

BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting Held in the Boardroom, Oak Tree Surgery Thursday 15 January 2015

Members Present

Cllr J Townsend – Chair

Cllr D Aston

Cllr J Brett

Cllr C Jones

Cllr M Quick

Cllr J Spanswick

Cllr G Williams

Clerk - Mrs A Wilkes

Assistant Clerk /Responsible Financial Officer - Mr P Ley

115 **Public/Police Address to Council**

Mr Mike Punter informed council that the Clerk had requested a temporary service of his company to litter pick and generally clean up certain areas in Brackla. This was following complaints by residents and the reduction of services by Bridgend County Borough Council. Mr Punter and his team collected forty five black bags of rubbish, a TV and lawn mower from the wooded area adjacent to The Spinney/Bishopswood. This took three men two days to clear.

The lane from The Hunter's Lodge to Heol Simonstone Way was cleared of litter, fly tipped garden waste and tree cuttings. Litter was also cleared from outside the community centre and car park.

PCSO Steve Bowen presented members with Brackla crime figures for November 2014: Theft x 4, Damage x 9, Drugs x 3, Burglary x 1 and Violence Against 15 (mostly domestic).

116 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr P Hacking – bereavement

Cllr T Hacking – bereavement

Cllr I Hibble - ill

Cllr D Sage - medical reasons

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

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

- 118 **Ratification of Minutes, Full Council Meeting 20 November 2014**
Resolved: that the minutes were proposed by Cllr J Spanswick, seconded by Cllr M Quick and accepted by council as a true record of proceedings.
The Chairman duly signed the minutes
- 119 **Ratification of Minutes, Finance Committee Meeting 17 December 2014**
Resolved: that the minutes were proposed by Cllr J Spanswick, seconded by Cllr D Aston and unanimously approved by all members present. Accepted by council as a true record of proceedings.
The Chairman duly signed the minutes
- 120 **Ratification of Minutes, Extraordinary (Precept) Meeting 7 January 2015**
Resolved: that the minutes were proposed by Cllr M Quick, seconded by Cllr J Spanswick and unanimously approved by all members present. Accepted by council as a true record of proceedings.
The Chairman duly signed the minutes
- 121 **To Receive a Report from the Chair** – no report
- 122 **Matters of Report by the Clerk of the Full Council Meeting**
Apologies from the Clerk. The December 2014 meeting was cancelled due to ill health.
- 123 **To Consider all Correspondence Received by this Council**
1. Rev Dr Manghan, Headteacher, Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School – letter of thanks for the award of £1034 to the school for the work of the eco-club.
Resolved: that this is duly noted
 2. Email from a resident of Foxhollows – concerns regarding road safety/speed limits and a neighbour’s fence had been demolished by a drink driving incident. Members queried whether South Wales Police had attended the scene of the scene of the accident. It was noted that this council had purchased 4 speed activated signs along Princess Way and Brackla Way and that they appear to be effective.
Resolved: that the Clerk would request Bridgend County Borough Council Highways Department and the PCSO’s to monitor the location over the next few months
 3. Mr Mark Sheppard, Corporate Director Communities, Bridgend CBC – information following December’s Budget Workshop.
Resolved: that this is noted
 4. Brackla Football Club (Senior’s) – donation request – deferred until 19 March
 5. Bridgend Community Transport – invitation to the launch of Wheels to Work, scooter loan project aimed at helping young people to secure and maintain employment who are experiencing barriers to accessing work based activities due to transport difficulties. Friday 23 January, Bethlehem Life Centre Cefn Cribbwr, 11.30. RSVP 14 January.
Resolved: that the Chair, Cllr Townsend may be able to attend following another engagement

6. Welsh Government – limit for 2015/16 expenditure under Section 137, which is £7.36.
Resolved: that this information is noted
7. Edenvale Garden Services – offering grass cutting and grounds maintenance contract work.
Resolved: that this information is kept on file
8. Mr Keith Power, Traffic Management Office, Bridgend CBC – report following resident’s complaint concerning the Cycle Route (black path) and the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. The location had been inspected and the recommendation would be to paint a ‘slow’ sign on the tarmac of the cycle path. Bridgend County Borough Council would not have a budget for this, therefore if this council would like the work carried out it would cost £300 - £400 plus VAT.
Resolved: that a staggered barrier would be the best course of action and members requested the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements for the installation
9. One Voice Wales – New Training Sessions, February 2015 – emailed to all 19 December.
10. Legal & Regulatory Services, Bridgend CBC – Town & Community Council Forum Agenda for Monday 12 January 2015.
11. Royal Welsh Comrades Association Bridgend Branch – donation request toward the cost of a new Royal Welsh Standard in order that they may parade at ex-service men and women’s funerals. Deferred until 19 March 2015
12. Mr Andrew Mason, Rights of Way Manager/Local Access Forum Secretary – Town and Community Council representative on the Bridgend Local Access Forum.
Resolved: that Cllr June Brett is nominated. The Clerk would inform the Rights of Way Manager
13. Groundwork Wales & Caerphilly – statement regarding Groundwork Bridgend & Neath Port Talbot placed into administration.
14. Red Squirrel Theatre Company Bridgend – Pantomime at Brackla Community Centre, Robin Hood, Saturday 31 January at 5.30.
15. Chairman, Mr Mark Casling, 2nd Bridgend Scout Group – letter of thanks for the fee of £300 in exchange of providing an events tent at the Funday 2014.
16. PCSO Steven Bowen, South Wales Police – Community Speed Watch, Thursday 22 January on Princess Way, entrance to Trem y Mor. Councillors are welcome to attend.
17. Mrs Jan Watson, Branch Secretary, Samaritans Bridgend – an invitation for a representative of this Council to attend the Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 25 March, 7pm at the Vale Cricket Club, Corntown.
Resolved: that the Chair, Cllr Townsend would attend

124 Brackla Community Centre Asset Transfer Update

The lease had not been received from Bridgend County Borough Council. This project had been ongoing for over two years and members were unable to understand the delay.

The Clerk was instructed to invite the Chief Executive Office, Mr Darren Mepham of Bridgend County Borough Council to the next Full Council Meeting on 19 February, or failing that, 19 March. Members would be able to have the opportunity to ask for an explanation for the delay in the asset transfer and the dispute over the Election charges.

103 Annual Events

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

The Senior's Christmas Tea on 3 December was a success, very well attended and appreciated by residents. The Santa's Grotto was also a great success, sponsorship organised by Cllr Williams raised £2,400.00 and £173.67 for Action for Children. Unfortunately the light switch on was less successful, due to a variety of reasons, particularly from the noise of traffic. It was suggested that the Christmas Events 2015 take place on different days, perhaps a Winter Fayre the first weekend in December. The Clerk would check availability of the Community Centre.

I was suggested by Cllr Quick that members should form an Events Working Party Group to alleviate the workload of staff.

Resolved: that the following Councillors would be members of the Events Working Party Group: M. Quick, D Aston, J Brett, T Hacking, H Townsend and G Williams

126 Litter Bins and Anti-Dog Fouling Campaign

Ten large litter bins had been ordered and would be delivered end of February/beginning of March. Cllr Williams would liaise with Mr Punter regarding location and installation of the bins.

A two weekly collection would be carried out by Mr Punter in the short term. A waste disposal bin store would be erected at the community centre car park and a disposal contract would be in place to coincide with the extra bin installations.

Anti-dog fouling campaign leaflets had been printed and would be delivered to all residents with a newsletter. Delivery date to be arranged.

127 Finance

(a) Schedule of Payments November & December 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

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- (c) Cllr Jones informed members about the Local Government Pay Consultation outcome. There would be a 2.2% rise in pay for scale II employees from 1 January 2015 plus a one off payment of £100 in line with the National Agreement.

Resolved: that Cllr Spanswick proposed that this Council's employees are awarded a pay rise of 2.2% and the one off payment of £100. Seconded by Cllr Townsend and agreed by all members present

127a To Consider a Project for the Town & Community Council Grant Fund

The Clerk presented the application form and criteria for the grant. The project must be in excess of £5,000 and Bridgend County Borough Council's maximum contribution would be limited to £20,000 for each bid. This council must meet 50% of the project cost. The application must be submitted before 28 February 2015. Following much deliberation members made the following decision:

Resolved: that the grant application would include fencing off Brackla Football Pitch and the installation of outdoor exercise stations alongside the black path. Approved by all members present.

The Clerk would obtain the quotation, complete the application form and present to council at the next meeting on 19 February for the Chair's signature.

128 To Receive the Clerk's Report

The van would be due for a service in February. The Clerk was asked to check the terms of the lease.

Cllr D Aston left the meeting at 8.30pm

129 To Received Members Reports

The Chair, Cllr Townsend informed members that as Diversity Champion for Bridgend County Borough Council she would be writing to all Town & Community Councils regarding Youth Members

Cllr Spanswick had met with Dr Nick Winstone-Cooper, Assistant Head of Science, Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School. Dr Winstone-Cooper is the Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship (ESDGC) Co-ordinator for the school and would like to be involved in appropriate future projects with this council in order that they may attain the Green Flag.

**130 Agenda items for the February 2015 Full Council Meeting
**Special Dispensation for Cllr D Sage to remain a member of this council
Town & Community Council Grant Fund Application****

131 Date of the next Full Council Meeting

Thursday 19 February 2015, 7.00 pm in the boardroom, Oak Tree Surgery.

132 To Consider Planning Issues - none

With business concluded the Chair closed the meeting at 9.10pm

Signature of the Chair :
Councillor H Townsend

Date:

APPENDIX 1 –19 February 2015

Matters of Report by the Clerk

- 123.8 The Clerk had requested permission from Bridgend County Borough Council for a staggered barrier to be installed on the black path to enable safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Waiting for the quotation

Correspondence

1. One Voice Wales – Agenda for the Area Meeting, Monday 26 January, Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Town Hall at 7pm. Received 21 January 2015
2. Mr Mark Shephard, Corporate Director Communities, Bridgend CBC – map of salting routes and winter preparation information.
3. Teenage Cancer Trust Wales – donation request to support the unit in the University Hospital of Wales Cardiff.
4. The Mayor’s Citizenship Award Nominations – received 23 January, forwarded to all members 26 January. Closing date 30 January.
5. Panther Securities plc – informing council that Watts & Morgan, Bridgend would be taking over the day to day management of the Triangle. Work in progress is lighting, car park surface and painting of car parking bays. The Clerk had also asked if the CCTV cameras and system would be repaired.
6. Marie Curie Cancer Care – letter of thanks for the donation of £1034.
7. Welsh Government – Inquiry into Consideration of Powers: Public Service Ombudsman for Wales – final date 20 March. Sent to all members 26 January 2015.
8. Mayoral Department – list of Civic Sunday Chart 2015/16.
9. Annette Parkes, Principal Development Officer, Bridgend CBC – Prevention and Wellbeing Agenda. Mapping services in local areas – what are the highest priorities for our residents?
10. Jason Jenkins, Highway Network Manager Bridgend CBC – temporary road closure for carriageway repairs. Hendre Road and Hendre Road Lane. Temporary suspension between 16 – 20 February. Emailed to all members 28 January.
11. One Voice Wales – forthcoming dates for the Larger Council Meetings at the Royal Welsh Showground: Wednesdays, 25 February, 15 April, 8 July (Conference) and 14 October.
12. Annette Parkes, Principal Development Officer, Bridgend CBC – Consultation-Social Services and Well Being Act Self Assessment Tool. Emails to all members 5 February.

13. Bridgend County Civic Charity Appeals Standing Committee – Annual Charity Fundraising Golf Tournament – Friday 24 April at Pyle & Kenfig Golf Club.
14. Planning Aid Wales – training session at Maesteg Town Council Offices on Monday 30 March at 6.30pm. The cost is £30 per head. Please inform the Clerk if you wish to attend.
15. One Voice Wales – Larger Local Councils Committee, Wednesday 25 February, 10am for 10.30am, room 1 in the Hafod a Hendre Building at the Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd. Agenda and minutes received 10 February
16. Commissioner, South Wales Police – SWP and Crime Plan Consultation 2015. Survey sent to all members 12 February.