



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

Minutes of the General Meeting of The Kilgetty -Begelly Community Council on Thursday, 10th April 2025 at 6.00pm, at the Community Centre Kilgetty.

**Present:** Cllrs Jerry Long, Diane Lockley, John Whitby, Gavin Davies, Beryl Quigley, Peter Adams, Brenda Jones and County Cllr Alistair Cameron

**Also, Present** – Clerk Gary Price.

Meeting Opened by the Chair Cllr Jerry Long at 18.05pm.

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

Cllr Thomas

### **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 March 2025.**

Cllr Lockley proposed that the Minutes presented, of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting; Cllr Quigley 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> March 2025, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**

None

### **5. Action tracking**

#### **Proposed closure of Kilgetty Public Toilets**

Cllr Cameron reported agenda point 6.

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

#### **Report to Kilgetty and Begelly Community Council from County Councillor Alistair Cameron - April 2025**

##### **Kilgetty Public Conveniences**

As Members will recall, the transfer of responsibility for the public conveniences (which are owned by the Coop) from the county council to the community councils is dependent on two actions:-

1. The County Council terminating its lease for the toilets with the Coop so that the Community Council can agree a lease with the Coop.

2. The County Council bringing the toilets up to a suitable standard for the Community Council to take them over.

Since the last Community Council meeting, I have had the following information from the County Council's Assistant Asset Manager about the County Council terminating its lease with the Coop:-

"I have written to the Co-op requesting their conditions for the termination of the tenancy at will. We are only required to give 28 days to terminate the agreement, but we need to understand if there are any other obligations that they are looking for us to undertake before we are able to surrender the agreement."

This is the start of making some progress.

I have also tabled the following two questions which I will ask the Cabinet Member at the next County Council Meeting on 8 May.

**Question 1 to Cabinet Member(s) on Transfer of Responsibility for Kilgetty Public Conveniences from Pembrokeshire County Council to Kilgetty Begelly Community Council**

Kilgetty Begelly Community Council is willing to accept responsibility for maintaining Kilgetty Public Conveniences. However, two actions are necessary to enable the transfer to take place:-

1. The County Council needs to terminate its lease with the Coop to enable the Community Council to negotiate a new lease with the Coop.
2. The County Council needs to undertake repairs and maintenance work on the public conveniences so that they are in a fit state for the Community Council to take them over.

Please could the relevant Cabinet Member(s) let me know how much progress has been made against these two actions?

**Question 2 to Cabinet Member on Transfer of Responsibility for Kilgetty Public Conveniences from Pembrokeshire County Council to Kilgetty Begelly Community Council**

Could the Cabinet Member confirm that until the County Council have completed the two actions in Question 1 (i.e. terminated the lease with the Coop and undertaken the necessary repairs and maintenance work to bring the public conveniences up to an acceptable standard) there will be no requests for maintenance payments made to Kilgetty Begelly Community Council.

**The State of our Health Service**

**I asked the following Question to the Leader of the Council on Hywel Dda University Health Board at the last Full Council Meeting on 6 March**

"On 28 November 2024, Hywel Dda UHB announced that, since financial support is not secured, delivery of a new hospital (to be located in either St Clears or Whitland) is likely to be at least 10 years from now.

“In the same statement the health board stated that it risks falling significantly behind other areas [of the UK] with consequences for patient care and staff recruitment and that it has identified nine fragile services: Critical Care, Emergency General Surgery, Stroke, Endoscopy, Radiology, Dermatology, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics and Urology.

“Could the Leader of Council seek an urgent meeting between the Council and the Chief Executive of Hywel Dda UHB so that he can explain his strategy for safeguarding these nine fragile services which are vital to Pembrokeshire residents and what action has been taken so far.”

I am waiting for a date for this meeting.

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

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

Events planned for 2025

Christmas Family Event - Date TBC

2<sup>nd</sup> Litter Pick – In September Date TBC

The association and fete committee discussed who & what we will be raising funds for at the Village fete

We decided to raise funds for community projects across the two villages, one suggestion is for a **small Basketball and Football Goal** on tarmac court on the rec for the youths of the area.

We also talked about doing something on the **miner's field** by the scout hut.

We feel that this will be something that the community will support as they have with the new Playground.

We will apply for grants as and when the opportunity arises.

One of the new volunteers has experience in applying for grants so he will assist.

Solar Panels Update:

The panels are proving effective, Average. per month, Solar & Battery power used 54%

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

Cllr Lockley Report to KBCC meeting 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
from Rural Futures Group

The Rural Futures Group met Wednesday evening (9<sup>th</sup> April via zoom).

There are 2 main areas still under discussion. The connection to services; Dŵr Cymru for fresh water and waste management and National Grid for the electric supply.

Dŵr Cymru

As mentioned last month, the group had been provided with a revised quote with a substantial increase. It was decided to request a site meeting, and this was arranged by Gary (KBCC clerk).

The meeting took place on Monday (7<sup>th</sup> April) with 5 of our members present and proved to be very positive.

A connection point has been identified within the boundary of KBCC's recreation ground so there would be no need to liaise with the Coop or incur their legal fees. The potential route for trenching and pipe-laying would follow the boundary fence and be approximately 125m in length.

For this work to proceed the RF Group seek the Council's approval. The group will then organise a search to be done on the land to make sure there are no physical obstacles (pipes, cables etc) in the way and arrange a contractor to do the necessary works.

C Cllr A Cameron was provided with the grid references and job number so that a similar process can be followed to sort out the sewage connection.

#### National Grid

The NG is communicating with one of our members and we were all quite shocked when a revised quote came with regards to the electrical connection. This work was already quoted at a little over £6K. The new quote showed an increase of over £3k + VAT to cover the legal fees requested by the Coop for the wayleave to be put in place.

There is considerable concern within the Group that more and more of the Lottery funding is having to go to pay charges of this nature. The Group want to set up a meeting with the Coop to discuss concerns.

#### c) One Voice Wales

Cllr Adams reported meeting held this week, report to follow in May

#### d) Kilgetty Play Park

Cllr Long reported:

Contactors are getting on with installing the equipment and what they have done so far looks brilliant.

When we know when the inspection has been booked can push ahead with plans for an official opening event.

Before that I suggest we ask the school to bring the children down to "road test" the park. This would be after the equipment has passed inspection.

We also need to think about the following

**CCTV:** Awaiting Contractor quote

Picnic Benches: How many? – From Whom?

**Rubbish Bins:**

I know the council won't empty them; we could get some people to take it in turn to empty them into the bins outside!

**Signage:**

Entrance to the park at both gates

Welcome to the playground

CCTV: Installed

**Rules:**

No alcohol

No Drugs

No Anti-Social Behaviour

Where the money game from etc.

Bilingual signage.

The Clerk advised that the contractor has requested payment, Cllr Davies proposed that a payment of £25,000 be paid the balance on completion of works, Cllr Adams seconded the proposal all Cllrs in agreement.

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.

**19.05pm Cllr Davies left the meeting.**

**8. Consideration of Correspondence:**

The Clerk read an email received from a local trader who is interested in placing an advertising banner on the Kilgetty Park fence. The Clerk to respond with details on application process.

**9. To consider payment of any invoices received**

Rural Futures payments made.

BACS 1. JP Locks	Locksmith	£90.00
BACS 2. Ben Griffiths	Rural Futures	£303.43
BACS 3. Kilgetty Crafts	Cabins insurance	£321.43

Invoices paid total £714.86 Cllr Cameron proposed payment accepted, seconded by Cllr Adams majority of Cllrs in agreement.

April payments:

BACS 1. Clerk	Salary incl w/h+postage	£556.30
BACS 2. HMRC	Tax	£132.80
BACS 3. SSE	Electricity	£256.04

Invoices processed for payment total of £945.14 Cllr Cameron proposed payment be made, seconded by Cllr Adams all Cllrs in agreement.

#### **10. To consider quarter 4 finance statement**

The Clerk presented the quarter four statement for financial year 24-25 detailing all income and expenditure in the qtr. 4 period. Cllr Lockley proposed that the statements be accepted as true and correct, Cllr Jones seconded the proposal all Cllrs in agreement.

#### **11. Consideration of Planning Applications received.**

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

#### **13. Notification of Planning Decision/s**

#### **14. To discuss advertising banners on park fence**

Cllr Long presented an option to sell advertising space along the park fence, advertising space potentially giving the Council an income source, pricing will need to be agreed, clarification on income status to be confirmed.

#### **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 Whitby reported that a Pony has been tethered on the common, matter would need investigating on ownership.

#### **17) Date of next meeting**

Thursday 8th May 2025, 6.00pm at the Community Centre

Meeting closed at 7.55pm

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