



BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting Held in the Boardroom, Oak Tree Surgery Thursday 19 January 2017 at 7.00pm

Members Present

Cllr D Aston – Chairperson

Cllr J Brett

Cllr T Hacking

Cllr C Jones

Cllr M Quick

Cllr J Spanswick

Clerk - Mrs A Wilkes

Assistant Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer - Mr P Ley

Presentation by Coity & Bridgend First Responders on automated external defibrillators for the community, training and maintenance - Mr Mike Beavington, Bridgend Coordinator and Mr Ryan Gibson, Funding Coordinator

122 **Community Police Report**

PCSO's Emma Watkins and Rhys Jones presented the crime figures covering 19 December 2016 to 19 January 2017. Members congratulated Emma on her achievement, becoming a Police Constable and thank her for the support and assistance over the past two years.

123 **Public Address to Council** – no address

124 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr P Hacking – ill

Cllr K Jones – ill

Cllr H Townsend - ill

Cllr D Sage – ill

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

Cllr C Jones – Borough Councillor, Bridgend CBC – prejudicial interest on Planning issues, Item 140.

Cllr J Spanswick – Borough Councillor, Bridgend CBC, a member of Development Control Committee – prejudicial interest on Planning issues, Item 140.

125a To consider Special Dispensation for Cllr David Sage

Due to ongoing health problems members considered special dispensation in order that Cllr Sage remain as a member of this council.

Resolved: that Cllr T Hacking proposed that Cllr D Sage received special dispensation and would remain a member of this council, seconded by Cllr J Spanswick and carried unanimously

126 Ratification of Minutes, Full Council Meeting 15 December 2016

Amendment: Youth Councillor Kirstie Jones had given her apologies for the December 2016 meeting.

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

127 Matters of Report by the Clerk of the Council - none

128 To consider all Correspondence received by this Council since the previous meeting

1. Mr Andrew Thomas, Group Manager, Sports & Physical Activity – request to provide a small contribution to the future costs of operating a beach and water safety service during the bathing season at the four CBC beaches, that have been traditionally serviced in the past.

Bridgend CBC had reduced their contribution to this service. Further information and statistics would be requested.

2. The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - invitation to discuss a framework to meet the needs of T & CC's. West Wales 2 Feb, Lampeter, South Wales 15 Feb at Abergavenny - **noted**
3. Welsh Government – Section 137 expenditure limit for 2017 – 18 is £7.57 per elector - **noted**
4. Rachel Flint, BBC Wales News Online – expressed an interest to attend meetings - **noted**
5. SLCC – 2017 Conference for Wales – Wednesday 15 March, Parkway Hotel & Spa, Cwmbran.

Resolved: that the Clerk and Assistant Clerk would attend. The fee being £69 each as members of the Society of Local Council Clerks. The office would be closed for the whole day

6. Mr Leigh McAndrew, Caseworker, The Ombudsman for Wales – complaint against this council regarding the work we carried out at Trem y Mor.

The Ombudsman had sent to a decision letter to the complainant with the formal statement of reasons explaining the decision not to investigate the matter. The Ombudsman stated that this council had given a reasonable explanation for erecting a fence at Trem y Mor and had rectified a previous mistake when we originally opened access at the hedgerow.

Resolved: that this matter is noted and that the complaint had been closed by the Ombudsman

7. One Voice Wales – Code of Conduct Training, Bridgend Town Council, Carnegie House, Bridgend. Tuesday 24 January 2017. – noted
8. Bridgend CBC, Electoral Services – confirmation that they had been notified by the Clerk of the Casual Vacancy, which will not be filled due until the forthcoming elections May 2017.
9. Lisa Lewis, Project Manager & Secretary of Badgers Brook Allotment – two vacant plots on the disabled site available to groups, disabled or elderly. Contact Tel: 07599915334.
10. Oak Tree Surgery – had requested to display a banner on the roundabout near the Spar for their Helping Patients 24/7 online service, shared between five other surgeries in the borough. The Clerk had given permission.

129 **Brackla Community Centre**

PJL Architect Limited had provided a quotation to provide a 3D survey, including plans, sections & elevations at £2,150.00 plus VAT. The Clerk would determine the cost of plans, other than 3D.

No response had been received from the Chief Executive of Bridgend CBC in relation to the extra costs incurred on the community centre. No information from Mr Mark Shephard on the £5,000 promised to assist with the extra expenses.

Bridgend CBC had sent an application form for a Financial Assistance/Contribution 2016/17. The Clerk had check with the appropriate officer that this council would be eligible to apply. The application form had been submitted on 10 January 2017.

Parking for patrons of the community centre had been difficult, particularly on Tuesday to Thursday mornings, when the Tabernacle had their toddler groups sessions running. The Clerk had advised staff at the Tabernacle.

130 **Annual Events**

(a) Flower Show & Family Day – Sat 24 June 2017

The Clerk suggested ideas for the show: large marquee to house the exhibits/entries, pop up tea room, live music with alternate children's entertainer. Outdoor bouncy castles etc as previous years at the Funday. The community centre had been reserved in case of inclement weather. Brackla Primary School had confirmed the date.

(b) Firework Show

Crackerjack Fireworks Limited would be unable to confirm a date for the show until March 2017. Members resolved that Friday 3 November would be their preferred date.

(c) Senior Citizen's Christmas Tea Party – Wed 6 December

131 **Update on the possibility of a Pedestrian Crossing between the Haywain and Tremain's Court**

Cllr C Jones confirm that Bridgend CBC Highways Department were investigating and that this request is best left to that department.

132 To consider entry for Wales in Bloom 2017

The closing date for the entry is 17 March 2017 at 11.30am.

Resolved: that it was proposed by Cllr C Jones, seconded by Cllr T Hacking that this council enter Wales in Bloom Competition

133 To consider ideas and location for a War Memorial

It was suggested that we ask Panther Securities, land owners of the Triangle to see if it would be possible to have a memorial on their grassed area.

134 To consider an appropriate Memorial for our former gardener Mr Brian Whitlock

Brian had been a loyal and good servant of Brackla and it would be appropriate to commemorate his services to the community.

The Clerk would inform his wife of the plan.

Resolved: that a memorial bench may be installed in place of the current bench at the entrance to the Triangle. Proposed by Cllr C Jones, seconded by Cllr T Hacking and carried unanimously

135 Finance

- (a) To request approval of the schedule of **payments December 2016**
Resolved: that payments were unanimously approved and signed proposed by Cllr J Spanswick and seconded by Cllr C Jones in compliance with the Wales Audit Regulations
- (b) Mr Ley had provided members with a copy of the bank reconciliation as at 31 December 2016 for approval.
Resolved: that payments were unanimously approved and signed in compliance with the Wales Audit Regulations

136 To Receive the Clerk's Report

Mr Punter, MS Property Management had provided a written report of the work carried out by his team over the past month.

Mr Peter Howard of The Spinney had kindly provided the Clerk with an ancient map of Brackla for the office.

Cllr T Hacking proposed to suspend standing orders – unanimously carried

137 To Receive Reports from Members

Cllr Spanswick provided feedback regarding referrals to Bridgend CBC on the condition of the carriageway and Access Only on Trem y Mor. The local authority had responded and following inspection the condition of the carriageway had been entered on the works register for repairs when funds and resources permit.

The response from BCBC Traffic Section

Access Only Traffic Order at the above location which has been sent to my Department to investigate.

The issue of parking at this location by parents dropping off and picking up school children is like many other locations throughout the Borough where parents drive their children to and from school, and take up what available parking is available for residents of a street.

Regarding your request for the introduction of an Access Only Traffic Order I would point out that this traffic order is classed as a moving traffic offence that had to be dealt with by a Police Officer not a PCSO.

As such owing to the restricted availability of Police Officers, and the time consuming nature of enforcement for this traffic offence, the Police nationally no longer support the introduction of new Access Only traffic orders. They also no longer carryout enforcement of existing ones, and as such the existing Access Only orders, many of which are in and around Bridgend Town Centre area have fallen in to disrepute as drivers are aware of the lack of Police action and ignore the signs and enter the streets.

Therefore, in view of the above lack of support for this order from the Police, who are the only enforcement agency for this offence, we are unable to provide the traffic order that you request.

I am sorry that I cannot provide you with a more positive response but trust the above information is of assistance in responding to the residents of Trem-Y-Mor.

Cllr Spanswick informed members of the recent traffic survey and that the average speed past Brackla Primary School had been recorded as 31 mph, which was an improvement on the speed of vehicles at the other schools.

Cllr Brett had attended had attended the recent One Voice Wales Branch Meeting at Cowbridge. The presentation had been provided by Sheila Davies, Programme Director for Cardiff Capital City Deal. Members were informed that The Heath Hospital had had a new scanner – the cost was £22 million.

Cllr Brett advised that One Voice Wales would be providing training sessions for new councillors.

Cllr T Hacking apologised for not attending Brian Whitlock's funeral and extended Cllr P Hacking's apologies.

Cllr D Aston, the Chairperson reported that a great many people had attended Brian's funeral, he was obviously very well thought of.

138 Agenda items for February 2017 Full Council Meeting

To consider the quotation for Automated Defibrillators from Coity & Bridgend First Responders

139 The date of the next Full Council Meeting

Resolved: that the meeting would take place on Thursday 16 February 2017 at 7pm in the Boardroom of Oak Tree Surgery

140 To consider Brackla Planning Applications by the Planning Committee Members of this Council – no applications

The meeting closed at 8.06 pm

Signature of the Chairperson: Date:
Councillor David Aston

Matters of report since the previous meeting

- 134 An application had been sent to Bridgend CBC regarding the installation of a commemorative bench at the entrance to the Triangle on 20 January 2017.
- 128 Request for a contribution by Bridgend CBC towards Beach & Water Safety Service. Further information had been requested by the Clerk.

Correspondence

1. Bridgend County Civic Charity Appeals Standing Committee – invitations to the February fundraising events. (Emailed to all members 1.2.17)
2. One Voice Wales – Welsh Government consultation on the White Paper 'Reforming Local Government – Resilient and Renewed'. Online consultation, closing 11 April 2017. (Emailed to all members 2.2.17)
3. Resident/Cath Hather – enquiry regarding any plans for the land from Brackla footpath toward Waunscil Avenue. Suggesting that it may be suitable for community use, such as allotment, garden or green open space.
4. One Voice Wales – Training on financial management and governance in community and town councils.
5. Bridgend CBC, Gaynor Griffiths, Partnership Support Officer – consultation on Bridgend's Well Being Assessment from 15 February to 19 March.

Planning