

BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting Held in the Boardroom, Oak Tree Surgery Thursday 23 October 2014

Members Present

Cllr J Brett – Chair

Cllr I Hibble

Cllr M Quick

Cllr J Spanswick

Cllr G Williams

Clerk - Mrs A Wilkes

Assistant Clerk /Responsible Financial Officer - Mr P Ley

The Chair, Cllr Brett welcomed Cllr Williams to his first meeting council meeting following the bi-election on 4 September 2014.

The Chair also informed members that Cllr Sage had been admitted to hospital to the University Hospital of Wales and that he was being transferred to the Princess of Wales Hospital.

74 Public/Police Address to Council – none

75 Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Aston – unable to attend

Cllr P Hacking – family commitments

Cllr T Hacking – family commitments

Cllr D Sage - medical reasons

Cllr H Townsend – family commitments

76 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 a County Borough Councillor

Cllr J Spanswick - Borough Councillor, Bridgend County Borough Council - planning

77 Ratification of Minutes, Full Council Meeting 18 September 2014

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

77a Ratification Confidential Minutes of the Human Resource Committee Meeting 2 October 2014

Resolved: that the minutes were proposed by Cllr J Spanswick, and unanimously approved by all members present. Accepted by council as a true record of proceedings.

The Chairman duly signed the minutes

78 To Receive a Report from the Chair – not present

79 Matters of Report by the Clerk of the Full Council Meeting - none

80 To Consider all Correspondence Received by this Council

1. Bridgend County Borough Council's Learner Travel Review Consultation – forwarded to all members on 29 September 2014. Public Consultation 29 September 2014 – 22 December 2014. Members and the public were encouraged to take part in this consultation by Cllr Spanswick.
2. One Voice Wales – Welsh Government white Paper Reforming Local Government. Response by OVW emailed to all members 1 October.
3. Planning Aid Wales – invitation to attend Exploring Community Planning seminar on 18 November at the Chapter Arts Centre Cardiff, 2.30 – 6.30.
4. One Voice Wales – Larger Local Council's Committee Agenda/Minutes for 15 October at Llanelwedd.
5. Welsh Government – Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 2015/16. <http://wales.gov.uk/irpwsb/home/publication/201415/141002-draft-annual-report-2015-16/?lang=en>
6. Bridgend County Civic Charity Appeals Standing Committee – Grant Charity Banquet 19 October at the Great House.
7. Bridgend County Borough Council, Democratic Services – invitation to the Poppy Appeal Concert, Saturday 8 November, 7pm at the Sony Theatre, Bridgend College.
8. PCSO Steven Bowen – Community Speedwatch Monday 27 October 3 – 5pm. PACT Meeting – the meeting scheduled for 27 November had been changed to incorporate the Deaf Club Pact Meeting (Joint) on 3 December at 7pm, The Deaf Club Coychurch Road.
9. Mr T Clancy, message received via the website: Civil Auxiliary Force, volunteer service had been set up to help government and local communities. The service would like to work with Neighbourhood Watch and South Wales Police.
Resolved: that the Clerk would contact Mr Clancy to invite him to address council with further information.

10. Community Safety & Welfare Officer – invitation for members to attend a meeting on Fire Setting/ASB in Brackla, Bridgend Police Station, Monday 27 October at 2pm.
Resolved: that Cllrs Spanswick, Brett & Quick would attend
- Cllr Williams suggested that there may be a need to employ a security guard to monitor the problem areas, ie Tremains Wood, Tremains Primary School, Brackla Playing Fields and MUGA/skate park/children’s playing area adjacent to Brackla Primary School.
11. One Voice Wales, Vale/Cardiff/Bridgend – the area committee meeting would be held at the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Town Hall on 27 October at 7pm.
Resolved: that Cllr Brett would attend on behalf of Coity Higher and Brackla Community Council
12. Rt Hon Carwyn Jones AM Constituency Surgery – Friday 7 November, 5.30 at Brackla Community Centre.
13. Bridgend County Borough Council – agenda and minutes for the Town & Community Council Forum Monday 27 October. Received by post on 23 October 2014.

81 Brackla Community Centre Asset Transfer Update

Cllr Spanswick and Cllr Townsend had met with the Chief Executive of Bridgend CBC on Friday 17 October to discuss the lack of progress. Cllr Spanswick suggested that the Chief Executive is invited to the next Full Council Meeting to provide an explanation regarding the lack of progress of the transfer. Members were in full agreement and the Clerk would make arrangements.

The Clerk confirmed that Brackla Community Association had applied for their annual grant from Bridgend County Borough Council.

82 Annual Events: Firework Display 4 November 6.30pm & Christmas Celebrations 3 December 2014 at 4.30pm

Firework Display arrangements were confirmed. The Clerk requested volunteer marshals to meet at the main entrance of the school at 4.30.

Christmas Celebrations/Switch on – arrangements were in place as detailed in the September meeting. Cllr Williams suggested additional attractions, ie Santa’s Log Cabin and entertainment at the community centre. The Clerk would check the schedule for the centre for availability. This would be discussed at the next meeting to consider any financial implications for council.

83 The Anti-Dog Fouling Campaign for Brackla – deferred

84 The Shop Mobility Scheme Bridgend- no further information to report

85 **The Chair's Charity Fundraising Update** - deferred

86 **To Nominate a Governor Representative on Tremains Primary School**

Cllr I Hibble expressed an interest in becoming a Governor of Tremains Primary School.
Resolved: Cllr Hibble was nominated by Cllr Spanswick and unanimously agreed

87 **Litter Bins**

There had been many complaints received by councillors and staff regarding the lack of regular collections by Bridgend County Borough Council to empty bins, as a result in a cut in services.

Cllr Williams stated that there were not enough bins in Brackla, particularly along the black path between Whitethorn Drive and Channel View. It was appreciated that we need more bins, yet Bridgend County Borough Council do not have the resources to collect the litter. Cllr Williams stated that he may be able to provide the man-power to carry out this service and that perhaps this council may want to explore sponsored bins for Brackla.

88 **Finance**

(a) Schedule of Payments September 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

Mr Ley brought to the attention of the council the invoice from Bridgend County Borough Council Electoral Services for the September Bi-Election - £9,892.52. Cllr Spanswick and Cllr Townsend had met with the Chief Executive, Mr Darren Mephram regarding this cost and requested a breakdown and a discounted invoice.

Resolved: that the invoice is unpaid until further notice by members

89 **To Receive the Clerk's Report** - none

90 **To Received Members Reports**

Cllr Hibble said that vehicles were parked on the double yellow lines outside the community centre on a Saturday and that this should be reported to enforcement officers.

The Chair, Cllr Brett had attended a concert at All Saints Church in Porthcawl – an excellent performance.

91 **Agenda items for the November 2014 Full Council Meeting**

To Consider the Precept requirement for 2015/2016

92 Date of the next Full Council Meeting

Thursday 20 November, 7.00 pm in the boardroom, Oak Tree Surgery.

93 To Consider Planning Issues – no applications received

The above application was ratified by members of the Planning Committee

With business concluded the Chair closed the meeting at 9.10 pm

Signature of the Chair :

Date:

APPENDIX 1 – Full Council Meeting 20 November 2014

Matters of Report by the Clerk

- 88 Finance – Bi-Election Invoice: response from Darren Mepham, Chief Executive Bridgend County Borough Council. Clerk to read the email.

Correspondence Received

1. REACH Rural Development, Mark Blackmore – Nature Keeper sculpture (Tremains Wood). Reach would like local groups to hold their own launches.
2. Bridgend County Borough Council, Electoral & Emergency Planning Services – Polling districts, places & station review 2014 – emailed to all members 7.11.14
3. Bridgend County Borough Council, Development Group – decision not to send notifications of planning decisions to Town & Community Council's or Ward Members as the decision is available on the council website.
4. Communities First Bridgend, Jamie Mills Engagement & Marketing Officer – invitation to Lower Cluster Learning Forum, 10 – 1pm, Thursday 27 November at Brackla Tabernacle - emailed to all members 10.11.14
5. Landscape Wales – information received regarding the services provided.
6. Bridgend County Borough Council, Mark Shephard, Corporate Director/Communities – invitation for representatives to attend the Budget Workshop for T & Community Council's on 5 December at the Civic Offices. Application to be submitted by 1 December – emailed to all 13.11.14
7. Community Safety & Welfare Officer, Emma Maher – notes from the Fire Hotspots Meeting 27 October at Bridgend Police Station. Next meeting, Monday 24 November, 10.00am at the Police Station – emailed to all on 13.11.14
8. Bridgend County Borough Council – Draft Local Transport Plan Public Consultation information. Public engagement programme from 18 November to 10 December at various venue throughout the borough. Documentation emailed to all members 13.11.14.
9. Complaint by a resident regarding the lane from Heol Simonstone to The Hunters Lodge. Fly-tipping of garden waste, litter and dog fouling. Emailed to all our Borough Councillors on 14.11.14 for assistance.
10. Compliment from a resident congratulating Brackla Community Council on this year's Festive Lighting installations.

Section 137 Donation Requests

- A. Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod 2015
- B. Marie Curie Cancer Care
- C. Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School – looking for £500 toward the cost of secure fencing for their new pond and a significant contribution to purchase a seismometer £534.

Planning Issues

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Construct eight single bedroom apartments land at Madoc Close, Brackla

Letter from Bridgend County Borough Council dated 6 November, received by post 12

November. Invitation for one representative from the T & Community Council, Local member to attend the site meeting on 12 November.