



BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting Held in the Boardroom, Oak Tree Surgery Thursday 17 December 2015 at 7.00 pm

Members Present

Cllr D Aston – Chairman

Cllr P Hacking

Cllr T Hacking

Cllr M Quick

Cllr J Spanswick

Cllr H Townsend

Clerk - Mrs A Wilkes

Assistant Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer – Mr P Ley

Community Centre Caretaker – Mrs D Drinkwater

The Chairman, Cllr David Aston welcomed Mrs Debbie Drinkwater, the new Caretaker for the Community Centre.

278 Presentation by Mr Oliver Davis, The Circuit Symphony a Proposal for the Firework Show 4 November 2016

Mr Davis presented a visual demonstration of a slightly different type of show including the possibility of lighting up the trees either side of the football pitch. Mr Davis also played samples of nostalgic music he had written that would suit a choir.

Members appreciated Mr Davis's presentation and the Chairman thanked him for taking the time to showcase his work. The cost off the Firework Show 2016 would be on par with 2015, which was £8,500 (including the cost of fireworks from Crackerjack Ltd.

279 Community Police Report – no Community Police Officer present

280 Public Address to Council – no public address

281 Apologies for Absence

Cllr I Hibble – conflicting appointment

Cllr C Jones – unable to attend

Cllr K Jones – unable to attend

Cllr D Sage – medical reasons

Cllr G Williams – on holiday

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

Cllr J Spanswick – Borough Councillor, Bridgend CBC – prejudicial interest on Planning Applications and related issues.

Cllr H Townsend – Borough Councillor, Bridgend CBC – Cabinet Member - prejudicial interest on Planning Applications and related issues.

283 Ratification of Minutes, Full Council Meeting 17 December 2015

Resolved: that the minutes were proposed by Cllr H Townsend seconded by Cllr M Quick and accepted by council as a true record of proceedings. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

284 Ratification of Minutes, Finance Committee Meeting 8 December 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.

285 Matters of Report by the Clerk of the Council

268.2 Information on funding for community green spaces. Grants for up to £12,000, deadline for applications 30 November

Resolved: that an application is made to purchase new mini goal post for Church Acre together with a litter bin

Following an initial on-line application – these grants were only for projects of £8,000 and above.

286 To consider all Correspondence received by this Council since the last meeting

1. Sustainable Wales – invitation to the Wales 2015 Ethical Feast, Porthcawl. Tuesday 15 December 7.15pm. emailed to all 28.11.15
2. Wales Air Ambulance – donation request. – deferred until March 2016.
3. Shelter Cymru – acknowledgement for the recent donation of £250.

4. Bridgend County Borough Council, Gary Jones, Head of Democratic Services – a reminder to apply for a grant of £500 towards the cost of the website.
Resolved: that the Clerk would reclaim this cost against the new website costs.
5. Email from resident with compliments and thanks for this year's Christmas lights.
6. Planning Aid Wales – workshop at Maesteg Town Council Offices, Monday 25 January. £30 per head. Emailed to members 7.12.15
7. One Voice Wales – Buckingham Palace Garden Parties 2016 – nominations to the current/outgoing Chairman.
Resolved: that the Cllr June Brett would be nominated
8. Boverton Nurseries – opportunity to purchase second hand self-watering baskets.
Resolved: that members wished to purchase 20 baskets
9. Bridgend County Borough Council – Summer Play Scheme Report and letter of acknowledgement for the support of this council. This council had paid for the Brackla Scheme in full, although advertising did not reflect this.
10. Bridgend County Borough Council, Head of Finance & ICT – letter confirming the provisional equivalent tax base for our community area had been calculated as £4151.34, approved by the local authority on 25 November 2015. Letter received on 11 December 2015.
11. Bridgend County Borough Council – press release on the Waste Public Consultation on proposed changes to refuse collections in the future. End date 8 February 2016.
12. Bridgend County Borough Council, Head of Democratic Services – reminder: Town & Community Council Charter – responses requested by 15 January 2016. The Clerk apologised that this matter had not been on the Agenda for this meeting.
13. Email from a Coychurch resident regarding the BCBC Waste Public Consultation received 17 December. A copy had been forwarded to all members for information.

287 Brackla Community Centre

- (a) To consider quotations for painting and decorating – three quotations had been received.
Resolved that members unanimously awarded the contract to Mr P Maund, Mansion House Decorating, Bridgend subject to two

satisfactory references. The quotation was £5,400.00 and funds would be deducted from Ear Marked Reserves.

- (b) Update on the community centre – the Clerk confirmed that following benchmarking with other community centres, the current hire fees were two tier: commercial hire and community not for profit hire. Cllr H Townsend requested a review of the hire rates. The Clerk would provide members with the up to date fees at the January meeting.

288 Annual Events

Senior Citizen’s Christmas Tea Party Wednesday 9 December 2015

The Chairman, Cllr David Aston stated that the party was another great success with over 70 residents attending. The Chairman thanked the staff for organising and attending the event and encouraged more councillors to attend the annual events.

Festive Lighting - this council had received many comments of appreciation from residents. The branch lined display on the Triangle roundabout was particularly spectacular as well as the other trees and motifs throughout Brackla. Cllr Townsend informed members that there had been very positive feedback on social media about the lights this year.

289 Finance

- (a) Schedule of Payments November 2015
Resolved: that payments were unanimously approved and signed proposed by Cllr J Spanswick and seconded by Cllr H Townsend in compliance with audit regulations
- (b) Mr Ley had provided members with a copy of the bank reconciliation as at 31 October 2015 for approval
Resolved: that payments were unanimously approved and signed in compliance with audit regulations
- (c) To consider the Precept for 2016/2017 – Bridgend CBC to be advised of the requirement no later than 18 January 2016
Following the Finance Committee Meeting of 8 December and recommendations to Full Council:
Resolved: Cllr J Spanswick proposed the precept requirement to be £140,000, seconded by Cllr M Quick and unanimously approved by all present.

Cllr J Spanswick suggested that the Clerk contact Mr Mark Shephard and Borough Councillor Howell Williams regarding details of the local authority contract for grass cutting in Brackla. This would enable Brackla Community Council to identify the locations covered by the borough in order that we may plan to possibly provide this service ourselves.

290 To Receive the Clerk's Report- no report

291 To Receive Reports from Members

Cllr M Quick informed members of a road accident near Tremains School and that the PCSO's were monitoring the parking situation along Channel View.

Cllr J Spanswick enquired about replacement of mini goal posts (1 set) and an extra litter bin on the green open space off Church Acre.

292 Agenda items for January 2016 Full Council Meeting

The Fun Day 2 July 2016
Litter

293 Date of the next Full Council Meeting – Thursday 21 January 2016 at 7pm in the Boardroom of Oak Tree Surgery.

294 To consider Brackla Planning Applications by the Planning Committee Members of this Council – NONE

The Chairman, Cllr David Aston thanked members for attending the meeting wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

The meeting closed at 8.46PM

Signature of the Chairman: Date:
Councillor David Aston

Matters of Report by the Clerk of the previous Full Council Meeting - none

Correspondence Received from 17 December 2015

1. Bridgend CBC – poster for the public consultation on household waste & recycling review.
2. Bridgend CBC – agenda for Town & Community Council Forum Monday 11 January and minutes of the meeting 21 September 2015.
3. Resident of Hazeldene Avenue – copy of a letter sent to Bridgend CBC regarding litter left in the street following the recycling collection 6 January 2016.
4. Resident of Ashbrook – email regarding parking obstruction through Cae Fynnon on the weekend of 2/3 January 2016. Reported by resident on 101.
5. Bridgend CBC, Senior Housing Strategy Officer, Housing & Community Regeneration, Communities Directorate – Local Housing Strategy Consultation, 12 weeks, ends 23 March 2016. Emailed to all members 4.1.16
6. Bridgend Communities First – their first January Newsletter 2016. Emailed to all members 5.1.16
7. Llanharan Community Councillor Jeff Williams – promoting the Sunday service currently provided by N.A.T. Group from Bridgend Bus Station via Brackla to the Royal Glamorgan Hospital. This service is underused and Cllr Williams requests the assistance of this council to promote it.
8. Bridgend Carers Centre January Newsletter.
9. National Assembly for Wales, Assembly Member for Bridgend, Rt. Hon Carwyn Jones – informed that there would be no advice surgery rota until the outcome of the election. All appointments would be held at the Bridgend Constituency Office.
10. One Voice Wales – guide for The Queen’s 90th Birthday Beacons on 21 April 2016. Emailed to all 19.1.16.
11. Bridgend CBC – copy of the agenda for information only, Council (BCBC) Wednesday 20 January 2016. Emailed to all 14.1.16.
12. Cats Protection, Bridgend Adoption Centre – information on sponsored Firewalk 19 March 2016. bridgend@cats.org.uk
13. Welsh Government, Local Government Finance Policy Division – the Section 137 Expenditure Limited for 2016 – 17 is £7.42 per elector.

Planning Issues - none