

BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting Held in the Boardroom, Oak Tree Surgery Thursday 15 May 2014 at 7.00pm

Members Present

Cllr H Townsend – Chair

Cllr D Aston

Cllr J Brett

Cllr I Hibble

Cllr C Jones

Cllr M Quick

Cllr J Spanswick

Mrs A Wilkes – Clerk of the Council

Mr P Ley – Assistant Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr P Hacking – on holiday

Cllr T Hacking – on holiday

Cllr D Sage – unable to attend due ill health

2. Chairman's Outgoing Address

“A massive thank you to you all for your support through all the ups and downs in the community council over the past year, particularly Cllr Hailey Townsend for standing in and representing this council. I thank her most whole heartedly.

The Fun Day was one of the best for some time and thank you to everyone who helped out. Our very first Firework Display went fantastically well – a real highlight. My chosen charities for this year, Marie Curie Cancer Care and The Cat Protection League has benefitted from the collections at these events and as a council have supported a lot of local charities throughout the year. We have worked pro-actively and progressed in a difficult financial climate in preparation for the asset transfer of Brackla Community Centre.

Thank you to the Clerk and Assistant Clerk throughout my term of office. I wish the community council and the new Chair all of God's blessings.”

3. Election of the New Chair 2014/15

Cllr Jones nominated Cllr H Townsend. Unanimously carried by all members present.

Resolved: that Cllr Hailey Townsend is Chair for Brackla Community Council 2014/15

Members congratulated Cllr Townsend. The youngest Chair of Brackla Community Council.

4. Declaration of Acceptance of Office

“It is with much honour and humility that I officially and formally accept the chair of Brackla Community Council. I am humbled by the task before us and grateful for the trust you’ve bestowed upon me. I feel privileged to be able to represent and promote our Community of Brackla. It’s the Community I was born and raised and it is a truly fantastic place to live. I wish to extend my deepest respect and appreciation to all members of this council. Special thanks to Ian Hibble for his support and guidance over the past 18 months, and Anne and Phil who have shown commitment and dedication to this Council and the residents it serves. Thanks to David Sage John Spanswick and Craig Jones for their time and patience over the past two years.

The next year will be a challenge. The budget cuts imposed on a Local Authorities are threatening services that our Community of Brackla relies on. It is during these difficult times that we must continue to work together for the best of our Community and collaborate with other organisations and our Local Authority of Bridgend.

This year we look forward to taking on Brackla Community Centre with a long term aim on making it a centre all residents of Brackla can access whether it’s for social or educational experiences.

It is at this time I would like to announce the charities I will be supporting this year, Action for Children, based in Brackla. They provide services for children and young people and their families across the Borough of Bridgend. Services include young carers and parenting programmes. They have seen a demand in service over the past few years but struggle with diminishing budget. It is for these reasons why I have chosen them. The second will be Cancer Research Wales. This is very close to my heart, watching family members fighting the disease and to sadly leave us has been hard. I personally believe that a cure will be identified but without funding this will not happen. I want to support Cancer Research Wales so that one day someone else’s family won’t have to lose a loved one too early.

I know it’s normally traditional to have one consort but as many of you know I am not traditionalist, I almost came to the conclusion that I would not have one. If Council will permit I like to have two consorts Jeni Lavis and Samantha Nash.

Lastly there are some extremely important people I would like to thank as without them I wouldn’t be here. My Mum and Dad, obviously it was down to them when I arrived 30 years ago but they also chose to raise me in this wonderful Community of Brackla. More importantly they have supported my goals, and have looked after Leya and Jamie to allow me to serve Brackla.

Resolved: that the Chair and the Clerk of the Council signed the Acceptance of Office declaration

5. Confirmation of Allowance for the Chair

The Chair, Cllr Townsend left the room while members discussed the annual allowance for the Chair. The allowance in the budget set for this current year is £750.

Resolved: that the allowance would remain at £750, monitored and reviewed monthly to ensure the Chair had sufficient funds to attend Civic functions and charity events on behalf of this council

6. Election of the Vice Chair 2014/15

Resolved: that Cllr Spanswick proposed Cllr June Brett for Vice Chair, seconded by Cllr Jones and unanimously carried

7. Appointment of Committee Members

See attached document

8. Appointment of Representatives of Town & Community Council Forum, One Voice Wales & School Governors

See attached document

Signed by the Chair 2014/15

Cllr Hailey Townsend

Dated: