

BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



THE NEXT MEETING OF BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday 21 December 2017 at 7.00 pm
Boardroom of Oak Tree Surgery

Members Present

Cllr D Aston – Chairperson

Cllr J Brett

Cllr T Giffard

Cllr I Hibble

Cllr T Hacking

Cllr C Jackson

Cllr J Spanswick

Mrs Anne Wilkes - Clerk of the Council

Mr Philip Ley - Assistant Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

134 Community Police Report

PCSO Steve Bowen attended and presented crime figures for 1 – 28 November. The next PACT meeting is scheduled for 25 January 2018.

135 Public Address to Council (10 minutes only) - none

136 Apologies for Absence

Cllr C Jones – unable to attend

Cllr K Jones (Youth) - at work

Cllr A Pucella – family bereavement

Cllr K Rowlands

Cllr H Townsend – traffic delays

137 Declarations of Interest in Accordance with Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2000

Cllr T Giffard – Borough Councillor and a member of the Development Control Committee, Bridgend County Borough Council – prejudicial interest on Planning matters – item 152

Cllr I Hibble – civil servant and an employee of Welsh Government - personal interest on Planning Application P/17/1020/FUL, item 152

Cllr J Spanswick – Borough Councillor and a member of the Development Control Committee, Bridgend County Borough Council – prejudicial interest on Planning matters - item 152

138 Ratification of Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 16 November 2017

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

139 Matters of Report by the Clerk of the Full Council Meeting – none

140 To consider all Correspondence received since the previous meeting

1. The Play Inspection Company – annual inspection report.
2. Mr John Rees, Operations Office, Cleaner Streets, Street Scene Section, Bridgend CBC - confirmation that BCBC litter bins were emptied on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Brackla.

141 To discuss Community Centre matters

Ms Perkins, the organiser of Stitch Bridgend had sent a report to council regarding hire of the community centre. Each member had received a copy of the report. Members considered the content of this report and instructed the Clerk to inform Ms Perkins that we were unable to offer hire for the foreseeable future, due to the proposed reconfiguration of the rooms.

The Clerk informed members that on 16 November, she had informed Pippa Kestle, Officer of Bridgend CBC that this council were seeking Landlords Consent to carry out alternations to part of the community centre. A copy of the architectural plans had also been sent together with a full explanation. The Clerk had spoken to the above officer during the first week of December, who had one query to clarify and would inform us of a decision soon.

142 Annual Events:

- (a) Feedback on the Senior Citizen's Christmas Tea Party – 6 Dec 2017

Another excellent community event and very well attended.

- (b) To discuss an Easter Egg Hunt in Tremains Wood 2018 – deferred until January.

(c) To receive ideas for the Funday Saturday 30 June 2018

Cllr Spanswick had sent information to the Clerk of 'It's a Knock Out' type activities, estimated at £2,000. Other suggestions had been more activities for toddlers and a children's show.

143 Community Development Plan – survey to be published January/February 2018

144 To discuss the need for a Pedestrian Crossing on Brackla Way between Tremains Court and the Haywain and Speed Monitoring

Cllr Spanswick suggested that this council make enquiries direct to Highways, Bridgend CBC.

145 Finance: (a) Approval of the Schedule of Payments **November 2017 Resolved: that payments were unanimously approved and signed proposed by Cllr T Hacking and seconded by Cllr J Spanswick in compliance with the Accounts & Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014**

(b) Bank Reconciliation as at **30 November 2017 Resolved: that payments were unanimously approved and signed proposed by Cllr J Spanswick and seconded by Cllr T Hacking in compliance with the Accounts & Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014**

146 To consider the Precept Requirement for 2018/19 following recommendations of the Finance Committee

Mr P Ley, Responsible Finance Officer presented members with the draft budget and precept comparisons. Members considered the content of the information provided. Cllr T Hacking had suggested to transfer £2,000 from the Section 137 Donations budget to Events in the light of the 20th Anniversary of the Funday in 2018.

Cllr T Giffard stated that he would not vote for the increase in the precept to £152,000.

Resolved: that Cllr T Hacking proposed a precept of £152,000, seconded by Cllr J Spanswick, agreed by the remainder of members, except Cllr T Giffard, who had abstained

147 To consider current Contracts

ADM Nurseries had requested a bid for the supply of flowers for this council, although no quotation had been received following the enquiry.

Cllr Hacking stated that a change of supplier, seven years ago had resulted in disaster and that Boverton Nurseries had supplied us with first class plants for many years. It was also noted that Boverton provided plants for the Royal Gardens since 2017.

Members stated that they were more than happy with the current grounds maintenance by M S Property Management, plants from Boverton Nurseries and maintenance of the plants by Mr David Thomas, all of which had made Brackla look wonderful. Members confirmed that they had no wish to change their contract arrangements.

148 Receive Reports from the Clerk's Report – none

149 To Receive Reports from Members

Cllr Giffard had attended Brackla Community Chorus Christmas concert, which had been enjoyable.

Cllr Jackson pointed out that the five new stainless steel bins only had the council logo and needed a plaque with Brackla Community Council as well.

Cllr Jackson and Cllr Aston stated that they would attend Town and Community Council Forum meetings on behalf of the council.

150 Agenda items for January 2018 Full Council Meeting – no requests

151 Date of the Full Council Meeting –Thursday 18 January 2018

152 To consider any Planning Applications by the Planning Committee

Planning Application No.: **P/17/1020/FUL**

Applicant: **Wales & West Housing**

Location: **23 Rhiw Tremaen Brackla CF31 2JA**

Proposal: **Remove rear conservatory and erect single storey extension with internal alterations**

Planning Application No.: **P/17/1015/FUL**

Applicant: **Mr J Short**

Location: **8 Easterley Close Brackla CF31 2NA**

Proposal: **Two storey side and single storey rear extension**

Planning Application No.: **P/17/1011/FUL**
Applicant: **Mr S Williams**
Location: **88 Maple Drive Brackla CF31 2PR**
Proposal: **Rear single storey kitchen extension**

Resolved: that there were no observations on the above applications

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signature of the Chairperson: Date:
Councillor David Aston

Matters of Report by the Clerk

The Clerk had written to the Highways Department regarding the possibility of pedestrian crossing from the Haywain to Tremains court.

Correspondence since 21 December 2017

1. Welsh Government – notification of the Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2018/19. Increased from £7.57 to £7.86 per elector.
2. One Voice Wales – Bridgend/Vale/Cardiff Area Committee meeting, Monday 15 January at The Lesser Hall, Town Hall, Cowbridge. Emailed to all members 5.1.18
3. One Voice Wales, Sian Bowden, Development Officer – reminder of the Bridgend Town & Community Council Forum, Monday 29 January 2018, 4pm at the Civic Offices. Emailed to all members 8.1.18
4. Bridgend CBC, Gary Jones, Head of Democratic Services – copy of the presentation and maps showing expected changes - by the Boundary Commission at the Civic Offices, Monday 8 January 2018. Emailed to all members 11.1.18
5. One Voice Wales, Wendi Patience – Review of the Local Council Sector, survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GCP5RZC>
6. MK Illuminations (UK) Ltd – suppliers of festive lighting.
7. Bridgend CBC, Andrew Care, Governance & Compliance Officer – reminder that applications for the Town & Community Council Fund deadline is 21 February 2018.

Planning Issues

Application No: P/18/5/FUL
8 Linnett Way
Two storey side extension