

BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting Held in the Boardroom, Oak Tree Surgery Thursday 19 June 2014

Members Present

Cllr J Brett – Chair

Cllr P Hacking
Cllr T Hacking
Cllr I Hibble
Cllr C Jones
Cllr M Quick
Cllr J Spanswick

17 Public/Police Address to Council

Mr Gary Sassoon-Hales introduced himself as a local resident and expressed an interest in becoming a member of Brackla Community Council.

PCSO Peter Williams advised that the next PACT Meeting would be the first Thursday in July at Brackla Primary School. Fire setting in Tremains Wood being a current problem and the PCSO's and South Wales Fire Service would be patrolling and monitoring the woods, advising young people of the dangers.

Cllr Spanswick reported that there had been motor cycles in Tremains Wood.

Cllr Quick reported motor cycles using the pathway near the skate park, behind Highfields.

17a To Accept the Resignation of Cllr J Udrafski

Cllr J Udrafski had resigned in June. Councillors wished to thank Cllr Udrafski for his commitment over the past year and wished him well for the future.

Resolved: that Cllr T Hacking proposed with reluctance and seconded by Cllr J Spanswick and unanimously agreed by all present to accept the resignation of Cllr J Udrafski

18 Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Aston – on holiday
Cllr D Sage – attending a WLGA conference
Cllr H Townsend – attending a WLGA conference

19 Declaration of Interest in Accordance with Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2000

Cllr I Hibble – an officer of Bridgend County Borough Council in the presence of the County Borough Councillors

Cllr C Jones – Bridgend County Borough Council Borough Councillor. A Director of The Hub Drop In & Support Centre

Cllr M Quick – member of Brackla Community Association

Cllr J Spanswick – Borough Councillor, Bridgend County Borough Council and member of Development Control (Planning Matters). A Director of The Hub Drop In & Support Centre

20 Ratification of Minutes, Annual Statutory Meeting 15 May 2014

Resolved: that Cllr C Jones moved and seconded by Cllr I Hibble to approve the minutes as a true record of proceeding. The Chairman duly signed the minutes

21 Ratification of Minutes, Full Council Meeting 15 May 2014

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

22 Ratification Minutes of the Human Resource Committee Meeting 5 June 2014

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

22a To Received a Report from the Chair – Cllr H Townsend

The Clerk read the report in the absence of the Chair.

The Chair had attended three official engagements representing this council:

The Maesteg Mayors Charity Ball, a delightful evening celebrating the achievements of Cllr Ross Thomas and the work of his Charity Events Committee who had raised £8000 for his chosen charities.

The second event was Brackla Scouts Annual General Meeting and presentation evening, which had been very well attended by parents, Beavers and Scouts. Brackla Scouts thanked Brackla Community Council for their generous donation to enable the children to attend their annual summer camp. Four of the Scouts achieved their Gold Award completing all of the scout badges. They would be moving on to the Explorers or Air Cadets in the near future.

The final event was Bridgend Mayors Charity Coffee Morning at the Civic Offices. This was a pleasant morning with a delightful presentation from Fruity Bouquets.

The Chair had called at the office regularly to liaise with the Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

The Chair stated that she did not think that the Five Year Plan as a suitable title. The Clerk and the Chair had started to put together the Brackla Community Plan which would be presented to Council as a draft as soon as possible.

The Chair reported that she enjoys her duties and would attend as many events as possible during her year.

23. Matters of Report by the Clerk of the Full Council Meeting - none

24. To Consider all Correspondence Received by this Council

1. Bridgend Town Council – invitation for the Chair to attend the Signing of the Armed Forces Community Covenant/Parade through town/Veterans Concert on Saturday 28 June.
Resolved: that the Chair, Cllr Hailey Townsend would attend
2. One Voice Wales, Shannon Robinson, Development Officer – advising that there would be invitations to an event being co-ordinated by One Voice Wales, open to all Town & Community Council.
Resolved: that this information is duly noted
3. One Voice Wales Spring Newsletter x 2 complimentary copies.
4. BAVO Newsletter “Involve” x 1 complimentary copy received.
5. South Wales Police, PCSO Steve Bowen – Speed Awareness Talks had taken place at Archdeacon John Lewis Church in Wales Primary School on 10 June. The same subject would be delivered to Tremains and Brackla Juniors, Year 6 pupils soon.
Resolved: that this information is duly noted
6. One Voice Wales – draft Financial Regulations had been received for the council to adopt if they so wish when next reviewing.
Resolved: that this information is duly noted
7. Communities First – invitations to all members to attend the Lower Cluster Forum in Brackla on 8 July at Brackla Tabernacle from 10.30am.
Resolved: that Cllr J Brett would be attending
8. Ogwr Talking Newspaper – donation request to support their charity who provide recorded items of news from the Glamorgan Gazette newspaper and other local publications for local residents who are blind or partially sighted.
Resolved: that this request would be considered in July
9. Bridgend County Borough Council, Tourism Team Leader – event workshop Wednesday 2 July, 1.30 in the Bay Room, Hi Tide Inn, Porthcawl – Planning and Organising an Event. NB new online resource for event organisers on the Bridgend CBC website. The Clerk would attending a similar workshop with BAVO in July.
10. South Wales Police, PCSO Peter Williams – costing from Probation Service for paint and materials to paint the subways in Brackla would be £350. Pete would obtain disclaimers for the houses with graffiti on their walls and fences soon. Waiting for a commencement date from Probation to supply the labour.

25 To consider a Request to Form a Chair's Fundraising Committee
Members requested that the proposed events are costed and presented at the July meeting.

26 Brackla Community Centre Asset Transfer Update
Mr David Chambers, BCBC would check with the local authority on progress of the agreement and the Clerk would contact David Prosser Solicitors for same.

Mr Ley had completed a whole year's account for the centre and presented the information to council.

Mr Ley had also requested a quotation for a waste disposal/collection.

27 Events: Brackla Fun Day Saturday 5 July, Firework Display 4 November and Christmas Celebration

Brackla Funday Saturday 5 July 2 – 5.00 pm

Cllr Spanswick would not be able to attend due to his annual holiday and said it would be the first time in fifteen years that he had missed the Funday.

Councillors requested that the pedestrian gate at the rear of the school is unlocked. They would contact the Head Teacher of Brackla Primary School.

The Clerk asked for volunteers to meet at the school for 9.00am.

Firework Display Tuesday 4 November – 6.30pm – no further reports
Christmas Lighting and Celebration Event – no further reports

28 To Consider changes in Litter Bin collections by Bridgend CBC and Resident's Complaints

The Clerk and Borough Councillors had received many complaints from residents about overflowing and missing litter bins. The change in collections is due to reduction of services/cost cutting by Bridgend County Borough Council. Mr Clarke, Cleaner Streets Operational Officer, Bridgend County Borough Council had confirmed that litter bins had not been removed and could only assume that they had been stolen for scrap metal.

29 To Consider the Anti-Dog Fouling Campaign for Brackla

The Clerk provided a draft copy of a leaflet produced by the Chair, Cllr Townsend for consideration by members. Following brief discussions and recommendation to change the background photograph the leaflet was approved.

30 Finance

(a) Schedule of Payments May 2014

Resolved: that payments were unanimously approved and signed by two members of the council in accordance with Accounts & Audit Regulations

(b) Mr Ley had provided members with a copy of the bank reconciliation for approval

Resolved: that payments were unanimously approved and signed by two members of the council in accordance with Accounts & Audit Regulations

31 To Receive the Clerk's Report

The Clerk distributed invitations to the Civic Service, Sunday 20 July.

K-Barriers for identified footpaths – a quotation for dual adjustment K Barriers x 5, supply only would be £5,108.00 plus VAT, direct from the manufacturer. The barriers are suitable for all mobility scooters and double baby buggies. There are no barriers that allow triple baby buggies. Members need to clarify the locations with Bridgend County Borough Council.

32 To Received Members Reports

Cllr Jones reported that the discussion with Bridgend County Borough Council Highways regarding installing a mirror opposite Georgian Way and The Willows is still on-going.

Cllr Jones confirmed that a majority of Brackla Way would be re-surfaced during July/August 2014.

Cllr Spanswick said that the grass cutting and flowers throughout Brackla were looking great.

Cllr Quick mentioned that the trees along Coychurch Road near the Haywain.

33 Agenda items for the July 2014 Full Council Meeting

To Consider Donation Requests from Local Organisations and Groups

34 Date of the next Full Council Meeting – Thursday 17 July 2014

35 To Consider Planning Applications

P/14/379/FUL

Convert integral garage and construct extension over
6 Cwrt y Coed

P/14/359/FUL

Two storey side extension
23 Hunters Ridge

The above application was ratified. Observations on No 359 – that there must be sufficient off road parking.

With business concluded the Chair closed the meeting at 8.15 pm

Signature of the Chair :

Date: