



# **BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Full Council Meeting Held in the Boardroom, Oak Tree Surgery Thursday 19 February 2015**

### **Members Present**

**Cllr J Townsend – Chair**

Cllr D Aston

Cllr J Brett

Cllr P Hacking

Cllr T Hacking

Cllr C Jones

Cllr M Quick

Cllr J Spanswick

Clerk - Mrs A Wilkes

Mr Darren Mepham, Chief Executive Officer, Bridgend County Borough Council had been invited to attend this meeting to discuss the reasons for the delay in the Asset Transfer of Brackla Community Centre and the dispute with Bridgend County Borough Council of Election Charges September 2014.

Mr Mepham the main reason for the Asset Transfer delay was due to a reduction in staff of the Legal Department and that the Asset Transfer was not deemed to be an urgent issue for Bridgend County Borough Council. Mr Mepham stated that he would appoint a senior manager to liaise with the Clerk of this Council to provide information and assist in completing the transfer by April 2015.

Mr Mepham and members discussed the details and charges for the By-Election September 2014. Despite complaints to councillors from some residents, that they had not received polling cards, Mr Mepham was confident that they were delivered by a member of the Electoral Team. Councillors complained that there had been no consultation with Brackla Community Council regarding the withdrawal of the Brackla Meadows polling station. Mr Mepham confirmed that the complaints had been acknowledged by Bridgend County Borough Council and that if a portacabin is provided for future elections, this would increase the costs considerably. Cllr Spanswick suggested that Bro Ogwr School should be used for residents of Brackla Meadows and Mr Mepham stated that this would not be possible for the General Election in May this year, but may be used for subsequent elections. Mr Mepham provided a breakdown of the election costs.

133 **Public/Police Address to Council** – no public or police present

134 **Proposed Youth Response Team Initiative in Brackla**

Cathryn Hodges, Youth Response worker has been working in Bridgend Town Centre since November 2014.

Youth Response team are present on the streets each Saturday evening from 6-9pm meeting with young people who are gathered together on the fringes of the town centre late into the evening and are at risk of committing anti-social behaviour or regularly involved in substance or alcohol misuse.

The team is part-funded until March by the Bridgend Community Safety team and Police and Crime Commissioner. Cathryn wondered whether it was worth rolling this service out in Brackla. It would involve two or three Youth Response workers, twice a week between 6 – 9pm, finding out where the young people are and trying to find out what they would like to do. It was realised that the young people gather in Tremains Wood and at the Triangle Shopping Precinct. Cathryn would liaise with PC Sam Beaumont, the Anti-social Behaviour Officer and the PCSO's to look at the development of this service for Brackla.

*Cllr J Brett left the meeting 7.45pm*

135 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr I Hibble – family commitments

Cllr D Sage - medical reasons

Cllr G Williams – work commitments

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

Cllr C Jones – Borough Councillor, Bridgend CBC – planning

Cllr M Quick – Member of Brackla Community Association

Cllr J Spanswick - Borough Councillor, Bridgend CBC – development control/ planning

Cllr H Townsend – Borough Councillor, Bridgend CBC - planning

137 **Ratification of Minutes, Full Council Meeting 15 January 2015**

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

138 **Ratification of Minutes, Extraordinary Meeting 29 January 2015**

**Resolved: that the minutes were proposed by Cllr J Spanswick, seconded by Cllr T Hacking and unanimously approved by all members present. Accepted by council as a true record of proceedings. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.**

139 **To Receive a Report from the Chair** – no report

140 **Matters of Report by the Clerk of the Full Council Meeting**

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 the safety pedestrians and cyclists. The Clerk is waiting for the quotation from Bridgend CBC.

141 **To consider all Correspondence Received by this Council**

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.  
**Resolved: that members request Whitethorn Drive on the schedule in future due to the safety for the surgery and school.**
3. Teenage Cancer Trust Wales – donation request to support the unit in the University Hospital of Wales Cardiff.  
**Resolved: that this request is deferred until 19 March 2015**
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 Brackla residents?  
**Resolved: that Ms Parkes is invited to attend the next meeting on 19 March.**
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.
17. One Voice Wales – Draft Revised national Training Strategy 2015 – 2019. Emailed to all members 18 February 2015.

**142 Brackla Community Centre Asset Transfer Update**

This item was discussed with Mr D Mephram, CEO, Bridgend CBC at the beginning of this meeting.

Each member received a copy of the draft lease, which had arrived on the 18 February. The Clerk, Cllr D Aston and Cllr T Hacking would arrange to meet with Mr Simon Thomas, Solicitor, David Prosser & Co.

**143 Annual Events**

The first event of 2015 is the Funday, Saturday 4 July, 2 – 5pm in the grounds of Brackla Primary School or Brackla Community Centre if we have inclement weather. All entertainers, stalls, rides and food retailers have been booked since July 2014.

**144 To Consider Special Dispensation for Cllr D Sage to continue as a member of this Council**

**Resolved: that Cllr T Hacking moved, seconded by Cllr J Spanswick and unanimously approved that Cllr Sage has dispensation for a further six month.**

**145 Finance**

- (a) Schedule of Payments January 2015

**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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**146 To approve the application for the Town & Community Council Grant Fund**

Quotations for fencing the Brackla Football Pitch and outdoor exercise equipment were presented by the Clerk. Members made a decision on the the following two quotations: fencing the football pitch being £19,750 (M & C Civils Bridgend Ltd) and £6,984 (Play & Leisure Ltd) equipment: a sit up bench, leg push, pull down, dip bars, hip spin and slalom. The costs include installation and excluding VAT. The total grant application is £26,734, of which Brackla Community Council match fund 50% of the project if the application is successful.

**Resolved: that the Town & Community Council Grant Fund Application is approved, signed by the Chair and would be submitted by 28 February 2015**

**147 To Receive the Clerk's Report**

The Clerk confirmed that the leased van had been returned to Bridgend County Borough Council at Waterton for a service and would be stored at that site. There is a further two year on the lease but Bridgend County Borough Council Fleet Services would probably take on the remainder of the lease if required.

**148 To Received Members Reports**

It was mentioned that the Vehicle Activated Sign near Highfields was constantly on. The Clerk would report this matter to Highways, Bridgend County Borough Council.

Cllr D Aston had been making enquiries to provide an Art and Drawing Group/Class at Brackla Community Centre. Five people had expressed an interest and Adult Community Learning would be prepared to pay for a course.

**149 Agenda items for the March 2015 Full Council Meeting  
White Paper Consultation Response  
Annette Parkes, Health & Well Being**

**150 Date of the next Full Council Meeting**

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

**151 To Consider Planning Issues - none**

With business concluded the Chair closed the meeting at 9.00pm

Signature of the Chair : ..... Date: .....  
Councillor H Townsend

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **19 March 2015 Meeting**

#### **Matters of Report by the Clerk**

##### 123.8 – Staggered Barriers/Black Path

Bridgend County Borough Council Cycling Officer had reported concerns at the proposed installation of barriers at the location and suggested an alternative approach with signage.

#### **Correspondence**

1. Mr Gary Jones, Head of Democratic Services, Bridgend CBC – Democratic Diversity Draft Report and recommendations. (emailed to all members 4 March 2015)
2. Request by a resident of Nant-y-Ffynnon for two litter bins through the area which is used as a short cut from the shopping precinct.
3. Learner Support Services, Bridgend CBC – Community Council vacancy at Archdeacon John Lewis Church in Wales Primary School.
4. Mr Andrew Thomas, Group Manager Sport Physical Activity, Bridgend CBC – Summer Holiday Activities 2015.
5. Sutcliffe Play (South West) Ltd – Bark Parks, play/exercise areas for dogs – cost approximately £6,000, supply and installation.
6. Bridgend County Borough, Annual Mayor's Charity Gala – Saturday 9 May 7pm at Bridgend Life Centre Bowls Hall.
7. Mr Steven Bowen, PCSO, South Wales Police – Brackla Skate & Scooter Fun Day, Thursday 2 April from midday. Competition for under 12's and over 12's at the skate park in Brackla.

#### **Donation Requests (Section 137 LGA)**

1. Brackla Football Club
2. Royal Welsh Comrades Association Bridgend Branch
3. Bridgend U3A (University of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Age)
4. The Golden Oldies
5. Brackla Community Chorus
6. Age Cymru
7. Brackla Brewers Football Club

