

BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



FULL COUNCIL MEETING **Thursday 15 March 2018 at 7.00** **pm Boardroom of Oak Tree** **Surgery**

Members Present

Cllr H Townsend – Chairperson

Cllr C Jones

Cllr T Giffard

Cllr T Hacking

Cllr I Hibble

Cllr C Jackson

Cllr A Pucella

Cllr K Rowlands

Cllr J Spanswick

Mrs Anne Wilkes - Clerk of the Council

Mr Philip Ley - Assistant Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

187 Community Police Report

The PACT Meeting of 1 March had been cancelled due to inclement weather. The next meeting would be Thursday 29 March 2018, 6.30 pm at Brackla Primary School.

188 Public Address (10 minutes only)

189 Apologies for Absence

Cllr David Aston – on holiday

Cllr June Brett – injury

190 Declarations of Interest in Accordance with Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2000

Cllr T Giffard – Borough Councillor and a member of the Development Control Committee, Bridgend County Borough Council – prejudicial interest on Planning matters – item 206

Cllr A Pucella – Borough Councillor Bridgend County Borough Council – prejudicial interest on Planning matters – item 206

Cllr K Rowlands – Borough Councillor Bridgend County Borough Council – prejudicial interest on Planning matters – item 206

Cllr J Spanswick – Borough Councillor and a member of the Development Control Committee, Bridgend County Borough Council – prejudicial interest on Planning matters - item 206

Cllr H Townsend – personal interest 195 (a)

191 Ratification of Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 15 February 2018

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

192 Matters of Report by the Clerk

- (a) Bridgend CBC had provided a breakdown of the cost of a new tap in the disabled toilet at the community centre.

Tap (thermostatically controlled) £ 218.37
12.5% make up £ 27.30
Labour first visit £ 40.00
Labour Second visit £ 53.96

Total £ 339.63
VAT £ 67.93
Total £ 407.56

- (b) Information had been received from Bridgend CBC regarding grass cutting – the details were shared in closed session. Urban Cuts x 7 times per season, Rural x 4 times per season and Rural/Natural Area Cut x twice.

- (c) Dog Foul Posts – Mr J Rees, Operations Officer, Street Scene Section Bridgend CBC had requested two sites of high footfall dog walking areas in Brackla. BCBC would be ordering TIKSPAC Scheme posts with a supply of biodegradable dog bags and dog foul bins. The Clerk had suggested: the black path between Whitethorn Drive and Channel View, pathway between the football and rugby pitches, the steps on Channel View opposite Maple Drive and the top of Ger y Coed leading to the field. Members also a further site of Ysgol Bro Ogwr.

193 To consider all Correspondence Received by this Council since the last meeting

1. Mr Gary Jones, Head of Democratic Services, BCBC – Town & Community Council Charter Review – responses asap for the T & CC Forum meeting on 19 March. (emailed to all 22.2.18)
Resolved that members agreed to their original comment that they would like to see a two-way engagement, particularly with BCBC officers. The Charter is fine, in principle but there has been no improvement.
2. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Annual Report February 2018 (emailed 27.2.18) – Agenda for 19 April 2018.
3. Lesley Jones, CEO, Keep Wales Tidy – partnership working with T & CC's (emailed 28.2.18) - noted
4. Wales Audit Office – Financial Management and Governance in Local Councils – report by the Auditor General (emailed 7.3.18) - noted
5. One Voice Wales – IRPW invitation to members and clerks for a discussion on its remuneration framework– 4 locations – Carmarthen University Halliwell Centre, 11 April, 10.30 to 12.30. Places allocations, first come first served basis. (emailed 6.3.18) - noted
6. One Voice Wales on behalf of Wales Audit Office – survey for submission by beginning of April. Members were requested to complete the survey and send to the Clerk for a collective response.
7. One Voice Wales on behalf of Welsh Government – community Asset Transfer conferences, 19 March at Abertillery and 26 March Llanrwst. - noted
8. Mr Gary Jones, Head of Democratic Services, BCBC – invitation for the Chair from Neath Port Talbot Council to Palm Sunday Service of Remembrance at Margam Crematorium, Sunday 25 March, 3pm. (emailed to Cllr H Townsend 9.3.18) – noted

9. Mr Alan Drury, Community & Events Fundraiser/Wales, Stroke Association – request to use this council’s generator, free of charge, for Step Out for Stroke walk, Newbridge Fields on Sunday 20 May 2018.
Resolved: that all members were happy to loan the generator to the Stroke Association

The Clerk would ask Mr Mike Punter is he would be able to supply free transport again, as in 2017.

10. Bridgend CBC – Agenda for Town & Community Council Forum, Monday 19 March 2018 at 4pm, Civic Offices. The Clerk would attend.

194 To discuss Community Centre matters

- (a) Review of Hire Fees – deferred until May as there had been no inflation rises since the last review of 2015 and members did not want to frighten current hirers.
- (b) Update on the proposed internal alterations – no update

195 Annual Events

- (a) to confirm activities/entertainment for the Funday Saturday 30 June

In addition to the list presented on 15 February, members agreed that to include a Bungee Run, Total Wipe Out, Jimmy Juggle, Soft Play and Jonny Sage as Compere and Entertainer and a band. An ice cream and food retailers would be sourced.

- (c) Promotion of Brackla in Bloom Competition 2018 – posters displayed on all BCC notice boards.

196 Community Development Plan – to receive questions for the new survey

Deferred

197 To receive items for the Spring Newsletter from members

Community centre information

Events

Dog Bags information to include the Tikspac Scheme

198 To discuss the current Roundabout Sponsorship and income

Members requested the council's logo on all sponsorship signs and the extra five new bins.

Members considered the current sponsorship fees of £100 per sign annually, which had been in place for several years. Members questioned whether the new signs on the Triangle roundabout were larger than others. The Clerk would check the dimensions.

Resolved: that Cllr T Giffard proposed a new annual charge of £250 per sign, seconded by Cllr C Jackson and unanimously agreed. The new charge would take effect from 1 April 2018

199 To discuss Youth Councillors

The Council had received an expression of interest from Miss Hannah May of Tremains Court to become a Youth Councillor on Brackla Community Council.

Resolved: that Cllr T Hacking proposed, seconded by Cllr T Giffard to become our second Youth Councillor, agreed by all Councillors, except Cllr C Jackson. The term of office would be May 2018 to May 2019

200 To nominate a Community Councillor Representative for Bro Ogwr Primary School

No nominations – most members are already represented on two schools.

201 Finance:

- (a) Approval of the Schedule of Payments February 2018
Resolved: that payments were unanimously approved and signed, proposed by Cllr C Jones and seconded by Cllr J Spanswick in compliance with the Accounts & Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014
- (b) Bank Reconciliation as at 28 February 2018
Resolved: that payments were unanimously approved and signed, proposed by Cllr C Jones and seconded by Cllr J Spanswick in compliance with the Accounts & Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014
- (c) To appoint an Internal Auditor

Mr P Ley, Responsible Finance Officer informed members that Mr Simon Lewis had accepted the terms of our letter of engagement as Internal Auditor.

Resolved to appoint Mr Simon Lewis, Sentinel, Cardiff as the internal auditor for 2018

Cllr C Jones, informed council that 95% of the GMB Union had accepted a 2% pay increase. Unison to be confirmed. There may be a slight increase for RTC Pension contributions.

202 To receive reports from the Clerk

To confirm that Cllr J Spanswick and Cllr C Jackson would liaise with Mr Mike Punter regarding clearing the storage facilities at the rear of the Triangle.

203 To receive reports from the Members

Cllr J Spanswick informed members of a five-million-pound investment by Bridgend CBC for highways.

Cllr I Hibble commented on the pot holes in the road near Maes Dewi Pritchard.

204 Agenda items for April 2018 Full Council Meeting

The IPRW Report – payments to councillors
Section 137 applications

205 To confirm the date of the next meeting –19 April 2018 at 7.00 pm

206 To consider any Planning Applications by the Planning Committee

No applications received

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed by the Chairperson Date
Cllr Hailey Townsend

APPENDIX 1

Correspondence Received since the previous meeting

1. Nationwide Waste Services Limited – price increase per container, general waste £1.78 per m3 or part thereof as from 1 April 2018.
2. Mayor of Bridgend CBC – invitations to forthcoming events:
Annual Charity Fundraising Golf Tournament, Friday 11 May at The Grove Golf Club. Gala Dinner at the Heronston Best Western Hotel, Saturday 28 April (emailed to all members 23.3.18)
3. Acknowledgement letters for Section 137 Donations to: Wales Air Ambulance, Bridgend Carers and Y Bont.
4. Bridgend CBC, Leanne Rowlands, Wellbeing Manager/Play & Family Support - acknowledgement for supporting the summer holiday activity schemes 2018.
5. One Voice Wales – response to the Independent Review Panel for Wales Community & Town Council Review. (emailed to all 4.4.18)
6. One Voice Wales – a message from Mr Deryck Evans, Wales Audit Office – An Inconvenient Truth, the importance of External Audit. (emailed to all 5.4.18)
7. One Voice Wales - Joint One Voice Wales/SLCC meeting 16 May at the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells.
8. One Voice Wales – workshop, Understanding the Law at Bridgend Town Council offices, Monday 30 April. (emailed 16.4.18)
9. Bridgend CBC - Town & Community Council Fund 2018/19 – application to improve facilities at Brackla Community Centre had been unsuccessful.
10. Maesteg Town Council – invitation to an event, Friday 1 June, 7.30pm Maesteg Town Hall – the start of Gwyl Maesteg Festival. (emailed 16.4.18)
11. Information Commissioner – case reference number COM0738723. Incident reported by the Clerk, no further action to be taken.

Planning – no applications received