



BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting Held in the Boardroom, Oak Tree Surgery Thursday 19 November 2015 at 7.00 pm

Members Present

Cllr J Brett – Chairman

Cllr D Aston

Cllr C Jones

Cllr M Quick

Cllr J Spanswick

Cllr H Townsend

Clerk - Mrs A Wilkes

Assistant Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer – Mr P Ley

PCSO – Steven Bowen, South Wales Police

261 Community Police Report

Mr R Jones, resident reported issues of dangerous driving at the filter lane, near the roundabout on Heol Simonstone. Mr Jones had witnessed on many occasions, drivers overtaking and cutting up others turning into Brackla. This usually happens between 4.30 and 6.30pm and at other times of the day. There is no 30mph sign at the location. Mr Jones stated that approximately 18 months ago one vehicle went across the first roundabout on Brackla Way and crashed into his neighbour's garden fence. Mr Jones was extremely worried about this situation and recommended that measures are put in place to prevent this happening.

PCSO Steven Bowen would take this matter up with Highways Department, Bridgend CBC. Borough Councillor, Hailey Townsend would refer this to the County Borough for inspection.

PCSO Steven Bowen had provided the crime figures published from the previous three PACT Meetings at Brackla and explained the recent issues to members.

Cllr Townsend mentioned drug dens and barbed wire traps. PCSO Bowen had investigated and visited the location but a resident had removed the wire spanning the pathways before he arrived. PCSO Bowen said that he had found a den in August, three or four people were selling cannabis at the site.

South Wales Police would continue to monitor the woodland areas of Brackla for this kind of activity. No further intelligence reports had been received but it seemed that the same people were had been observed visiting the woodland areas.

262 Public Address to Council

Mr K Jones of TCRM had emailed councillors on 16 August 2015 to make a complaint regarding this council's decision to request quotations from other providers for a new website. Mr Jones had provided this service since 2008 and was extremely surprised at the council seeking an alternative supplier. Mr Jones referred to a recent conversation with the Clerk on 11 November when he had tried to determine the reasons for the change and also read positive comments made by the Clerk in her emails.

Mr Jones stated that he was appalled with the situation and that he could no longer work with the Clerk.

The Chairman thanked Mr Jones for attending the meeting and directed that this matter would be discussed by members at a later stage in the meeting.

263 Apologies for Absence

Cllr P Hacking –family commitments
Cllr T Hacking – family commitments
Cllr I Hibble – work commitments
Cllr K Jones – unable to attend
Cllr M Quick – away on business
Cllr D Sage – medical reasons

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

Cll C Jones – Borough Councillor, Bridgend CBC – prejudicial interest on Planning Applications and related issues.

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.

265 Ratification of Minutes, Full Council Meeting 16 July 2015

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

266 Ratification of Minutes, Full Council Meeting 15 October 2015

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

266a Ratification of Minutes, Human Resource Committee Meeting 6.15, 19 November 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.

267 Matters of Report by the Clerk of the Council

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

1. Cenen Renewables, Park Stormy, Pyle – Autumn Newsletter
2. Bridgend County Borough Council, Leanne Rowlands/Active Bridgend Officer – information on funding for community green spaces. Grants for up to £12,000, deadline for applications 30 November (received by email 21.10.15)
Resolved: that an application is made to purchase new mini goal post for Church Acre together with a litter bin
3. Bridgend County Borough Council, Mayor/Members – Bridgend County Borough Council Tourism Department are looking to recruit 30 ambassadors in the next couple of months both from the tourism industry and those not currently involved in the industry but passionate about their square mile. The Department would be offering free workshops and excursion days between October 2015 and February 2016, sharing knowledge and understanding history, folklore, geology and wildlife. Contact: Tracey James Lieberman, tracyjlevents@gmail.com or tel: 07773 804470.
4. One Voice Wales – November training sessions. (emailed to all 23.10.15)
5. Bridgend County Borough Council, Mark Galvin – copy of Council Meeting Wednesday 28 October 2015, 3pm at the Civic Offices – (emailed to all 23.10.15 for information only)
6. Bridgend County Borough Council, Mark Shephard, Corporate Director – Communities – further Community Asset Transfer information regarding the process and an explanation for Community Groups/Sports Clubs on Town & Community Council Precepts.
7. Bridgend County Borough Council, Lee Jones, Head of Regulatory, Partnerships & Transformation – Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, which was given Royal Assent on 29 April 2015 and associated consultation. (emailed to all members 28.10.15)

8. Bridgend County Borough Council, Cllr Hailey Townsend, Cabinet Member/Children's Social Services & Equalities – copy of an urgent referral regarding barbed wire traps in Brackla, reported by a resident.
9. Bridgend County Borough Council, Lee Jones, Head of Regulatory, Partnership & Transformation – Town & Community Council Charter update (emailed to all members 28.10.15)
10. One Voice Wales – notification of Code of Conduct Training at Bridgend YMCA, 10 November (emailed to all members 30.10.15)
11. One Voice Wales – Welsh Government update for Community and Town Councils October 2015. (emailed to all 30.10.15)
12. Bridgend County Borough Council, Mayor/Members – Mayor's engagements and citizenship awards. (emailed to all 5.11.15)
13. Groundwork Wales, Blackwood – in partnership with Bridgend CBC and Reach to deliver an energy saving project in Bridgend called Green Doctors. They are able to provide advice on energy and carbon reduction to help reduce energy consumption/savings on community venues.
Resolved: that a free survey on the community centre is requested
14. Action for Children – letter of thanks for the Section 137 donation of £756.74.
15. Bridgend County Borough Council/Communities First Bridgend - list of season events in the Borough. (emailed to all members 10.11.15)
16. Bridgend County Borough Council, Legal & Regulatory Services – Notice of Intention to make an Order to vary the parking charges payable in respect of disabled persons' vehicles. Any objections/representation must be with Bridgend County Borough Council by 7 December.
17. Chairman 2nd Bridgend (Brackla) Scouts Group – acknowledgement of the donation in exchange for services in providing a tent for the annual Funday.
18. Inspector 184 Richard Weber, Bridgend & Porthcawl South Wales Police – the Clerk had written to thank SWP for their support of the Firework Show on 4 November. Inspector Weber appreciated and acknowledged.

269 Brackla Community Centre Asset Transfer Update

The Mayor of Bridgend County Borough Council had signed and sealed the asset transfer on 18 November 2015. Mr Philip Ley had rearranged service provider contracts for gas and electricity with E.On Energy. The current and new Caretaker and Cleaner contracts would end on 31 March 2016 – a review of those contracts would take place in January/February.

The quotations for new blinds from three companies were considered. Solar Sunshades Limited were awarded the contract for new black out roller blinds in the main hall and new vertical blinds for the meeting room and office, totalling £1299.99 plus VAT.

Resolved: that Cllr H Townsend proposed, seconded by Cllr J Spanswick that the cost of £1299.99 for the new blinds was accepted and an order placed. The funds to be deducted from Ear Marked Reserves budget

270 Annual Events

(a) **Feedback on the Firework Show Wednesday 4 November 2015**

The event had been very well attended – possibly more than the 3000 of the previous year. No complaints had been received by the Clerk, or Councillors. There had been one minor first aid injury of a sprained ankle, attended by Llynfi Valley Voluntary Aid team and referred to A & E. The gate leading from the school to Nantfynnon was locked, although a request had been made to have access. Brackla RFC volunteers, the police and PCSO's had done a terrific job with the traffic management again this year.

We were low on stewards this year and Cllr Townsend suggested asking the Sixth Formers of Archbishop McGrath School if they would be able to help next year in exchange of a donation.

Some people had brought along sparklers and dogs. Insurance providers of this council do not cover the use of sparklers and dogs are prohibited within the school grounds. This would be addressed again at the next show.

Members requested the 4 November 2016 is booked with Crackerjack Fireworks, Archbishop McGrath School and inform the Sports Facility.

The Circuit Symphony had requested to provide a presentation with some ideas for next year's display and members agreed.

(c) **Senior Citizen's Christmas Tea Party Wednesday 9 December 2015**

The entertainment for the event would be, Mr Daniel Brace/Pianist, Miss Irene Blower/Singer and Picasso Griffiths/Caricaturist. The buffet would be organised by Mrs Alison May, Mrs Cerys Richards and Miss Hannah May with additional assistance by Ms Lorna Malley. The Clerk asked for as many councillor volunteers as possible to help put tables and chairs out for the event.

Cllr Townsend suggested inviting one of the local school choirs next year.

Festive Lighting - the lights would be switched on, 1 December by Centre Great.

271 Tenders for Grounds Maintenance and Floral Display Contractors

The Clerk requested that this matter is deferred - agreed by all members present.

272 To consider the complaint from Mr L Roberts regarding his attendance at the July Meeting

The matter was fully discussed by members.

Resolved: that a letter is sent to Mr Roberts acknowledging his complaint

Resolved: that this council purchase and install one set of mini goal posts plus one bin for the green open space off Church Acre, funded from the Chairman's Project budget, up to £2,000.

Members unanimously agreed

Cllr J Spanswick moved to suspend Standing Orders at 8.55pm to continue with the business of the Council. Agreed by all members

272a To Consider Section 137 Donation Requests

Requests had been received from the following organisations:

- (a) Brackla Under 5's Club – contribution to their Christmas Party on 11 December.
- (b) Shelter Cymru – families across Wales at risk of losing their homes or living in bad housing.
- (c) Tremains Primary School – contribution to extend the perimeter fencing of the school. No costing information received.

Resolved: that members awarded £250 each to Brackla Under 5's Club and Shelter Cymru. The funds to be deducted from the Section 137 Donation budget

273 Finance

- (a) Schedule of Payments October 2015
Resolved: that payments were unanimously approved, proposed by Cllr C Jones and seconded by Cllr D Aston. 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 as at 31 October 2015 for approval
Resolved: that payments were unanimously approved and signed by two members of the council in accordance with Accounts & Audit Regulations
- (c) The Finance Committee Meeting had been arranged for Thursday 3 December at 6pm. Unfortunately many members were unable to attend and the date would be re-scheduled to 8th December

273a To Receive the Clerk's Report

The Clerk had provided a copy of the email from Mr K Jones. Cllr C Jones commented that there would be no need to discuss matters further as Mr Jones had ended the contract himself when he stated that he would not be able to work with the Clerk.

The Clerk is waiting for a revised quotation from MC Civils for fencing off the football pitch and Procter Fencing Systems had supplied a quotation for the higher fencing.

The Clerk requested that a site meeting for installation locations for the outdoor exercise equipment must be arranged as the company were waiting to deliver the six stations.

274 To Receive Reports from Members - none

275 Agenda items for December 2015 Full Council Meeting

To consider the Precept Requirement for 2016/17

276 Date of the next Full Council Meeting – Thursday 17 December 2015 at 7pm in the Boardroom of Oak Tree Surgery.

277 To consider Brackla Planning Applications by the Planning Committee Members of this Council

Planning Application

P/15/740/FUL

Change of use from class A1 retail to use as a children's day nursery

Unit rear of the Triangle

Resolved: that there were no observation

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signature of the Chairman: Date:
 Councillor June Brett

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

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 are only for projects of £8,000 and above.

Correspondence Received from 19 November 2015

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.
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.
5. Email from resident – 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.
8. Boverton Nurseries – opportunity to purchase second hand self watering baskets.
9. Bridgend County Borough Council – Summer Play Scheme Report and letter of acknowledgement for the support of this council.

Planning Issues