



BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting Held in the Boardroom, Oak Tree Surgery Thursday 16 April 2015

Members Present

Cllr J Brett – Chairman

Cllr I Hibble

Cllr C Jones

Cllr K Jones (Youth Member)

Cllr M Quick

Cllr J Spanswick

Cllr G Williams

Clerk - Mrs A Wilkes

Assistant Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer – Mr P Ley

Anne Davies, Bridgend County Borough Council guest speaker: members received information on the following services hospital services, Choose Well. Also, Fall Prevention kit, Helping Hands repairs and Crossroads cleaning/shopping services for senior citizens.

170 Public/Police Address to Council

Mrs Jones, Briary Way addressed council with the issues of fly tipping near the culvert leading from Briary Way to Coychurch Road and requested signage installed. Mrs Jones had been liaising with the Clerk on this matter for many months. Bridgend County Borough Council had recently informed the Clerk that they would not be able to install warning signs about fly tipping due to austerity measures and that signage would not prevent the fly tipping, as proven in various locations throughout the Borough.

Mrs Jones also made a complaint about road sweeping being carried out only twice a year by the Borough Council and that grass blowing had not been done following the grass cutting, which she feels contributes toward blocking the drains. Mrs Jones also reported that the street sign at the bottom of Whitethorn Drive had been damaged in December 2014, brought to the community council office and collected by an officer of Bridgend CBC in January, had still not been re-installed.

Cllr C Jones would make a referral to Bridgend County Borough Council regarding the fly tipping signs and the street sign replacement.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Jones for reporting these issues.

171 Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Aston
Cllr P Hacking
Cllr T Hacking
Cllr H Townsend – family commitments
Cllr D Sage - medical reasons

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

Cllr J Brett – item 176.2 Correspondence, Brackla Primary School

Cllr I Hibble – Officer of Bridgend CBC and seconded to the Civil Service

Cllr C Jones – Borough Councillor, Bridgend CBC – items 176.2 correspondence from Brackla Primary School and 185 planning

Cllr M Quick – Member of Brackla Community Association & Planning 185(a)

Cllr J Spanswick - Borough Councillor, Bridgend CBC – items 176.2 correspondence from Brackla Primary School and 185 a member of Development Control/Planning

Cllr G Williams – Planning Application 185(a)

173 Ratification of Minutes, Full Council Meeting 19 March 2015

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

174 Ratification of Minutes, Extraordinary Meeting 17 March 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.

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

- (a) 123.8 Staggered barriers on the black path – the Clerk read the response from Mr Keith Power, Bridgend CBC regarding alternative suggestions by the Cycling Officer and Sustrans Cllr C Jones would make a referral to Bridgend County Borough Council.
- (b) The nomination of a Community Representative, School Governor for Archdeacon John Lewis Church in Wales School. Cllr I Hibble stated that he would be unable to be nominated as he already served on Tremains Primary and Llangewydd Schools.

176 To consider all Correspondence received by this Council

- 1. A resident of Clos Tan y Fron had complained about fly tipping at the rear of their properties. The Clerk had made arrangements for the rubbish to be removed.
- 2. Bridgend CBC, Transport Policy & Development Team – copy letter from Brackla Primary School regarding Safer Routes in Communities Funding. The school had written to Bridgend CBC to request that they utilise the Safer Routes in Communities Funding to improve the current network for Brackla community. The main routes to the south of the school are in very poor and unsafe condition, not suitable for pedestrians and cyclists. An audit concluded that none of the existing routes achieved the key requirements of a usable cycle network to the school.
Resolved: that members supported this request
- 3. Bridgend CBC, Town & Community Council Forum – the next meeting would be Monday 29 June at 4.00 pm in the Council Offices. Items to be considered for the agenda must be received in full detail by the end of May.

Cllr Spanswick suggested that this council may want to consider contributing to Bridgend CBC's litter picking and grass cutting or taking on these services in total.
- 4. Bridgend CBC, Town & Community Council Forum – the agenda for 29 June together with the minutes of the 30 March meeting were received 25 March 2015.
- 5. Pencoed Town Council – invitation for the Chairman to attend a Mayoral Civic Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday 10 May at Salem Chapel, Pencoed.
Resolved: that Cllr H Townsend and consort would attend
- 6. The Mayor of Maesteg's Fund, Charity Ball – invitation for the Chairman to attend Saturday 2 May at 7pm.
Resolved: that Cllr H Townsend and consort would attend

7. Scouts St George Day Service – invitation for the Chairman to attend the Parade on April 26 2015.
Resolved: that Cllr J Brett, Vice Chairman would attend
8. One Voice Wales – copy of their Response to the White Paper (Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People). This document was emailed to all members on 2 April 2015 by the Clerk.
Resolved: that members were in agreement with the response
9. One Voice Wales – Agenda for the next meeting of the Bridgend/Vale/Cardiff Area Committee, Monday 20 April at 7pm at the Lesser Hall, Town Hall, Cowbridge.
Resolved: that Cllr Brett would be attending
10. One Voice Wales – acknowledgement and appreciation in receipt of the £1352 membership fee.

177 Brackla Community Centre Asset Transfer Update

Brackla Community Association had confirmed with the Clerk that they would not dissolve until this Council had signed the lease for the centre.

Mr Simon Thomas, Solicitor, David Prosser had requested confirmation of the amendments to the lease. Members approved the amendments and the Clerk would confirm the amendments with the Solicitor on Friday 17 April.

178 Annual Events – the Clerk confirmed all dates:

Funday – Saturday 4 July 2 – 5pm
 Brackla in Bloom Presentations – Saturday 5 September 1.30 – 3.30pm
 Firework Display & Show – Wednesday 4 November at 6.30pm
 Winter Festive Events – to be confirmed
 Senior Citizen’s Christmas Tea & Entertainment – Wed 9 Dec 1.30 – 3.30pm

179 Response to the Government White Paper Consultation

All members had read the response from Once Voice Wales. The Clerk had attended a Society of Local Council Clerk’s workshop at Pencoed. The SLCC had also made their response to the White Paper.

Resolved: that Cllr J Spanswick proposed that the Clerk respond on behalf of this council to Welsh Government. Members unanimously agreed .

180 Finance

- (a) Schedule of Payments March 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

Mr Ley stated that it had been a very busy month with the RBS Accounting System audit, Wales Audit, HMRC RealTime and RCT Pensions end of year work.

181 To Receive the Clerk's Report

The Brackla Spring/Summer 2015 Newsletter and Dog Ownership Leaflet is scheduled for 27 April.

182 To Received Members Reports

Cllr J Spanswick made a positive comment on the grass cutting currently being carried out by the temporary contractor on behalf of this council and also noted the wider area of grass cutting.

Cllr C Jones stated that there had been an increase in fly tipping in the Nantffynnon area and he had received reports of rats from residents. Cllr Jones confirmed that he would deal with these reports through the Borough Council.

Cllr G Williams the new litter bins would be installed soon at the following locations: top field behind the Spar, Sedd Goch, Ger y Coed, Whitethorn Drive and along the black path/rugby field.

183 Agenda items for the May 2015 Full Council Meeting

To nominate a Community Council Representative on the Board of Governors at Archdeacon John Lewis Church in Wales Primary School

184 Date of the Statutory Annual General Meeting, followed by the Full Council Meeting

Thursday 21 May 2015, 7.00 pm in the boardroom, Oak Tree Surgery.

184a *Members moved into closed confidential session to receive an update on the current Human Resource business of the Council.*

185 To Consider Brackla Planning Applications by the Planning Committee Members of this Council

All Councillors who had made a declaration of interest left the boardroom, along with Mr P Ley, Assistant Clerk also left the room. (8.50pm)

The Planning Committee did not have a quorum, the legal requirement of four members and therefore were unable to make any decisions on the following planning applications for March/April 2015:

The Chairman, Cllr J Brett, Cllr I Hibble were the only members remaining together with the Clerk, Mrs A Wilkes.

- (a) **P/15/183/FUL** – change of use to a residential care home
The White House, Briary Way
- (b) **P/15/226/FUL** – two storey rear extension
18 Priory Oak
- (c) **P/15/227/FUL** – two storey side extension to provide additional living and bedroom accommodation and associated internal alterations
90 The Spinney

All applications had been circulated to members of the Planning Committee between 31 March and 9 April 2015. No observations were received by the Clerk.

With business concluded the Chair closed the meeting at 9.00 pm

Signature of the Chairman : Date:
Councillor June Brett

APPENDIX 1 – 21 May 2015

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

- 170 Cllr C Jones had made a referral to Bridgend County Borough Council regarding the complaints made by a resident of Briary Way. Cllr Jones reported that Bridgend County Borough Council would not install fly tipping signage but the Authority are making further enquiries to possibly work in partnership with this council.

The Clerk had written to the Street Naming & Numbering Officer of Bridgend CBC again on 17 April requesting a date for the reinstallation of the Whitethorn Drive sign. A new sign is being manufactured and would be installed by mid to mid to late June.

- 176.3 Town & Community Council Forum Meeting 29 June/item to be considered for the agenda: following the suggestion of Cllr J Spanswick to consider contributing to Bridgend CBC's litter picking and grass cutting or taking on these services in total. This item requires costing and consideration.

Correspondence Received from 17 April 2014

1. South Wales Police Federation – information on 'Cuts Have Consequences'
2. Zurich – LCAS Membership Renewal £95+ VAT
3. One Voice Wales – Code of Practice on Workforce Matters
4. BAVO – training programme April to July 2015
5. Bridgend County Borough Council – Mayor's Civic Service at St Mary's Nolton for Sunday 6 September at 2.30pm.
6. PCSO Steven Bowen – complaint from residents of Ty Gwyn Drive regarding parking issues.
7. Bridgend County Borough Council, Play & Early Years Communities Directorate – details and costs of Summer Holiday Activities 2015. £3,605 – 3% increase on 2014.
8. Resident – complimentary email regarding the new litter bins.
9. One Voice Wales – training workshops in May in South Wales. Emailed to all members 29.4.15.
10. Nick Bennett, Ombudsman for Wales – revised Guidance on the Code of Conduct. Emailed to all members 30.4.15.
11. One Voice Wales – Positive Planning (Wales) Bill – emailed to all members 1.5.15.
12. Ron Bradbury, Secretary Brackla Football Club – thanks for the donation.

13. Bridgend Scouts – AGM Monday 1 June 2015, 7pm at the 3rd Bridgend Schouts Hall, Llangewydd Road, Bridgend. Cllr J Brett attending.
14. 2nd Bridgend (Brackla) Scout Group AGM, 20 May, 7pm at Brackla Primary School. The Chair, Cllr H Townsend attending.
15. Catherine Stephens, Longacre – congratulations on the newsletter and dog ownership leaflet.

Planning matters for consideration

- (a) P/15/240/FUL
Two storey side extension, 25 Ty Gwyn Drive
- (b) P/15/246/FUL
Proposed rear single storey extension and garage, 50 Robins Hill
- (c) P/15/303/LAP
Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed rear single storey extension
16 Cae Perllan
- (d) P/15/183/FUL
Site visit, The White House, Briary Way on 29 April 2015
- (e) Decided applications April/May