

Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council

Annual Report 2025/26

1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Chair's Foreword

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report of Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council for the year ending 31 March 2026. I would like to thank all councillors for your time, hard work, and support over the past 12 months. Although we have not been at full strength, we have continued to move forward together, and I am very grateful for the way everyone has supported one another throughout the year. Our biggest achievement this year has been the purchase of the Community Hall, office block, public toilets, and parking area. This was a very important step for our community, I would also like to thank residents and users of the Hall, who have supported the Council and helped make it possible. Another real highlight was the opening of the new Kilgetty play park in June last year. It has been lovely to see how well it has been used and especially rewarding to see children enjoying it as it approaches its first anniversary. It has been a real honour to Chair the Community Council, and I have greatly appreciated the support I have received throughout the year. Finally, I would like to thank our Clerk, Gary Price, for all his hard work and commitment in keeping Council business running smoothly. Thank you all once again for your dedication to our community and for everything you do to support Kilgetty.

Cllr Diane Lockley

Chair, Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council

About Your Council

Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council serves the communities of Kilgetty, Begelly, Thomas Chapel and Reynalton in Pembrokeshire. The area is known as a gateway to Pembrokeshire and has a rich industrial heritage associated with coal mining and the former Saundersfoot Railway.

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Council Membership

Councillor	Ward	Meeting Attendance
Cllr Long	Kilgetty	6/10
Cllr Lockley	Begelly	10/10
Cllr Whitby	Begelly	7/10
Cllr Davies	Kilgetty	8/10
Cllr Quigley	Kilgetty	9/10
Cllr Adams	Begelly	8/10
Cllr Jones	Kilgetty	9/10
Cllr Cameron	Kilgetty	9/10

Meetings Held During the Year

During 2025/26 the Council held:

- 1 Annual Meeting
- 10 Ordinary monthly meetings
- 5 Committee meetings

All minutes were published on the Council website.

Key Activities and Achievements

Planning and Development

- 27 Planning consultations considered.
- 3 Major planning applications reviewed.
- 30 Responses submitted to Pembrokeshire County Council.

Community Improvements

- Highways and footpath issues raised.
- Street lighting concerns addressed.
- Village maintenance projects supported.
- Environmental improvements.

Community Engagement

- Public consultation held regarding the announced selling of land and community centre, consensus that the Community Council look to purchase, if precept needed to rise, public in attendance at meeting supported the Council approach.
- Liaison with local groups including Community Association, WI, Rural Futures, Scouts, Football club
- Website and social media communications via Facebook and new website administered by Cllrs Lockley and Adams

Community Grants and Support

Organisation	Purpose	Amount
PCC	Community project	£100,000
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Financial Summary

Item	Amount
Opening Balance	£85,643
Total Income	£280,421
Total Expenditure	£359,039 including VAT
Closing Balance	£27025 part VAT refund pending

Main Sources of Income

- Precept £53k
- Grants received £133,000
- Other income £1800

Major Areas of Expenditure

- Purchase of New play park
- Purchase of land, toilets and Community Centre
- Park benches, picnic tables
- Road repairs alongside Post office
- Staff costs

- Insurance
- Maintenance
- Administration

Governance and Accountability

During the year the Council:

- Maintained proper accounting records.
- Operated under its Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
- Undertook a review of internal controls.
- Completed an Internal Audit.
- Submitted its Annual Return to Audit Wales.
- Published statutory documents as required.

Biodiversity and Environmental Action

- Tree planting.
- Wildflower initiatives.
- Protection of green spaces.
- Environmental projects supported within the community particular on the Common land.

Priorities for 2026/27

1. Continue engagement with residents and community groups.
2. Support local environmental and biodiversity projects.
3. Monitor planning developments affecting the community.
4. Maintain sound financial management and governance.
5. Explore opportunities for community improvement through partnership working.

Conclusion

The Council remains committed to serving the residents of Kilgetty, Begelly, Thomas Chapel and Reynalton and ensuring that community interests are represented effectively and transparently. We thank residents, councillors and partner organisations for their continued support.