

BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



FULL COUNCIL MEETING 18 October 2018 at 7.00 pm Boardroom Oak Tree Surgery

Members Present

Cllr C Jones – Chairperson
Cllr J Brett
Cllr T Giffard
Cllr I Hibble
Cllr C Jackson
Cllr H May – Youth Councillor
Cllr A Pucella
Cllr K Rowlands
Cllr J Spanswick
Cllr H Townsend

Mrs A Wilkes – Clerk of the Council
Mr P Ley – Assistant Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer

78 Public Address to Council

PCSO Steve Bowen had presented crime figures between 26 September to 18 October.

The Skate Park had become a PACT priority due to recent fire setting.

Mr Mike Punter thanked the Borough Councillors for their donation from the Community Action Fund to Brackla Rugby FC. Mr Punter informed members that the RFC had applied for a Community Asset Transfer of the pitch and the top field and Brackla Football Club would be interested in a CAT of the football pitch.

79 Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Aston – on holiday

80 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 J Spanswick, prejudicial interest, member of Development Control, Bridgend CBC – item 93, Planning

Cllr T Giffard, prejudicial interest, member of Development Control, Bridgend CBC – item 93, Planning

Cllr I Hibble, Civil Servant, employed by Welsh Government

Cllr H Townsend – personal interest Brackla Senior Citizens Association donation request – item 89

**81 Ratification of Minutes, Full Council Meeting 20 September 2018
Resolved: that the minutes were approved**

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

82a To respond to a resident regarding reduction to the height of trees between Cwrt y Coed and the Community Centre

A map had been provided by Bridgend CBC Planning Department, identifying Tree Preservation Orders on two trees in the vicinity, which would not be affected. A professional tree surgeon would be engaged, and a planning application submitted.

Resolved: as a neighbour, this council had no objection to the height reduction of the trees

**83 To consider all Correspondence received since the last meeting
(no decisions to be made on correspondence)**

1. One Voice Wales – Bridgend/Cardiff/Vale Area Committee meeting, Monday 22 October, 7.00 pm Annex 3, the Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge. Cllr Brett would attend. (emailed to all members 28.9.18)
2. RBS – confirmation of fees and charges for 2019-2010 for the accounting system.
3. One Voice Wales – IRPW Draft Annual Report Consultation – February 2019. [Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report - February 2019](#)
The Panel would be grateful if you could make your members aware of the contents report and make any comments you may have on the draft to IRPMailbox@gov.wales by **27 November 2018**. (emailed to all 3.10.18)
4. One Voice Wales – Minutes of the Larger Councils Committee Meeting 18 April 2018 and Agenda for 17 October (emailed to all 4.10.18)

5. Bridgend CBC – Agenda for Standards Committee, Wednesday 10 October, 2.00 pm.
6. Welsh Government – Review of Community & Town Councils final report. (emailed 3.10.18)
<https://gov.wales/topics/localgovernment/communitytowncouncils/review-of-community-town-council-sector/?lang=en>
7. Bridgend CBC Street Naming – proposed street name(s) by the developer for the new properties. Land off Princess Way, northern roundabout. ‘Cae Cenydd’ Welsh Saint, matching theme of Ffordd Cadfan the development across the way, cae-meadow). If timescales allowed, members would have suggested to research through the Royal British Legion of any fallen military in recent years. Otherwise members approved of the suggested name by the developers.
8. Mr Mark Galvin, Senior Democratic Services Officer, Bridgend CBC – reminder for nominations for Code of Conduct Training Monday 29 October at 6.00 pm, Civic Offices.

84 To discuss any matters concerning the Community Centre - no reports

85 Annual Events:

(a) Firework Sound & Light Show Friday 2 November at 6.30 pm

Posters and banners would be displayed.

(b) Senior’s Christmas Tea Party Wednesday 5 December 3 – 5.00 pm

A bottle of brandy had been donated for the raffle by Mr P H.

The Golden Oldies would be entertaining. All other preparations were in hand.

(c) To consider the cost of repairs to the Christmas Lighting

Centre Great had reported repairs in the region of £2,175

Resolved: that it had been proposed by Cllr H Townsend, seconded by Cllr I Hibble to accept the cost of repairs at £2,175 and any excess would come from General Reserves

86 To continue discussion on Grounds Maintenance arrangements for 2019

Cllr Spanswick had met with Mr Mark Shephard and Mr Zac Shell of Bridgend CBC had achieved an agreement in principle for a tapered grant over three years, if Brackla Community Council wish to take on all grass cutting.

Cllr Spanswick would prepare information for the consideration of council, expressions of interest advert and contract.

Resolved: that the Clerk would write to Mr Shephard and Mr Shell to confirm arrangements for a three year grant from Bridgend CBC

87 To consider improvements to the Civic Floral Displays for 2019

A meeting would be arranged to discuss matters with Mr David Thomas, Mr Chris Roberts and Mr Mike Punter.

88 Finance

(a) Approval of the Schedule of Payments September 2018

Resolved: that the payments were approved

(b) Bank Reconciliation as at 30 September 2018

Resolved: that the Bank Reconciliation had been approved

Cllr K Rowlands asked if any underspend on the Section 137 Donation budget could be put into General Reserves. Mr Ley confirmed that this may be done at the end of the year.

89 To consider Section 137 Donation Applications – Brackla Senior Citizens Association and Chorleywood Allotments

The Clerk presented the applications

Resolved: that Cllr C Jackson proposed £272 for Brackla Senior Citizens Association, Christmas Lunch, seconded by Cllr T Giffard

Resolved: that Cllr C Jackson proposed to donate £938 to cover the cost of a portable toilet for Chorleywood Allotments. Votes 5 for and 4 against. Cllr T Giffard proposed to donate £469. Votes 4 for and 5 against.

90 To Receive Members Reports

Cllr I Hibble asked if the dead Christmas Tree at the entrance to Tremains Court could be removed?

Cllr H Townsend had received reports of speeding near Ysgol Bro Ogwr and Coychurch Road. The Clerk would contact the PCSO's and request the 'speed van' to attend both areas, speed strips and surveys.

Cllr T Giffard stated that shrubbery/trees required cutting back on the Briary Way lane, leading to Coychurch Road. The Clerk would ask Mr Punter to carry out the work.

Cllr J Spanswick mentioned that this council should be responding to the Rural Development Plan consultation.

Cllr J Spanswick informed members that at a recent BCBC Scrutiny Meeting, it had been reported how well Town & Community Councils work with the Borough Council.

Cllr J Spanswick asked if the council logo stickers could be put on the roundabout sponsored signage.

Cllr C Jackson said that two of the three bus shelters had been painted by the Brackla Environmental Support Team and others had been jet washed. Daffodils would be planted soon.

The Chairperson, Cllr C Jones had the pleasure of attending Wales in Bloom Awards and Bridgend CBC Civic Service.

91 Agenda items for November 2018

The Rural Development Plan
Grounds Maintenance

92 Date of the next Full Council Meeting – Thursday 15 November 2018

93 To consider any Planning Applications by the Planning Committee – none

The Chairperson, Cllr C Jones addressed council: it is with a heavy heart that Cllr Terry Hacking has stepped down due to illness. Cllr Hacking will be an enormous loss to this council and the community.

Cllr J Spanswick extended thanks to Cllr Terry Hacking and Cllr Pat Hacking, who had served on this council for a very long time. It is such a shame that are not still on the council with us.

Cllr T Giffard said that Cllr Terry Hacking has given him invaluable help and advice, and that this had been appreciated.

Members would like to wish Terry and Pat all the very best

The meeting closed at 8.54 pm

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Signed by the Chairperson, Cllr Craig Jones

Date

15 November 2018

1. Matters of Report by the Clerk

Memorial benches – waiting for a delivery date
Community Action Fund – had been received

Correspondence since the previous meeting

1. BridgeFM – quotation for promotional package.
2. One Voice Wales – next area committee meeting Monday 14 January 2019, 7.00 pm. Venue to be confirmed. (emailed to all members 5.11.18)
3. Bridgend Town Council – invitation for the Chairperson - beacon lighting 11 November at 6.45pm
4. BAVO - request to attend a future meeting of BCC
5. BAVO – newsletter
6. Complaint – Community Centre rubbish bin