

BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



THE NEXT MEETING OF BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING Thursday 21 March 2019 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 K Hughes
Cllr C Jackson
Cllr A Pucella
Cllr J Spanswick
Cllr T Walsh

Mrs A Wilkes – Clerk of the Council
Mr P Ley – Assistant Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer
Miss H May – Temporary Clerk of the Council

Cllr Craig Jones, chairperson welcomed and congratulated Cllr Keith Hughes on his appointment as Brackla Community Council at the recent By Election

165 Public Address to Council (10 minutes only)

Mr Mike Punter, chairperson Brackla RFC informed members on a meeting Mr Guy Smith BCBC regarding the asset transfer on Brackla playing fields. Brackla Football club had not expressed an interest in taking on the football pitch and maybe Brackla RFC may negotiate for both. Mr Punter would be very gratefully if two community council would attend the meeting which will be held at Archbishop McGrath school, date to be confirmed.

Mrs Angela Minton, director of Banana Moon nursery expressed an interest in providing after school care for Brackla, with the new government initiative for parents working 16 and 30 hours a week there is funding available for children aged 3 to 4. Mrs Minton had been making

enquires with the clerk with regards to using the community centre after school and during school holidays. She believes the schemes will be of great benefit for working parents in the community. The nursery are also looking into building an extension on the side of their building in the future.

Mrs Minton is quite passionate about the care for the 3-year olds that had been attending the nursery and they would be able to attend the after-school care scheme. Banana Moon are working closely with Bridgend Child Care Team BCBC, Estyn and CIW to provide this service. There would be minor works to be done at the community centre such as digge locks to the doors on the main hall which would be de activated when the nursery are not using the building, blind for the doors to the main hall would also be essential. An increase in staffing levels are being calculated.

Mrs Minton would appreciate the Council considering a reasonable fee eg. £10 or £11 an hour as she would be using all unused sessions in the centre between Monday and Friday. An information evening had been arranged on 2nd April for BCBC officers, parents and associated organisations to present the scheme, all primary school staff would also be invited.

Members agreed to discuss this matter as an agenda item at the full Council meeting in April

166 Apologies for Absence

Cllr K Rowlands – Family commitments

167 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 I Hibble, civil servant working for the Welsh Government - personal

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

Cllr T Giffard, personal interest, as a member of BCBC – item 163 planning

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

168 Ratification of Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 21st February 2019

Cllr T Giffard requested an amendment on page 4. Amendment should read contract for any contractor, proposed by Cllr D Aston, seconded by Cllr T Giffard

169 Matters of Report by the Clerk of the previous Full Council Meeting – none

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

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. Sian 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 for the playing fields.
5. NWS – revision of costs for general waste transfer increasing by £1.84 per m3 as from 1st April 2019

171 To discuss any matters concerning the Community Centre

The Clerk had written to Dave Robson, officer of BCBC stating several issues regarding the Service Level Agreement.

Following Finance Committee Meeting 21/3/19 the following hire fees were agreed from 1st April. Commercial use; main hall £15 per hour, committee room £8 per hour. Committee Groups; main hall £7.50, committee room £3.50. Party hire (Saturday & Sunday 2:30-5:30) increased to £65

172 To discuss the works carried out at the green open space, rear of Sedd Goch/Priory Oak

Council had received a few complaints and compliments regarding the work carried out at the above location. Cllr J Spanswick indicated issues with Bio diversity etc. The council need to have a mechanism in place for works to be done and added Any works required should be brought to council

Cllr T Giffard on some occasions waiting a month may not be appropriate for example removal of fly tipping ad hoc small job that the clerk may be able to sanction.

Cllr D Aston further complaints were made about mess left after the work was carried out which was untrue. Many people had reported to D Aston that they were happy the area had been cut back and cleared.

It was suggested that matters of this nature should be added to next month's agenda to discuss a procedure.

173 To confirm locations for the Tispak dog bag dispensers

The council agreed to put 2 Tispak dispensers at the following locations;
Pathway between football and rugby pitches – just off the black path (BCBC empty bins in this area)
Channel View – steps opposite Maple Drive

174 To discuss Grounds Maintenance and Grass Cutting Contract

175 To discuss the Local Development Plan

In addition to locations recorded at full council in February the following locations were cause for concern;

Clos Tan-y-Fron – near railway line
Woodland areas throughout Brackla
To retain the green open space adjacent to The Chase
Land between Waunscil Avenue and Chorleywood to remain a green open space
Concerns regarding provision of care and wellbeing at Bryn-y-Cae nursing Home
Concerns regarding infrastructure if development the other side of Heol Simonstone
Overall need to protect our green open spaces and nature reserves

176 To consider Proposals of the Boundary Commission

Councillors agreed that it may be beneficial for Brackla to have 4 Wards, especially for election costs. A response to the boundary commission will be made before the deadline of 15th April and any changes may be lawful in October.

177 To review the Standing Orders

The standing orders contradict the financial regulations. Section 18, financial controls/procurement would need amending from £60000 to £25000 in line with the financial regulations

178 To consider membership of One Voice Wales – membership fee 2019/20 £1574

Resolved: that we should continue our membership with One Voice Wales for £1574, under the membership budget proposed by Cllr C Jackson, seconded by Cllr D Aston

Standing Orders were suspended at 8:58pm in order to continue the business of the Council

179 To nominate an L A Governor for Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr

Resolved: that Cllr K Hughes had been nominated

180 To confirm arrangements for the Annual Community Events:

(a) Funday – 29 June 2019

Councillors were happy with the suggestions on the list of proposed entertainment and keen to keep within budget in addition they would like Mr Johnny Lee Sage to provide entertainment and compare on the day. Councillors decided a set fee of £10 for stalls, people would have to provide their own table and chairs. There would be no charge Community groups

(b) Brackla in Bloom

Council confirmed they would go ahead with Brackla in Bloom 2019 and declared an interest in entering Wales in Bloom

(c) Firework Show – confirmation of date (Friday 1st or Monday 4th November)

The Council have asked to confirm if the firework companies are available from Friday 1st November to Tuesday 5th November.

(d) Senior's Christmas Party

Councillors were asked to think about what entertainment we could offer, Cllr J Spanswick asked about hiring a magician to do table magic.

181 To consider section 137 Donation Requests

Resolved: that following due consideration it was proposed by Cllr C Jackson, seconded by Cllr J Spanswick to award Golden Oldies £200, Brackla Chorus £200 and Wales Air Ambulance £100 under Section 137 of the Local Government Act. The over spend of £28 will come from General Reserves

182 Finance:

(a) Approval of the Schedule of Payments February 2019

Resolved: that the payments were approved, proposed by Cllr C Jackson, seconded by Cllr T Walsh

(b) Bank Reconciliation as at 28 February 2019

Cllr K Hughes signed the bank statement on behalf of the council

Resolved: that the Bank Reconciliation had been approved

(c) **Monthly Budget Review** - approved

(d) **To appoint an Internal Auditor**

Resolved: that Mr Simon Lewis, Sentinel Chartered Accountants would conduct the internal audit 2018/19, proposed by Cllr D Aston seconded by Cllr T Giffard

183 To Receive Reports from Members

Cllr J Spanswick told council that a recent complaint made against him had been dropped by the Ombudsman

Cllr D Aston mentioned that rubbish from bins near had not been emptied. Trees have been cut

Cllr C Jackson told council that a recent complaint made against him had been dropped by the Ombudsman. The Brackla Environmental Support Team will be doing a litter pick in April and councillors are invited to attend.

Cllr J Brett trees opposite the Haywain have been cut down

Cllr K Hughes footpath opposite singletons needs improvements

Cllr T Giffard wants to express his concerns and disappointment about the politics in Brackla during the By-elections

Cllr T Walsh along with Cllr J Spanswick attended a Dementia Friendly meeting at Archbishop McGrath school.

184 Agenda items for April 2019 Full Council Meeting

Banana Moon Nursery

How to become a Dementia Friendly Council

Update of committees

How and when work is carried out by Contractor

185 Date of the next Full Council Meeting –Thursday 18th April 2019

186 To consider any Planning Applications by the Planning Committee

No applications or issues received

The meeting closed at 10:25

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Signed by the Chairperson, Cllr Craig Jones

Date