



BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Members Present

Cllr J Townsend – Chair

Cllr J Brett

Cllr C Jones

Cllr M Quick

Cllr J Spanswick

Cllr G Williams

Clerk - Mrs A Wilkes

152 Public/Police Address to Council

PCSO Steven Bowen presented crime figures from 29 January to 22 February. anti-social behaviour x 11, drugs x 3, violence x 9 (8 of which were domestic), burglary/thefts x 5, criminal damage x 6.

Members expressed concern, once again on the domestic abuse reports.

Dog walkers off the 'black path' had reported drug dealing in the woodland area.

The next PACT Meeting would be on 31 March at the Deaf Club, Coychurch Road at 7.00pm.

Steve Bowen had organised an Easter Holiday event on Thursday 2 April at the skate park, off Brackla Way from 12.00 for under 12 year olds. South Wales Fire Service would also be in attendance with the aim of educating young people on the dangers of fire setting.

153 Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Aston – prior appointment

Cllr P Hacking – unable to attend

Cllr T Hacking – unable to attend

Cllr I Hibble – unable to attend
Cllr D Sage - medical reasons

**154 Presentation on Prevention & Wellbeing Agenda by Annette Parkes
Principal Development Officer, Bridgend County Borough Council**

Annette provided an overview of the new legislation, regulations and codes coming into force for summer 2015. Mrs Parkes had recently been appointed as the Principal Development Officer for Prevention and Wellbeing Strategy for Bridgend Council, which fit with new approaches for local services and the development of preventative services within communities, and which also fits with the new Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales).

**155 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

156 Ratification of Minutes, Full Council Meeting 19 February 2015

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.

157 Ratification of Minutes, Extraordinary Meeting 17 March 2015

Deferred until 16 April meeting

158 To Receive a Report from the Chair

The Chair confirmed that she would be attending Dunraven Young Singer of the Year at Maesteg Town Hall on 28 March.

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

123.8 The Cycling Officer and Sustrans, Bridgend CBC had provided appropriate measures for the 'black path' for cyclists and pedestrians:

- A bollard within the existing segregation line on approach to each bend perhaps with a shared use sign.
- Mirrors mounted to give cyclists forward visibility
- Cut back vegetation
- Warning signs on surface

The officer stated no to the barriers because it would be against the Active Travel Act.

146 The Clerk confirmed that an application for the Town & Community Council Grant Fund had been submitted before the due date.

8.15pm Cllr C Jones arrived at the meeting and Cllr G Williams gave his apologies and left the meeting

160 To consider all Correspondence Received by this Council

1. Mr Gary Jones, Head of Democratic Services, Bridgend CBC – Democratic Diversity Draft Report and recommendations. (emailed to all members 4 March 2015)

Members noted the report and recommendations and the following action was taken:

Resolved: that it was agreed that Cllr C Jones was nominated as a Member Champion for Diversity: Miss Kirstie Jones (a Brynteg pupil) nominated as a Youth Member: Further nominations would be requested from Pencoed Comprehensive School and Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School.

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.
Resolved: that the Clerk would find a suitable location
3. Learner Support Services, Bridgend CBC – Community Council vacancy at Archdeacon John Lewis Church in Wales Primary School. It was suggested that Cllr I Hibble may be interested in the position. The Clerk would contact Cllr Hibble.
4. Mr Andrew Thomas, Group Manager Sport Physical Activity, Bridgend CBC – Summer Holiday Activities 2015. The Play Scheme had been fully sponsored annually by this council at a cost of £2,000.
Resolved: that members would support the scheme in principle on confirmation of the cost
5. Sutcliffe Play (South West) Ltd – Bark Parks, play/exercise areas for dogs – cost approximately £6,000, supply and installation.
Resolved: that this information is noted
6. Bridgend County Borough, Annual Mayor's Charity Gala – Saturday 9 May 7pm at Bridgend Life Centre Bowls Hall.
Resolved: that a table for 10 is booked
7. Bridgend CBC, mayoral Engagements commencing 23 March.

161 Brackla Community Centre Asset Transfer Update

Mr Simon Thomas, David Prosser Solicitors Bridgend had provided a list of queries on the draft lease, some of which had been highlighted by Cllr D Aston and Cllr T Hacking when they met the Solicitor. A response for the solicitor was formulated by members, which would be forwarded as a matter of urgency. It was anticipated that the lease may not be ready for signing for approximately two months.

Brackla Community Association: the Clerk informed members that the current management group of the centre, Brackla Community Association had agreed to dissolve. Members were concerned that this should not happen until this council had signed the new lease. The Clerk would liaise with BCA Committee.

Hire Fees: the Clerk provided members with the current hire fees together with an explanation on the reason why some long term community groups were paying a lower rate. The Clerk had sent letters to all hire groups to inform them of the change in management and that hire fees would be reviewed in the near future.

The Clerk had obtained quotations from contractors for:

1. New vertical blinds – the blinds being in a poor state require replacement throughout the centre. A quotation from Solar Sunshades Limited was £1883.90 and Express Blinds at £1562.50, both excluding VAT.
2. Contract cleaner – improvements in cleaning need to be addressed. A quotation was requested for information only, particularly as the floor in the main hall is in need of specialist cleaning. A & R Contract Cleaning Services: three options were provided, the middle range being – 3 cleans per week 2.5 hours per visit £86.25 plus VAT.

162 Annual Events – no further updates on the Funday

163 Response to the Government White Paper Consultation – deferred to 16 April Meeting.

9.00 pm *Cllr C Jones proposed that Standing Orders would be suspended to continue with the business of the council. Agreed by all members present*

163a Donation Request Applications, Section 137 of the Local Government Act 2000

Resolved: that requests from the following organisations were awarded:

1. Brackla Football Club - £500
2. Royal Welsh Comrades Association Bridgend Branch - £250
3. Bridgend U3A (University of the 3rd Age) - noted
4. The Golden Oldies - £500
5. Brackla Community Chorus – £500
6. Brackla Brewers Football Club - £500
7. Archdeacon John Lewis Church in Wales School - £500

164 Finance

(a) Schedule of Payments February 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

Resolved: that payments were unanimously approved and signed by two members of the council in accordance with Accounts & Audit Regulations

165 To Receive the Clerk's Report - none

166 To Received Members Reports

Cllr C Jones asked the Clerk why Brynteg Comprehensive School banner was removed from the roundabout on the Triangle. The Clerk informed members that the school had not asked permission of this council.

**167 Agenda items for the April 2015 Full Council Meeting
White Paper Consultation Response**

168 Date of the next Full Council Meeting

Thursday 16 April 2015, 7.00 pm in the boardroom, Oak Tree Surgery.

169 To Consider Planning Issues - none

With business concluded the Chair closed the meeting at 9.20 pm

Signature of the Chair : Date:
Councillor H Townsend

