

# **BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**



## **FULL COUNCIL MEETING 21 January 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, Full Council 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 during the April meeting.

### **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**

Mr P Ley, Assistant Clerk/RFO read the response from the contractors who stated that maintenance work and replacement bulbs had been undertaken. The invoice had been amended.

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 ropelight 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 ropelight ( 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 a number of visits we made which was down to the RCD in the column tripping and causing the features to go off , other issues were we had 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 of these issues the team dealt with quickly at site hence the fact that there was not any additional charges applied to yourselves for the repairs .

### **141 To consider the Bridgend Local Development Plan**

Cllr A Pucella, Cllr T Giffard and Cllr J Spanswick has met with an officer of BCBC. Consultation with residents would be needed to identify areas of Brackla that should be protected.

### **142 Finance**

#### **(a) Approval of the Schedule of Payments December 2018**

**Resolved: that the payments were approved. Proposed by Cllr Tom Giffard, seconded by Cllr Ciaron Jackson**

**(b) Bank Reconciliation as at 31 December 2018**

**Resolved: that the Bank Reconciliation had been approved. Proposed by Cllr Tom Giffard, seconded by Cllr Ciaron Jackson**

**(c) Change of Cheque Signatories**

Current signatories: Cllr Craig Jones, Cllr John Spanswick, former Cllrs Terry and Pat Hacking. Two new signatories would be required to replace Terry and Pat plus one other

**Resolved: that additional signatories would be Cllr Tom Giffard, Cllr Kay Rowlands and Cllr Ciaron Jackson**

**143 To Receive Members Reports**

Cllr Ian Hibble said that residents had been enquiring about litter bins and wondered if locations for the four new bins had been confirmed.

Cllr June Brett had attended the One Voice Wales Area Branch Meeting on 14 January. Discussions included election costs and that with the agreement of the Local Authority the cost may be spread over two years. Councils were benefitting from council tax paid on new developments and T & CC's were missing out on that income if occupiers move in after the start of the financial year. One Voice Wales would be writing to Welsh Government.

Cllr Tyler Walsh is looking forward to working with members of this council.

Cllr Tom Giffard informed members that there were plans to improve the format of the Town & Community Council Forum. The Clerk usually attended.

Youth Councillor, Hannah May suggested that council consider purchasing a memorial bench for former Cllr Terry Hacking.

**144 Agenda items for February 2019**

Christmas Lights  
Memorial Bench for former Cllr Terry Hacking  
Bridgend Local Development Plan  
Grass Cutting and Grounds Maintenance

**145 Date of the next Full Council Meeting – Thursday 21 February 2019**

**146 To consider any Planning Applications by the Planning Committee**

P/18/986/FUL 62 Briary Way

Removal of conservatory and construction of 1 and 2 storey extension

**Resolved: that there had been no observations**

P/19/5/RLX Land west of Bryn Bragl

Vary condition 1 to refer to amended plans and remove condition 11 referring to play area (in lieu of off-site play area contribution) of approval P/17/393/FUL

**Resolved: that the condition to the playground remain**

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

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Signed by the Chairperson, Cllr Craig Jones

Date .....

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE 21 February 2019**