

BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



FULL COUNCIL MEETING **Thursday 19 July 2018 at 7.00 pm** **Boardroom of Oak Tree Surgery**

Members Present
Cllr C Jones – Chairperson

Cllr D Aston
Cllr J Brett
Cllr T Giffard
Cllr I Hibble
Cllr C Jackson
Cllr A Pucella
Cllr K Rowland
Cllr J Spanswick

Cllr H May – Youth Councillor

Mr Philip Ley - Assistant Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

42 Public Address (10 minutes only) – no public present

43 Apologies for Absence
Cllr Kay Rowlands – unable to attend
Cllr Hailey Townsend – family commitments

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

Cllr I Hibble – civil servant working for Welsh Government

45 Ratification of Minutes of Full Council Meeting 21 June 2018 – deferred until September

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

47 To consider all Correspondence Received by this Council since the last meeting (no decisions to be made on these items)

1. Rebecca Roberts – advising council of her translation service, English to Welsh.
2. Meditec Solutions – the defibrillator at Maes Glas had been used twice. Free public access training sessions would be available. Councillor expressed an interest initially and subsequently would arrange training for staff and contractors.
3. Karen Reed, Brownie Leader – looking for locations in Brackla for tree planting. Councillors would support the project if suitable locations could be identified.
4. Mark Galvin, Senior Democratic Services Officer, Bridgend CBC – updated information on Community Asset Transfers. Cllr Spanswick advised that a further update had been made and that councils were still experiencing problem with the system.
5. Kathryn Mountjoy, Traffic & Management Technician, Bridgend CBC – proposed traffic order for A4061. Consultation letter dated 9 July. Insufficient detail – members required more clarity on the order.
6. Gwyneth Walton – had visited her relative in Brackla and wanted council to know of her appreciation for all the floral displays and wished to congratulate council on their achievements.

48 To discuss Community Centre matters

Only one local builder would be preparing an estimate, another stated that he required plans to enable him to produce a quote and the third company had not responded.

The Chair informed members that council may apply for a loan for the building works on the centre to the Public Works Loan Board. Permission to apply for a loan would have to be sought from Welsh Government. Details of the PWLB would be provided at the next meeting

49 Annual Events

(a) Feedback on the Funday 30 June 2018

The Chair thanked members and staff for attending.

Cllr Spanswick suggested that next year a substantial booklet is produced to advertise our events and sponsored by local businesses. Cllr Spanswick stated that in future local groups would be encouraged to promote themselves rather than large charities.

Cllr Hibble enjoyed the Funday and felt that it was very well attended, as always.

There had been a problem with the large bouncy castles due to the heat and members were extremely concerned and took appropriate action. Dragon Leisure would not be invited to take part in future events.

The Total Wipe-Out and Bungee Run were a great success.

A complaint had been received from a member of the Cat's Protection League regarding the volume of sound from the children's show. A risk assessment on noise would be conducted at future events. No other complaints had been reported.

(b) Brackla in Bloom Competition 2018 – judging to take place late July. The Clerk to make the arrangements.

50 To discuss the current Grounds Maintenance Service

Members recommended an expression of interest letter is sent to Bridgend CBC regarding taking on all grass cutting in Brackla, except for educational and highway areas. Tenders would be invited for next year.

Cllr Spanswick mentioned that a formal contract should be written up.

51 To consider the purchase of Five additional Litter Bins

Following discussion regarding potential savings by Bridgend CBC emptying several of our current litter bins, costs, and locations – it was agreed to purchase four bins, based on the previous cost of £500 per bin.

However, the locations had not been decided and whether BCBC or our contractor would be emptying those bins.

Resolved: that it was propose by Cllr Ciaron Jackson to purchase four bins, seconded by Cllr John Spanswick, based on £500 per bin. Five members voted to purchase the bins and Cllr Aniel Pucella abstained. It was agreed that the cost would come out of General Reserves

52 Finance:

- (a) Approval of the Schedule of Payments June 2018
Resolved: that payments were unanimously approved and signed, proposed by Cllr David Aston and seconded by Cllr John Spanswick in compliance with the Accounts & Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014
- (b) Bank Reconciliation as at 30 June 2018
Resolved: that payments were unanimously approved and signed, proposed by Cllr David Aston and seconded by Cllr John Spanswick in compliance with the Accounts & Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014

53 To receive reports from the Members

Cllr June Brett reported that the drain near the entrance to Tremains Court had half the cover missing.

Cllr David Aston reported that Bridgend CBC were not emptying the bins.

Cllr John Spanswick asked for progress on the two memorial benches that council had previously agreed.

Cllr Craig Jones had attended Maesteg Town Council, Mayor's Civic Service on 15 July 2018.

At 8.55 pm, Cllr Ciaron Jackson proposed to suspend Standing Orders, seconded by Cllr John Spanswick, to continue the business of the council. Unanimously agreed.

54 Agenda items for September 2018 Full Council Meeting

To consider improvements to Civic Flower Displays
To consider Quotations to Purchase two Memorial Benches and locations
To consider locations for the Four Litter Bins and Service Arrangements

To discuss details of Flowers and Grounds Maintenance for 2019

55 To confirm the date of the next meeting – 20 September 2018

56 To consider any Planning Applications by the Planning Committee

No application

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Signed by the Chairperson Date
Cllr Craig Jones

Correspondence since the previous meeting:

1. Mr L Roberts – cc email to Traffic/Transport/BCBC
2. Wales Audit Office – Auditor General for Wales study of the effectiveness of internal audit at Town and Community Council Wales (emailed to all 6.8.18)
3. South Wales Web Solutions – suggestions for the council's website regarding GDPR and secure sites
4. One Voice Wales – training dates Vale of Glamorgan
5. Mr Alun Evans, 4 Cwrt y Coed – requesting permission to carry work out on trees behind the community centre
6. BCBC Mayor of Bridgend – invitation for the Chair to attend the Civic Service 30 September
7. One Voice Wales – training dates for Neath/Swansea area
8. One Voice Wales – Connecting Communities in Wales Transport Innovation Networks
9. BCBC – Agenda for the Standards Committee 20 September at 2.00 pm and Minutes of 14 June 2018
10. BCBC – Bridgend Replacement LDP Call for Candidate Sites Consultation (emailed to all members 17.9.18)