

BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



FULL COUNCIL MEETING 21 February 2019 at 7.00 pm Boardroom Oak Tree Surgery

Members Present

Cllr J Spanswick – Chairperson

Cllr D Aston

Cllr J Brett

Cllr T Giffard

Cllr C Jackson

Cllr H May – Youth Councillor

Cllr A Pucella

Cllr K Rowlands

Cllr T Walsh

Mrs A Wilkes – Clerk of the Council

Mr P Ley – Assistant Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer

147 Public Address to Council – no address

148 Apologies for Absence

Cllr I Hibble – work related meeting

Cllr C Jones – work related meeting

149 To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the council's Code of Conduct (and section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992)

Cllr T Giffard, personal interest, member of Bridgend CBC – item 163, Planning

Cllr A Pucella, personal interest as a member of Bridgend BCBC - item 163 Planning

Cllr J Spanswick, prejudicial interest, as a member of Bridgend CBC Development Control Committee – item 163 Planning

Cllr K Rowlands, personal interest as a member of Bridgend CBC – item 163
Planning

150 Ratification of Minutes, Full Council Meeting 17 January 2019

**Resolved: that the minutes were approved, proposed by Cllr J Brett,
seconded by Cllr A Pucella**

150a Ratification of Minutes, Finance Committee Meeting 21 February 2019

The Financial Regulations were adopted.

**Resolved: that the minutes were approved, proposed by Cllr D Aston,
seconded by Cllr J Brett**

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

**152 To consider all Correspondence received since the last meeting
(no decisions to be made on correspondence)**

1. Wales Audit Office – Financial Management & Governance for T & CC's 2017/18 and Internal Audit Arrangements at T & CC's in Wales (emailed to all 23.1.19)
2. BCBC – proposal to amend car parking charges
3. BCBC – Cabinet Agenda, Tuesday 12 Feb (emailed to all 6.2.19)
4. BCBC – Summer Active 4 Life Schemes 2018 – participation report
5. One Voice Wales – Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee inquiry into allotments. (12.2.19)
6. One Voice Wales – membership letter, FAQ's and Guide to Services (13.2.19)
7. Wales Air Ambulance – donation request to achieve their target to extend service hours in 2019. 82 missions attended in Bridgend in 2018 – deferred until March 2019.
8. Sustainable Wales, Porthcawl – charity calls for supermarkets to act on plastics. (13.2.19)
9. Bridgend Deaf Sports & Social Club, Coychurch Road – letter of thanks for the donation of £624. (Chair's Charity 2017/18)

10. One Voice Wales – invoice/membership form. Fee for 2019/20 £1,574. – Agenda for March 2019.
11. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Annual Report 2019/20 (18.2.19)
12. Maesteg Town Council – Mayor of Maesteg’s Fund Annual Ball 2019 – Maesteg Town Hall, Saturday 11 May, 7.00pm for 7.30. (Full details emailed to members 21.2.19)
13. Welsh Government – 2019/20 Funding to support the initial setting up of joint arrangements. (21.2.19)

Core themes:

- Undertaking community engagement
 - Increasing citizen participation and engagement in local democracy
 - Working together on shared service, including, exploring scope for shared back office functions
14. Stroke Association, Caerphilly Office – letter of thanks for the donation of £624 (Chair’s Charity 2017/18)

153 To discuss any matters concerning the Community Centre

Brackla Live organisers had confirmed they would not continue at the centre. The Clerk had written to request removal of all equipment by 1 March.

Hire fees would be reviewed in April

154 To discuss Grounds Maintenance Plans 2019 and Grass Cutting Contract

Cllr Giffard stated that the contract out for tender should be shelved and that it may cost this council more than the current service. With a three-year sliding scale financial support by BCBC, by year four this council would be in a poor financial position.

Cllr Rowlands thanked Cllr Spanswick for all the work he had done preparing the contract for tender but feels that the council should formalise the service currently undertaken.

Cllr Spanswick explained the reasoning behind the new contract and that tenders would be due on Monday 25 February 2019. Bridgend CBC need to know whether Brackla CC would be taking on all grass cutting in Brackla before 28 February.

Cllr Aston said that over the last few months he had become disillusioned, although he had been an advocate for taking on all grass cutting.

Cllr C Jackson referred to the previous meeting when it had been stated that M S Property Management had been providing a quality service to Brackla. At the same time, BCBC contractors had also been paid for doing some of the work carried out by our contractor.

Cllr Giffard and Cllr Rowlands would like to have a contractor for our current contractor, which include other works as well as grass cutting, enabling flexibility as is currently available.

Resolved: that Cllr Giffard proposed to stop the tender process for the grass cutting contract, seconded by Cllr Pucella. Votes 6 in favour and 1 against.

155 To discuss the problems with the Christmas Lights 2018

Response from the contractor following complaints regarding the Christmas Lighting:

I also spoke to them with regards the features and them looking half lit etc as we discussed and it seems that these features are ones which were repaired. The new brighter looking sections are units with the new rope light with which the repairs had been done, this then made the original sections which were still operating look poorly lit unfortunately. I will speak to my install team and have the remainder of the rope light (remaining old sections) on these repaired fittings changed to the new rope light free of charge for next year for you.

I have also mentioned the call outs, etc ... where certain features were going off. There were several visits we made which was down to the RCD in the column tripping and causing the features to go off, other issues were a few failures on the rectifiers (lighting unit associated with the features) and cable connectors. I realise that this was frustrating for all parties as it would seem that as soon as we had visited to rectify one fault another occurred. All these issues the team dealt with quickly at site hence the fact that there were not any additional charges applied to yourselves for the repairs.

Cllr Aston mentioned that the life span of the lights is 4 – 6 years and the council need to make arrangement in the future to purchase new lights.

Resolved: members agreed to pay the amended invoice of £10,378.56 for the Christmas lighting

156 To consider the Bridgend Local Development Plan

Cllr Spanswick provided maps for councillors to view. There were a few concerns, particularly around green spaces that were inappropriate for development, such as east of Ty Gwyn Drive, north of the Crematorium and Singleton junction.

157 To consider Proposals of the Boundary Commission

Cllr Giffard informed members that they can respond individually to the proposals.

158 To consider purchasing a Memorial Bench for former Cllr Terry Hacking

Members unanimously agreed to purchase the bench. The Clerk would speak with Mrs Hacking regarding a location.

Resolved: Cllr Aston proposed, seconded by Cllr Rowlands to purchase a bench in memory of Cllr Terry Hacking, up to the value £600 which would be funded by General Reserves

159 Finance

(a) Approval of the Schedule of Payments January 2019

Resolved: that the payments were approved. Proposed by Cllr Tyler Walsh, seconded by Cllr David Aston

(b) Bank Reconciliation as at 31 January 2019

Cllr June Brett signed the bank statement on behalf of the Council.

Resolved: that the Bank Reconciliation had been approved. Proposed by Cllr Tyler Walsh, seconded by Cllr David Aston

(c) Monthly Budget Review - approved

160 To Receive Members Reports

Cllr June Brett along with three other members of BCC attended the inauguration meeting of the Dementia Friendly Community, at Archbishop McGrath School. Cllr John Spanswick stated that this project is part of the Sixth Form Welsh Baccalaureate.

Cllr Tom Giffard mentioned the forthcoming by-election and hoped that whoever is elected, works with the community council and follow the mantle of Cllr Tyler Walsh.

Following the resignation of Mrs Anne Wilkes, members thanked her for her years of service.

161 Agenda items for March 2019

Review of Standing Orders
Funday

162 Date of the next Full Council Meeting – Thursday 21 March 2019

163 To consider any Planning Applications by the Planning Committee

No applications or issues received

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

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Signed by the Chairperson, Cllr John Spanswick

Date

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE 21 February 2019

- 1 Resident of Bishopswood – would like to offer his thanks for cleaning up the car park behind his house.
- 2 BCBC – the next Town and Community Council Forum meeting is on 7 May 2019 at 4pm. Request for agenda items to be sent in asap in order that officers have time to compile reports.
- 3 Sion Williams – offering the council a translation service for the website at £75
- 4 Chairperson, Brackla RFC – thanked Cllr Giffard and Cllr Spanswick for their interest in the Community Asset Transfer process of the playing fields.
- 5 NWS – Revision of costs for general waste transfer increasing by £1.84 per m³ as from 1 April 2019.

PLANNING – no applications received