



BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting Held in the Boardroom, Oak Tree Surgery Thursday 16 February 2017 at 7.00pm

Members Present

Cllr D Aston – Chairperson

Cllr J Brett

Cllr T Hacking

Cllr P Hacking

Cllr C Jones

Cllr M Quick

Cllr J Spanswick

Cllr H Townsend

Clerk - Mrs A Wilkes

Assistant Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer - Mr P Ley

141 Community Police Report

Officers were unable to attend. The Clerk had been given brief reports by PCSO Rhys Jones:

(a) Success arrest today – drugs warrant

(b) There had been a large crowd of young people at the Triangle on Friday 10 February – they had been at a house party. The crowd had quickly dispersed.

PCSO Steve Bowen had confirmed that the handheld speed camera purchase by this council is calibrated annually by South Wales Police. Steve would be presenting Speed Awareness to Year 6 classes in Brackla after the Easter holidays, using the camera.

Cllr J Spanswick had requested detailed reports on the most recent speed exercise.

142 Public Address to Council

The Chairman welcomed Carly Doherty who shared her community ideas with council, which included garden ideas alongside the pathways leading to Brackla Primary School and the subway. Carly suggested inviting the graffiti 'taggers' to be involved in decorating the subway, along with Sixth Formers from the Comprehensive Schools, creating ownership and discouraging antisocial activities and fly tipping. At present the subways are unsuitable for wheelchairs and prams and if the area were cleared up and decorated, more residents could use them safely. Carly had many ideas on clearing old shrubbery and planting areas to include a community vegetable patch and suitable species of plants and new shrubs to encourage wildlife.

Members thanked Carly for her address.

143 Apologies for Absence

Cllr K Jones – at college
Cllr D Sage – ill

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

Cllr C Jones – Borough Councillor, Bridgend CBC – prejudicial interest on Planning issues, Item 156.

Cllr J Spanswick – Borough Councillor, Bridgend CBC, a member of Development Control Committee – prejudicial interest on Planning issues, Item 156.

Cllr H Townsend – Borough Councillor, Bridgend CBC – prejudicial interest on Planning issues, Item 156.

145 Ratification of Minutes, Full Council Meeting 19 January 2017

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

146 Matters of Report by the Clerk of the Council

128 Request for a contribution by Bridgend CBC towards Beach & Water Safety Service. Further information had been requested by the Clerk.

133 A request had been made to Panther Securities, landowners of the Triangle to request the possibility of erecting a War Memorial on the grass verge. This project would be suitable to coincide with the Commemoration of the Great War in 2018.

134 An application had been sent to Bridgend CBC regarding the installation of a commemorative bench at the entrance to the Triangle on 20 January 2017.

148 To consider all Correspondence received by this Council since the previous meeting

1. Bridgend County Civic Charity Appeals Standing Committee – invitations to the February fundraising events. (Emailed to all members 1.2.17)
2. One Voice Wales – Welsh Government consultation on the White Paper ‘Reforming Local Government – Resilient and Renewed’. Online consultation, closing 11 April 2017. (Emailed to all members 2.2.17)
3. Resident/Cath Hather – enquiry regarding any plans for the land from Brackla footpath toward Waunscil Avenue. Suggesting that it may be suitable for community use, such as allotment, garden or green open space.
4. One Voice Wales – Training on financial management and governance in community and town councils.
5. Bridgend CBC, Gaynor Griffiths, Partnership Support Officer – consultation on Bridgend’s Well Being Assessment from 15 February to 19 March.

Resolved: that all the above items were duly noted

149 Brackla Community Centre

Bridgend CBC Financial Assistance/Contribution 2016/17. The sum of £2,388.50 had been received.

Information on the Town & Community Grant Fund – waiting for confirmation from Bridgend CBC.

150 Annual Events

(a) Funday & Flower Show – Sat 24 June 2017

The working party would meet to discuss the format of the Flower Show entry forms, criteria, classes and promotion.

(b) Firework Show

Members confirmed that the tickets would remain at £1 per adult and children free, as in 2016.

Highway barriers at the side gate on the approach to the rear of the school would be required to filter the queues for entry.

Luminent and Crackerjack Fireworks Limited would work together to produce laser lights/music/fireworks.

Bridge FM had provided a quotation to provide air time for 10 days and full promotion of the event, including the stage trailer at the location, present to host and their street team to interact with the audience.
Cost £1599.

Resolved: that members unanimously approved to engage Bridge FM to take part in the Firework Show at a cost of £1599

(c) Senior Citizen's Christmas Tea Party – Wed 6 December

Catering, Picasso Griffiths, Simon Sparkles Table Magic and Nesley Brown, photographer and photo booth have been booked for the afternoon event at the community centre.

151 Finance

(a) To request approval of the schedule of **payments January 2017**
Resolved: that payments were unanimously approved and signed proposed by Cllr T Hacking and seconded by Cllr M Quick in compliance with the Wales Audit Regulations

(b) Mr Ley had provided members with a copy of the bank reconciliation as at **31 January 2017** for approval.
Resolved: that payments were unanimously approved and signed in compliance with the Wales Audit Regulations

152 To Receive the Clerk's Report - none

153 To Receive Reports from Members

Cllr Townsend stated that local volunteers had carried out a litter pick at Rhiw Las. Cllr Townsend had made several referrals on unemptied litter bins. The pavement at Highfields had been repaired following a referral to Bridgend CBC.

Cllr Townsend said that Cllr David Sage was still in hospital and well enough to receive visitors.

Cllr Spanswick informed members of a litter picking event on Sunday 5 March, meeting at Archdeacon John Lewis School at 11am. This event would be supported by Keep Wales Tidy and the volunteers of Brackla Environmental Support Group.

154 Agenda items for March 2017 Full Council Meeting

To consider the quotation for Automated Defibrillators from Coity & Bridgend First Responders

To consider Section 137 Donation requests from local not for profit groups and charities

155 The date of the next Full Council Meeting

Resolved: that the meeting would take place on Thursday 16 March 2017 at 7pm in the Boardroom of Oak Tree Surgery

156 To consider Brackla Planning Applications by the Planning Committee Members of this Council

P/17/73RLX 10 Bramble Close

To extend planning approval ref P/12/352/FUL (two storey extension) for a further 5 years – NO OBSERVATIONS

P/17/82/FUL 29 Cae Fynnon

Loft conversion including dormer extension
NO OBSERVATIONS

P/17/75/FUL Land to the rear of Waunscil Avenue

Response to Bridgend CBC:

This council have made strong objections to development on numerous occasions in the past and that we object in this instance on the same grounds as previously recorded.

We understand from two previous inspectorate reports and soil surveys that the land is contaminated from years of infilling, down to approximately 30 ft and that methane gas was present.

Retention of a green wedge of land between Bridgend and Brackla is paramount

Potential impact and loss or disturbance to nesting birds and reptiles.

Permanent feeding loss for UK Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) Priority Species including Pipistrelle bats, Bullfinch, Dunnock, House Sparrow, Song Thrush and Starling.

Losses would be incurred by various populations of common invertebrates and a Local Plant Species, namely Wood Small Rush could be removed.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Signature of the Chairperson: Date:
Councillor David Aston

Matters of report since the previous meeting - none

Correspondence

1. Mayor of Maesteg Town Council – invitation to the Annual Fund Ball/Masquerade Saturday, 29 April 2017, 7 for 7.30pm at Maesteg Town Hall. Tickets £27.50.
2. Mr L Roberts, Heol Glyndwr – concerns regarding the football post. Email received 19 February.
3. One Voice Wales – Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales and covering letter from Welsh Government. Emailed to all members 1.3.17.
4. Bridgend CBC – Agenda of Town & Community Council Forum, 13 March, Civic Offices. Clerks are now able to attend the meetings. Mrs Wilkes unable to attend due to an hospital appointment.
5. Margaret Minhinnick, Sustainable Wales – invitation to public meeting, Localising Renewable Energy – Grand Pavilion, 7.30pm, Thursday 6 April.
6. Boundary Commission for Wales - the 2018 review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales, Second Consultation period. The launch of the statutory 4 week consultation for individuals and organisations will be 28 February to 27 March. www.bcw2018.org.uk