

KERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL Chair's Report 2021/22

Kerry Toilet Renovation Scheme – Everything is in place to proceed and the only change has been that the builder has delayed the starting date to September 2022 due to pressure on his workload.

Dolforgan Park Play Area – Councillors met with a representative from Powys County Council Countryside and Recreation Services Department at the play area. The provision of £10,000 for playground equipment, in the S106 agreement, being a contribution from the Developer of the New Housing Scheme in Kerry, will be paid to KCC once the remaining properties are occupied. The Amenities Committee intend to use this money, together with grant funding, to put new equipment on the Park for children to play.

Sarn Housing Development – Cllr. Maria Roberts has been in regular contact with Powys County Council with regard to an education provision that was originally included in the S106 agreement for this development. It appears that this provision has been cancelled and discussions are ongoing. It is to be noted that KCC has not been involved in the original or subsequent meetings.

Grass cutting in Kerry - Councillors met with PCC's Contracts & Programmes Engineer to discuss the previously reported concerns regarding the reduced number of grass cutting sessions in and around the village of Kerry. The engineer explained that cutting of verges within the village boundary was due to take place in the months of May, July and September annually. The correspondence between KCC and PCC can be found under 'New Announcements' on KCC's website. Councillor Lush proposed that if the three cuts per annum were insufficient KCC should consider paying for a private contractor to carry out an additional cut.

Community Orchard – KCC wish to thank Mr Carl Danson, ably assisted by his son, William, for planting fruit trees on a small area of Dolforgan Park, near the football ground.

Brynllwarch Hall School – Cllrs. Lush and Holloway met with representatives of the school in a proposed joint venture to place planters alongside the A489 either side of Kerry Village. PCC Highways Department have raised safety issues with this, and as a result, we are open to suggestions as to where these boxes could be placed to enhance the village.

Traffic Speed through Kerry – This remains a problem despite calming measures being introduced and KCC will be gathering views from residents, including at the Village Winter Fayre, to pass on to the Highways Department.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2nd June 2022 – KCC is pleased to have awarded grants to the villages of Dolfor, Kerry and Sarn to support the organisers of parties to celebrate this major event.

Garreg Llwyd Hill Windfarm Benefit Fund – Dolfor Free Church; St Michael's School, Kerry and Kerry Village Hall have all received grants from the Benefit Fund this year.

This is only a brief synopsis of our work and I thank fellow councillors for their considerable efforts.

David Jones

Chair – Kerry Community Council