed cabinets be purchased, Cllr Lockley seconded the proposal all Cllrs in agreement.

Invoices processed for payment total of £1615.54 Cllr Jones proposed payment be made, seconded by Cllr Cameron all Cllrs in agreement.

10) Consideration and approve quarter three accounts 25-26

The Clerk presented accounts for quarter three of the financial year 25-26, Cllr Jones proposed that the accounts be accepted as true and correct, Cllr Whitby seconded the proposal all Cllrs in agreement.

19.15 Cllr Quigley left the meeting.

11) Consideration of Planning Applications received.

Reference 25/0742/PA 23, Park Gardens, BEGELLY, Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire, SA68 0AA Single storey to rear of existing property, following consideration of all the information provided by the Planning Authority, Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council will not comment on the application.

Reference 25/0710/PA 22, Oakfield Drive, Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire, SA68 0UD, Extension, following consideration of all the information provided by the Planning Authority, Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council will not comment on the application.

12) Notification of Planning Decision/s

25/0522/PA Cabin in The Woods, Near Woodcocks House, Kilgetty, SA68 0UJ **Refused**

25/0644/PA 2, Brookfield Villas, BEGELLY, Pembrokeshire, SA68 0YJ **Conditionally approved**

13) To discuss future management of Community Centre, Toilets and Car Park.

Cllr Lockley reported that the present condition of the toilets is not acceptable, further request to be made to PCC stating that on termination of the lease agreement between PCC and the Co-Op the toilets be handed over to the new landowners in a presentable state. Cllr Cameron to enquire with PCC on when the next round of Enhancing Pembrokeshire grants is open for applications.

Cllr Adams to contact local aggregate supplier on possibility of conducting minor repairs to the car park.

Cllr Lockley reported the need to formalise the agreement between the Community Council and the Begelly-Kilgetty Community Association in relation to the management of the Community Centre, the Clerk to draft a Service Level Agreement (SLA) for Cllrs to consider, A meeting with the Association to be organised thereafter.

14) To discuss proposed closure of Stepside School

Cllr Cameron proposed Kilgetty Begelly Community Council supports the retention of Stepside CP School due to the excellent education it provides for local children as backed

up in its recent Estyn Inspection report as well as its valuable contribution to the local community. KBCC resolves to work with the school, parents, and governors to support proposals to retain the school, Cllr Adams seconded the proposal all Cllrs in agreement.

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 Adams reported the recent passing of Mrs Thomas, mother of the late Cllr Gavin Thomas. Cllr Lockley expressed heartfelt condolences to the family on behalf of Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council.

17) Date of next meeting

Thursday 12th February 2026, 6.00pm at the Community Centre

Meeting closed at 20.05pm

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