

BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting Held in the Boardroom, Oak Tree Surgery Thursday 20 November 2014

Members Present

Cllr J Townsend – Chair

Cllr D Aston
Cllr J Brett
Cllr I Hibble
Cllr C Jones
Cllr M Quick
Cllr J Spanswick
Cllr G Williams

Clerk - Mrs A Wilkes

Assistant Clerk /Responsible Financial Officer - Mr P Ley

94 **Public/Police Address to Council** – none

95 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr P Hacking – bereavement
Cllr T Hacking – bereavement
Cllr D Sage - medical reasons

96 **Declaration of Interest in Accordance with Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2000**

Cllr I Hibble – an officer of Bridgend County Borough Council in the presence of a County Borough Councillor

Cllr C Jones – Borough Councillor, Bridgend County Borough Council – planning

Cllr M Quick – Member of Brackla Community Association

Cllr J Spanswick - Borough Councillor, Bridgend County Borough Council – planning

Cllr H Townsend – Borough Councillor, Bridgend County Borough Council - planning

97 **Ratification of Minutes, Full Council Meeting 23 October 2014**

**Resolved: that the minutes were proposed by Cllr J Spanswick, seconded by Cllr J Brett and accepted by council as a true record of proceedings.
The Chairman duly signed the minutes**

98 Ratification of Minutes, Extraordinary Meeting 6 November 2014

Resolved: that the minutes were proposed by Cllr J Spanswick, seconded by Cllr C Jones and unanimously approved by all members present. Accepted by council as a true record of proceedings.

The Chairman duly signed the minutes

99 To Receive a Report from the Chair

The Chair and Cllr Spanswick had attended the Remembrance Parade, which had significantly increased in size over recent years.

The Chair also attended the play “My Boy Jack” during the Remembrance period at Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School. Congratulations to the school and pupils for an excellent performance.

The Firework Display on 4 November was another great success for our second year. This council had received only one complaint received from a local retailer. The Chair thanked all volunteers, staff and Councillors for their assistance.

100 Matters of Report by the Clerk of the Full Council Meeting

Item No 88: The Clerk had been informed that the Chief Executive Officer of Bridgend County Borough Council had been unable to attend this meeting due to another engagement. No further information had been received from Bridgend County Borough Council regarding a reduction in the cost of the Bi-Election.

101 To Consider all Correspondence Received by this Council

1. REACH Rural Development, Mark Blackmore – Nature Keeper sculpture (Tremains Wood). An official launch of the project would take place on 21 November at 2pm, Maesteg Welfare Park.
Resolved: that the Vice Chair, Cllr Brett would attend
2. Bridgend County Borough Council, Electoral & Emergency Planning Services – Polling districts, places & station review 2014
Resolved: that members would like to keep the current arrangements plus a polling station in Brackla Meadows. The Clerk would inform the Electoral Department
3. Bridgend County Borough Council, Development Group – decision not to send notifications of planning decisions to Town & Community Council’s or Ward Members as the decision is available on the council website.
Resolved: that this matter is duly noted and that notification of site meeting should also be emailed
4. Communities First Bridgend, Jamie Mills Engagement & Marketing Officer – invitation to Lower Cluster Learning Forum, 10 – 1pm, Thursday 27 November at Brackla Tabernacle.
Resolved: that this information is duly noted

5. Landscape Wales – information received regarding the services provided.
Resolved: that this information is duly noted and that the information would be retained for future reference
6. Bridgend County Borough Council, Mark Shephard, Corporate Director/Communities – invitation for representatives to attend the Budget Workshop for T & Community Council's on 5 December at the Civic Offices. Application to be submitted by 1 December
Resolved: that the Chair, Cllr C Jones, Cllr M Quick, the Clerk and Assistant Clerk would attend
7. Community Safety & Welfare Officer, Emma Maher – notes from the Fire Hotspots Meeting 27 October at Bridgend Police Station. Next meeting, Monday 24 November, 10.00am at the Police Station
Resolved: that the Chair, Cll M Quick and Cllr J Brett would attend
8. Bridgend County Borough Council – Draft Local Transport Plan Public Consultation information. Public engagement programme from 18 November to 10 December at various venue throughout the borough.
Resolved: that this information is duly noted
9. Complaint by a resident regarding the lane from Heol Simonstone to The Hunters Lodge. The resident had reported continuous fly-tipping of garden waste, litter and dog fouling to Bridgend County Borough Council and Brackla Community Council over the past few years. This gentleman had cleaned up the area himself for many years but felt that it is time that the 'council' take on the responsibility.
Resolved: that Cllr Spanswick would arrange a meeting with the resident and liaise with Bridgend County Borough Council to maintain the lane
10. Compliment from a resident congratulating Brackla Community Council on this year's Festive Lighting installations once again. This gentleman writes to council annually and has been a resident for 33 years.

The Clerk had replied to Mr Jones with information on the extra Festive Lights 2014. Council members were very pleased with the comments and wished to thank Mr Jones for getting in touch.

102 Brackla Community Centre Asset Transfer Update

The lease had not been received from Bridgend County Borough Council. The Clerk would contact both Solicitors once again for a progress report. There had been no communication from the CEO of Bridgend County Borough Council regarding the delay in this asset transfer.

103 Annual Events: Feedback from the Firework Display 4 November 6.30pm & Christmas Celebrations 3 December 2014 at 4.30pm

FIREWORK DISPLAY

The sum of £980.08 donations had been collected at the Firework Display. There were many good comments by residents and visits on the excellent display, music and especially the laser light show.

Members felt that there should be a standard charge per pitch for food retailers instead of the usual donation. Cllr Williams strongly felt that there should have been an entry fee for the display.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Panther Securities plc (land owners of the shopping precinct) had given this council permission to cordon off a section of the car park for the safety of those attending the light switch on.

Councillors requested that crowd control barriers be provided to cordon off the grass verge at the Triangle and part of the car park.

Archdeacon John Lewis Church in Wales School choir and Bridgend Brownies would be at the Triangle by 4.30 to lead everyone with the singing. If wet weather is expected, Brackla Community Association would provide a pop up gazebo for the event. The PA system had been purchased, which would be used for all future community events.

South Wales Police had been informed of the light switch on and extra PCSO's would be at the location. All shop owners had been informed.

The Clerk request that a large artificial tree and decorations may be purchased that would be in the main hall of the community centre for the Senior Citizens Christmas Tea on 3 December 2pm – 4pm. The cost of a 10ft tree would be almost £150. This tree would be securely stored at the community centre for annual festive events.

Resolved: that Cllr Aston proposed the purchase of a Christmas Tree, lights and decorations, seconded by Cllr Jones and unanimously agreed

Cllr Williams requested permission to provide a Santa's Grotto at the rear of the community centre, following the Festive Light Switch On. He had raised approximately £2,000 sponsorship from many local businesses to support the Grotto.

104 The Anti-Dog Fouling Campaign for Brackla

The campaign would commence in the New Year in conjunction with the potential purchase of extra litter bins.

105 Litter Bins

Discussions ensued regarding the many complaints of litter and dog fouling. It had been suggested that this council purchase 10 new bins to be located around the main dog walking areas, ie the football and rugby fields. The Clerk suggested that the council take up a waste disposal agreement for the purposed of refuse from the new bins and the community centre and engage a temporary contractor to empty those bins.

Resolved: that Cllr Hibble proposed the purchase of 10 bins and refuse collection, seconded by Cllr Jones and unanimously agreed

106 Seasonal Bedding

The Clerk confirmed that the seasonal bedding had been ordered for summer 2015. Three quotations would be requested for a contractor to install and maintain the flower baskets.

107 To Consider Donation Requests (Section 137 Local Government Act)

- A. Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod 2015
- B. Marie Curie Cancer Care
- C. Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School – looking for £500 toward the cost of secure fencing for their new pond and a significant contribution to purchase a seismometer £534.

Following due consideration of the above requests the following donations were approved:

Resolved: that the Eisteddfod request is noted, Marie Curie Cancer Care awarded £1034 and Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School awarded £1034.

Cllr C Jones proposed that Standing Orders were suspended. All members present agreed to the suspension in order that the council continued with business

108 Finance

- (a) Schedule of Payments October 2014
Resolved: that payments were unanimously approved and signed by two members of the council in accordance with Accounts & Audit Regulations
- (b) Mr Ley had provided members with a copy of the bank reconciliation for approval
Resolved: that payments were unanimously approved and signed by two members of the council in accordance with Accounts & Audit Regulations

No breakdown or discounted invoice had been received from Bridgend County Borough Council of the Election Costs

109 To Consider the Precept Requirement for 2015/16

Deferred. The Finance Committee would meet to discuss the Precept Requirement

110 To Receive the Clerk's Report - none

111 To Received Members Reports

Cllr Brett had attended the One Voice Wales Area Committee Meeting – speaker, Mr Martin Thomas, UK Prevent & Counter Terrorism – a very interesting presentation.

The Chair, Cllr Brett and Cllr Spanswick had attended the Remembrance Concert at the Sony Theatre, Bridgend College.

112 Agenda items for the December 2014 Full Council Meeting

Precept Requirement 2015/16

113 Date of the next Full Council Meeting

Thursday 18 December, 7.00 pm in the boardroom, Oak Tree Surgery.

114 To Consider Planning Issues - none

With business concluded the Chair closed the meeting at 9.15pm

Signature of the Chair :

Date: