

BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



THE NEXT MEETING OF BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING Thursday 16th January 2020 at 6:30pm Boardroom of Oak Tree Surgery

Members Present

Cllr J Spanswick – Chairperson
Cllr D Aston
Cllr J Brett
Cllr I Hibble
Cllr A Pucella

Mrs R Keepins – Clerk of the Council
Mr P Ley – Assistant Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer
Miss H May – Admin Officer

167 Public Address to Council (10 minutes only)

PCSO Rhys Jones provided an update to Members on the latest crime incidents in the local area and the resulting successful arrests. The Councillors expressed their thanks and appreciation to the PCSOs and the Police for their continued hard work and dedication.

168 Apologies for Absence

Cllr T Walsh
Cllr K Hughes

169 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 I Hibble declared a personal interest in that he is a Civil Servant working for the Welsh Government. He further declared a prejudicial interest in relation to item 180 as his role within the Housing Division works closely with Registered Social Landlords. He therefore determined to leave the meeting for that item.

170 Ratification of Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting 19 December 2019

Resolved:

The minutes were approved, with the following amendments:

- Cllr D Aston and Cllr T Walsh were both present at the meeting

Proposed by Cllr J Spanswick, seconded by Cllr D Aston

171 Ratification of Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 19 December 2019

Resolved:

The minutes were approved, proposed by Cllr D Aston, seconded by Cllr A Pucella

172 Ratification of Confidential Minutes of Full Council Meeting 19 December 2019

Resolved:

The minutes were approved, proposed by Cllr D Aston, seconded by Cllr J Brett

173 Report by the Clerk relating to matters from the previous Full Council Meeting

The Clerk went through the Decision Record to update Members on the actions resulting from the last meeting. The Clerk also provided an update on the 'Brackla Love it, Don't Trash it' scheme in that litter picks and beach cleans were now underway with the schools and Councillors had been invited to attend.

In addition to this the Clerk informed Members that the report had been received from the pest control company regarding the bin storage for the Centre. The report indicated that there had been a full take from the bate boxes and therefore the boxes were to remain for another 3 months to then review the situation again. With this and the sewers being treated by BCBC the issue was being dealt with. The report also highlighted the fact that there were food outlets nearby and so mobbing the bin storage would not eradicate the rats, only displace them by 100 yards or so.

174 To consider all Correspondence received by this Council since the last meeting (no decisions to be made on correspondence).

The Clerk presented the correspondence report to Members adding that further correspondence had been received since the agenda had been published from One Voice Wales, BAVO and details of the VE Day celebrations.

The Clerk also advised that there had been a concern expressed by the local nursery regarding the closure of the footpath by Brackla Primary School for building work, in that they had not been advised of the closure and it had implications on the nursery picking up children from the school and crossing various roads etc. Contact by the Clerk to BCBC had led to correspondence with the Project Manager from BCBC who arranged for the site manager to visit the nursery to discuss and resolve any issues. Continued contact was welcomed by the Project Manager should there be any other concerns.

175 To discuss any matters concerning the Community Centre

The Clerk informed the Council of the recent issues regarding blocked and leaking toilets in the Centre that had led to a local plumber attending on a few separate occasions to clear the blockages.

Resolved:

The Council agreed to have a Community Centre Committee Meeting on Wednesday 12th February, 4pm-6pm. Following this a Community Centre Forum meeting would be organised to meet with the user groups.

Exclusion of the Public

Proposed by Cllr D Aston, seconded by Cllr I Hibble.

Resolved:

Members agreed that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item regarding a recent Money Claim, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out at Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the application of the public interest test.

It was proposed to return to open session following a resolution on the Money Claim.

176 VE Day Flowers, Wildflowers and Wales in Bloom

Members unanimously agreed the entry for Wales in Bloom for the Urban Community Category.

It was agreed that the Clerk would explore the possibility of whether the Community Council could financially assist both the Badgers Brook allotment with their entry into Wales in Bloom and Tremains Woodland Rangers with their entry into the Green Flag Award scheme.

It was agreed that David Thomas be invited to the next meeting in February to discuss the VE Day flowers, Wildflowers and Wales in Bloom.

177 Brackla Funday

The Council were provided with ideas and quotes for entertainment for this years Funday. Various options were considered, and the Council agreed on those to proceed with and start booking.

178 Brackla Signs

Resolved:

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Members agreed to progress with 'Glasdon' for the Boundary/Gateway signs. It was agreed that the signs would be white, with white posts, incorporating the BCC logo and the RHS WIB logo if possible. The writing would read 'Brackla. Wales in Bloom Award Winners' along with the Welsh translation. An approximate cost was agreed at £6000 plus installation which as agreed at a previous meeting would be taken from the general reserves budget.

179 Brackla Community Council Vacancy – Co-option

Resolved:

It was agreed that the vacancy would be advertised for 2 weeks, with appointment then being made at the February Full Council meeting. Members further agreed to advertise using the usual methods i.e. Notice Board, website with it being shared on social media.

180 Bryn Bragl Development

Cllr I Hibble left the meeting for this item.

Resolved:

Members supported the proposed new street name in the Bryn Bragl development.

181 Crime Statistics for Brackla

17th December – 16th January 2020

Burglary – 1 – Male Arrested

Theft – 16

24/2 – Briary Way – Theft from Motor Vehicle (TFMV)

28 /2 – Highfields – TFMV

9/1 – Longacre – TFMV

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12/1 – Longacre – Bike from Garage

Damage – 2

3/1 – Barnado's front door

25/12 – Domestic related.

Violence against – 16

Domestic related – 12

Road rage – 1

Threats to cause damage – 1

Neighbour issues – 1

Persons Known to each other- 1

182 Finance:

(a) Approval of the Schedule of Payments December 2019

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Resolved:

The payments were approved, proposed by Cllr D Aston, seconded by Cllr J Brett

(b) Bank Reconciliation as at December 2019

Cllr I Hibble signed the bank statement on behalf of the Council

Resolved:

The statement for December was approved

(c) Monthly Budget Review December

Resolved:

The budget review was approved, proposed by Cllr I Hibble, seconded by Cllr A Pucella

183 To Receive Reports from Members

Cllr A Pucella informed Members of some overgrowth in Fair oak Chase where members of the public were finding it difficult to walk on the pavement. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact MS Property Management to remove the overgrowth.

Cllr J Spanswick told Council that Persimmon Homes were starting to take on some responsibility for land in Bridgend. He also told Members that he attended a litter pick with Brackla Primary School in conjunction with the Love it, Don't Trash it scheme.

184 Agenda items for February 2020 Full Council Meeting

VE Day Flowers, Wildflowers and Wales in Bloom
Co-option
Brackla Love it, Don't Trash it – Possibly February or March meeting
Website redesign
Brackla Signs – update on final design
Funday
Consideration of Forward Work Plan

185 Date of the next Full Council Meeting –Thursday 20 February 2020

186 Planning Applications

None

Signed by Chairperson, Cllr J Spanswick

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Date: