



# **BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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

### **Members Present**

**Cllr H Townsend – Chairperson**

Cllr J Brett

Cllr I Hibble

Cllr M Quick

Cllr J Spanswick

Clerk - Mrs A Wilkes

Assistant Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer - Mr P Ley

### **157 Community Police Report**

The next PACT Meeting would take place on Thursday 30 March 2017, 6.30pm at Brackla Primary School.

### **158 Public Address to Council**

The Chair, Cllr H Townsend welcomed five members of the public to the meeting, Nathan Goldsworthy, Shaun Bastin, Stuart Charles, Ciaron Jackson and Sarah Jackson. Introductions were exchanged.

Mr Goldsworthy made enquiries regarding the selection/tendering to provide services at the community council annual events. The Chair explained that anyone interested in being involved as a volunteer or to provide a professional service should contact the Clerk of the Council.

### **159 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr D Aston – influenza

Cllr P Hacking – unable to attend due to another commitment

Cllr T Hacking – unable to attend due to another commitment

Cllr C Jones – unable to attend due to another commitment

Cllr D Sage – ill

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

Cllr I Hibble – Civil Servant Welsh Government

Cllr J Spanswick – Borough Councillor, Bridgend CBC, a member of Development Control Committee – prejudicial interest on Planning issues, Item 174. Personal interest, Item 166 – friend of Mrs C Lewis.

Cllr H Townsend – Borough Councillor, Bridgend CBC – prejudicial interest on Planning issues, Item 174.

**161 Ratification of Minutes, Full Council Meeting 16 February 2017**

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

**162 Matters of Report by the Clerk of the Council**

134 Memorial Bench for Mr Brian Whitlock. Bridgend CBC had confirmed that the bench at the entrance to the Triangle Shopping Precinct did not belong to the local authority. The Clerk had requested permission from the landowners via Watts & Morgan Estate Agents.

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

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. A risk assessment would be carried out by officers of Bridgend CBC, under the instruction of Mr Mark Shephard, Director of Communities.  
**Resolved: that this council would consider the content of the risk assessment upon receipt. The Clerk would inform Mr Roberts**
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. Cllr Townsend reported a poor show of councillors and only twelve attended.

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](http://www.bcw2018.org.uk)

#### **164 Brackla Community Centre**

(a) Architectural plans – to be received

(b) To consider quotations to replace the boiler – Ian Morgan Gas Heating & Plumbing Services, Bridgend - £17,000 plus VAT; C S Boxall Plumbing & Heating Ltd - £16,524 plus VAT. The Clerk confirmed that Bridgend CBC, Town & Community Council Capital Fund 2016/17 had awarded £9,500 toward the project, which would be claimed following completion and payment of the scheme.

**Resolved: that Cllr Spanswick proposed to award the tender to C S Boxall Plumbing & Heating Limited for the sum of £16,524, seconded by Cllr Townsend and unanimously agreed**

#### **165 Annual Events**

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

The working party had met to discuss the format of the Flower Show entry forms, criteria, classes and promotion. Promotional posters, banners and booklet had been confirmed. Advertising in our Newsletter, The Gem, Gazette, Bridgefm (What's On – free listing), social media and this council's website.

**(b) Firework Show**

Confirmation of the date would be provided by Crackerjack during March.

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

Arrangements had been completed

**166 To consider Section 137 of the Local Government Act Donation Requests**

Four applications had been received: The Golden Oldies, Brackla Under 5's, Brackla Charity Fundraising Group and Halo Sports Foundation Charity. Following consideration, based on the information received the following decision applied:

**Resolved: that Cllr J Spanswick proposed, seconded by Cllr M Quick and unanimously agreed: £500 would be awarded, under the Powers of Section 137 of the LGA to the Golden Oldies, Brackla Under 5's and Brackla Charity Fundraising Group and unanimously agreed**

**167 To consider the quotation from Coity First Responders on Defibrillators**

Following the presentation on Automated External Defibrillators by Coity First Responders in January. Their minimum recommendation for Brackla would have been two units at £3,840 and preferred amount being four units £7,680, excluding VAT.

**Resolved: that Cllr J Spanswick proposed, seconded by Cllr I Hibble and unanimously agreed to purchase two Defibrillators during this current year at £3,840 from the General Reserve fund**

**168 To consider a contribution to Bridgend County Borough Council/Lifeguard Service**

Following careful consideration of the extra information (Lifeguard Service Monitoring Report 2016 West Division, South East Wales) provided by Bridgend County Borough Council

**Resolved: that Cllr J Spanswick proposed, seconded by Cllr I Hibble and unanimously agreed to contribute £500 to the Lifeguard Service from the Section 137 fund**

**169 Finance**

- (a) To request approval of the schedule of **payments February 2017**  
**Resolved: that payments were unanimously approved and signed proposed by Cllr J Spanswick and seconded by Cllr I Hibble in compliance with the Wales Audit Regulations**
- (b) Mr Ley had provided members with a copy of the bank reconciliation as at **28 February 2017** for approval.  
**Resolved: that payments were unanimously approved and signed in compliance with the Wales Audit Regulations**

**170 To Receive the Clerk's Report**

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer had attended the Society of Local Council Clerks Conference in Cwmbran on 15 March. This had been a valuable day for both officers enabling networking with other Clerks and local government service providers, updates on legislation and an opportunity to study. The presentation on social media was interesting and its use had been recommended by the SLCC and One Voice Wales. It seemed that Brackla Community Council are one of the Town and Community Councils using this media as part of our publication scheme.

**171 To Receive Reports from Members**

Cllr J Spanswick asked about the distribution of the Newsletter. The Clerk had been informed by the printers that distribution would take place on the weekend of 18 and 19 March.

Cllr Spanswick informed members that Bridgend CBC had installed a litter bin at the rear of Sedd Goch.

**172 Agenda items for April 2017 Full Council Meeting**

To consider the purchase of a further two Automated External Defibrillators

**173 The date of the next Full Council Meeting**

**Resolved: that the meeting would take place on Thursday 20 April 2017 at 7pm in the Boardroom of Oak Tree Surgery**

**174 To consider Brackla Planning Applications by the Planning Committee Members of this Council - none**

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Signature of the Chairperson: ..... Date: .....  
Councillor Hailey Townsend

## **Matters of report since the previous meeting**

Still waiting on a response from the land owners at the Triangle, via their agent, Watts & Morgan regarding the replacement memorial bench and permission to use part of the grassed area for a War Memorial.

## **Correspondence received since 16 March 2017**

1. School Governance Solutions Limited – to nominate a community governor representative for Archdeacon John Lewis and Tremain Primary Schools, replacing former Cllr G Williams.
2. Wales Air Ambulance – donation request – deferred until June 2017
3. Y Bont – donation request – deferred until June 2017
4. Bridgend CBC – pre-election information and timeline for applications and withdrawals.
5. Lite Limited – suppliers of festive lighting.
6. One Voice Wales – Social Media Policy Template

## **Planning applications since 16 March 2017**

<b>P/17/272/FUL</b>	4 Cae Ysgubor	Single storey extension
<b>P/17/274/FUL</b>	21 Badgers Brook	Construction of rear extension for granny flat
<b>P/17/299/FUL</b>	12 Marigold Court	Wales & West Housing Association Single storey side extension