



KILGETTY - BEGELLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL (KBCC)

Minutes of the General Meeting of The Kilgetty -Begelly Community Council on Thursday, 13th February 2025 at 6.00pm, at the Community Centre Kilgetty.

Present: Cllrs Jerry Long, Diane Lockley, John Whitby, Gavin Thomas, Gavin Davies, Beryl Quigley and County Cllr Alistair Cameron

Also, Present – Clerk Gary Price.

Meeting Opened by the Chair Cllr Jerry Long at 18.02pm.

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Adams and Jones

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 9th January 2025.

Cllr Cameron proposed that the Minutes presented, of the meeting held on 9th January 2025 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 9th January 2025, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

None

5. Action tracking

Proposed closure of Kilgetty Public Toilets

The Clerk advised no further correspondence received from PCC, Cllr Cameron to speak to the department again.

6. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Cameron reported:

Kilgetty Dispensary Service

I have been informed by Saundersfoot Surgery that Kilgetty Dispensary Service (not the surgery) will be closed temporarily from Monday, 17 February. Residents are asked where possible to collect medication from Kilgetty Dispensary by tomorrow before 1 pm. Any uncollected medication from Kilgetty after 14 February will be available from Saundersfoot Surgery. Please collect between 8 and 1 Monday to Friday. The surgery will provide an update as soon as possible as to when it will reopen.

The surgery has told me this was a difficult decision due to an unfortunate chain of events with long term sickness. The closure is initially for 4 weeks but may be extended. They are working with the health board to produce a solution.

Mayfield Acres, Kilgetty

Work will be carried out in Mayfield Acres to repair the road, pavements, and drainage to bring them up to standard so that the Council can adopt them. Work will start before the end of March. £75,000 of the funding is from the Welsh Government and the residents have contributed just over £25,000 of the costs. The county council is also providing some funding.

Thank you to the residents who have worked together and contributed to ensure the adoption can go ahead.

Parsonage Lane, Begelly

I recently met with council officers to consider ways to improve the drainage along Parsonage Lane. The intention is to carry out some work soon and I will keep you updated.

Council Tax

The Council's Cabinet have recommended an increase in Council Tax of 9.85% which will go to Council on 20 February for a decision. The biggest financial challenge is the cost of children going into care, often outside Pembrokeshire. When a child goes outside Pembrokeshire it costs about half a million pounds per annum. There is one extra case of a child going outside the county each month. The Council is trying to provide more accommodation in Pembrokeshire and also to improve proactive support for families so that children are not faced with going into care.

7. Reports from Council representatives including:

a) Begelly Kilgetty Community Association

Cllr Quigley reported, Last month we reported the association had lost a number of volunteers and we would struggle to continue unless we got more help.

So, we emailed all the groups that use the hall and put a post on Facebook saying that the community centre "May Close" if we don't get more volunteers and had a brilliant response with 18 new people attending our January meeting and we will be delighted if c10 of them attend our next meeting

We now have already agreed to do the following this year.

Two Litter Picks in Kilgetty & Begelly - March/April and September (Dates TBC)

Help with the Summer Fete – Sunday 24th August.

Christmas Family Event - Date TBC

One of the new people have offered to help with a Monthly Newsletter to try to reach those that are NOT on Facebook to be distributed in Local Business's i.e. In the Pharmacy, Post office etc, etc.

When we put the post on Facebook asking for volunteers to help and residents of Kilgetty & Begelly to attend the monthly meetings including the Youths of the village but unfortunately, we did not see any youths, but we all agreed we will keep trying to get the youths & children's views on what they want the association to put on / do for them.

One idea was to put a basketball court on the fields near the playground for the older children / youths to use, one of the new volunteers has experience to writing grant applications and offered to look into this for us.

Margarett Moffat has stepped down from her role of Minute taker but another of the new people volunteered to take over.

So, things are looking for a lot better for the Association and I think we can do so much more going forward.

b) Rural Futures Group

Cllr Lockley reported:

Rural Futures group met Wednesday evening (12/02/25)

We had lots of discussion around the services connections.

Electric supply - payment has been made and the work will be undertaken by NG
We are now waiting for dates when work will commence.

Water - we have had the quote, but concerns were raised during the meeting that the plans did not match the description of works to be done. These will be checked and any corrections made and hopefully this work will commence very soon.

Our other discussions were around the idea of developing an environmental plan for the whole of the recreation ground. One of our members had noticed willow growing. It has been identified as willow suitable for craft activities and if harvested correctly would benefit the willow trees and potentially be a source of income. It was also suggested that it would be worth setting up an environmental group of volunteers. These are ideas that the group would like the council to consider.

c) One Voice Wales
Nothing to report.

d) Kilgetty Play Park

Cllr Long reported:

The banners telling people that the Playgroup is coming soon have been placed around the park perimeter, pictures of the banners & some of the equipment posted on Facebook and the feedback has been positive.

We are now waiting for confirmation of the start date and estimated completion date so we can plan the opening event. We are confident that the new Playground will be open by Easter if not before. Good Friday is the 19th of April.

The Clerk reported that due to supply issues slight changes to the design is needed. Cllr Long proposed the changes be accepted; Cllr Lockley seconded the proposal all Cllrs in agreement.

Also, photos of the Roundhouse and BBQ stand on Facebook for those that have not been able to get on the field. Images also positively received.

Cllr Thomas left the meeting.

e) Disability Access in the Community

Nothing to report.

f) Health and Safety in the Community

Nothing to report.

g) Finance group

Nothing to report.

8. Consideration of Correspondence:

None received.

9. To consider payment of any invoices received

January payments made.

BACS 1. Lee Burton	Common Hut project	£2605.00
BACS 2. Welsh Water	Rural Futures	£151.30
BACS 2. National Grid	Rural Futures	£6149.95
BACS 4. Zoom	Rural Futures	£129.90

Invoices processed for payment total of £9036.15 Cllr Cameron proposed payment be made, seconded by Cllr Davies a majority of Cllrs in agreement.

February payments:

BACS 1. Clerk	Salary incl w/h	£549.50
BACS 2. HMRC	Tax	£132.80
BACS 3. PPS	Park Inspection	£25.00
BACS 4. J Howells	Landscaping	£1000.00
BACS 4. SSE	Electricity	£218.99

Invoices processed for payment total of £1926.29 Cllr Cameron proposed payment be made, seconded by Cllr Lockley all Cllrs in agreement.

10. To consider Quarter 3 accounts 24-25

The Clerk presented quarter three accounts to the Council together with supporting bank statements, Cllr Lockley proposed that they are accepted as true and correct, Cllr Davies seconded the proposal, all Cllrs in agreement.

11. Consideration of Planning Applications received:

Reference 24/0936/PA Social Club, Station Road, Kilgetty SA68 0XR Residential Development, following consideration of all the information provided by the Planning Authority, Cllr Davies proposed that Kilgetty-Begelly Community Council object to the application, concerns over the pedestrian access, safety and that conditions stated in the application would also need to be fully met. Cllr Quigley seconded the proposal all Cllrs in agreement.

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

None

13. Notification of Planning Decision/s

24/0657/PA Cartref, REYNALTON, SA68 0PE **Conditionally approved**

24/0658/PA Land West of Barley Park, Begelly, SA68 0YF **Conditionally approved**

14. To appoint Trustees to Kilgetty Recreation Pleasure Ground, Playing Field for Charity Commission.

The Clerk presented an email from the Charity Commission requesting update of the Trustees for Kilgetty Recreation Pleasure Ground, Playing Field. The previous Clerk being the contact, new Clerk detail also needing to be updated. A majority of Cllrs agreed to be named trustees. The Clerk to forward detail to the Charity Commission.

15. To discuss EV Charging point in Kilgetty

Cllr Long reported the current provider has informed the Council that due to low use the service will discontinue. The electric points are isolated and no longer accessible.

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

Cllr Long presented a quotation for the supply and fitting of new gates in the Community Gardens. Cllr Quigley proposed the quote be accepted; Cllr Lockley seconded the proposal all Cllrs in agreement.

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

Cllr Lockley reported that although extensive repairs to the roads and verges had been conducted in the Reynalton area, further work and maintenance is needed, Cllr Cameron to take up the matter with PCC.

18) Date of next meeting

Thursday 13th February 2025, 6.00pm at the Community Centre

Meeting closed at 7.40pm

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