

DECISION RECORD

BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING – 20th July 2023

Attendance	Cllr S Griffiths (Chairperson) Cllr E Caparros Cllr K Hughes Cllr W Kendall Cllr L Lewis Cllr M Payn Cllr R Smith Cllr J Spanswick Cllr J Nuth Cllr J Llewellyn-Hopkins Cllr K Hoy Miss H May – Administrative Officer Mr P Ley – Responsible Financial Officer One member of the public
36. Apologies for Absence	Mr M Evans – Clerk to the Council
37. Declarations of Interest	Cllr S Griffiths declared a prejudicial interest in relation to item 61, Planning, as he is a Member of Bridgend CBC Development Control Committee. He agreed to leave the meeting for this item. Cllr W Kendall declared a prejudicial interest in relation to item 61, Planning, as he is a Member of Bridgend CBC Development Control Committee. He agreed to leave the meeting for this item.

	<p>Cllr J Spanswick declared a prejudicial interest in relation to item 61, Planning, as he is a BCBC Cabinet Member responsible for Environment and Climate Change. He agreed to leave the meeting for this item.</p> <p>Cllr E Caparros declared a personal interest as a BCBC Councillor.</p> <p>Cllr J Llewellyn-Hopkins declared a personal interest as a BCBC Councillor.</p> <p>Cllr K Hughes declared a personal interest in relation to item 61, Planning, (P23/415/FUL) which concerns his immediate neighbour.</p>
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Item no.	Title of Item/Report	Decision Made
38.	Public Questions	None – no decisions made.
39.	Presentation by Alison Woodward from Baobab Bach regarding a potential Food Pantry service at Brackla Community Centre	It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should obtain Baobab Bach's formal proposals for operating a Food Pantry at the Community Centre for consideration at the next full council meeting.
40.	To agree Minutes of the Full Council Meeting – 15th June 2023.	Cllr K Hughes suggested a change to the wording in item 34 to refer to the fact that BCBC officers had advised him that BCBC have changed their policy and have removed several previously damaged bins from the Brackla area. Cllr Spanswick proposed a further amendment stating that it was not a Cabinet decision to change the Council's policy, but this was an Officer's decision. The minutes were unanimously approved subject to the above amendments.
41.	To agree Minutes of the Finance & HR Committee Meeting – 22nd June 2023	The minutes were unanimously approved.
42.	To agree Minutes of the joint Community Centre & Wellbeing of Future Generations Committees Meeting – 27th June 2023	The minutes were approved unanimously (subject to an amendment requested by Cllr K Hughes that his attendance as an observer at the meeting be recorded).

43.	To Agree Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting – 29th June 2023	The minutes were approved unanimously (subject to an amendment in Item 4 requested by Cllr K Hughes that a £1 arithmetical error [and not a rounding error] had been identified in the Annual Return).
44.	To note matters not addressed elsewhere on Agenda – Clerk’s Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk’s meeting with PCSO • Multi-Location Meetings • Anti-Social Behaviour at Tremains Wood & Chorley Wood • Sale of Community Centre staging • Clerk’s ongoing professional training • Donation request from Brackla Juniors FC Under 16s Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolved that Clerk should liaise with the owner of the Triangle carpark to express Council’s concerns about anti-social behaviour. • The new Owl Camera will be used for the first time at the next full meeting of the Council on 21st September 2023. • The PCSO is to be invited to attend the next meeting. Clark to liaise with Brian Jones of Keep Wales Tidy to obtain red litter bags and litter-picking equipment. • The Clerk is to meet with a member of Brackla Choir who has expressed an interest in purchasing the staging. • Clerk to commence CILCA course in January 2024 • A donation form is to be sent to the club & returned for consideration at the next full meeting of the Council.
45.	Matters pertaining to Finance, Governance and Administration	<p>a) To receive YTD Financial Accounts as at 30th June 2023 The Accounts were approved unanimously.</p> <p>b) To note Bank reconciliation as at 30th June 2023 The bank reconciliation was approved unanimously.</p> <p>c) To note Payments made during the previous month The list of payments was approved unanimously.</p> <p>d) To approve Payment schedule as presented The schedule of cheque payments was approved unanimously.</p>

46.	To consider adding Cllr K Hughes as a signatory for the Council's bank accounts in addition to the three existing signatories	It was unanimously agreed that Cllr K Hughes be added as a fourth signatory.
47.	Update regarding BCBC's Summer Playscheme	It was unanimously agreed that the Council defer consideration of the increased costs of this year's scheme to the next full meeting of the Council in September 2023.
48.	Update regarding Brackla Fun Day	It was unanimously agreed that the date of the 2024 Fun Day would be agreed at the next full meeting of the Council.
49.	Update regarding Wales in Bloom	It was unanimously agreed that for next year's competition, Tremains Wood, Badgers Brook and the allotments should be included in the portfolio submitted by BCC.
50.	Update regarding the storage container & asset list	It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would be tasked with sorting and recording the items in the storage container.
51.	The signing of cheques	It was agreed that the Clerk should produce a copy of the Grounds Maintenance contract at the next full meeting of the Council.
52.	Playpark CAT Proposal	I was agreed that the Clerk should obtain quotes for totally new equipment at community centre playpark (including metal fencing). Any new playpark in the future at Church Acre will comprise new equipment.
54.	To discuss email correspondence regarding a recent grass-cutting invoice from Cllr Spanswick	It was agreed that this would be discussed privately by Cllr Spanswick and Cllr Hughes. The matter would be brought back before a full meeting of the Council if not resolved.
55.	Installation of new Brackla signs	It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Hughes would meet with the Administrative Officer to arrange installation of the signs and to resolve any outstanding planning issues with BCBC regarding a third sign.

56.	Provision of Benches	It was agreed that the Clerk should seek quotes for recycled plastic benches.
57.	Update regarding Brackla Community Centre Renovation	The Administrative Officer is to advise Banana Moon that all their equipment is to be relocated to the small office. At the next full meeting, The Council should discuss the viability of a container unit being provided at the rear of the Centre.
58.	Update regarding Brackla Fireworks Display	It was unanimously resolved to agree the unchanged quote of £4,150 + VAT from the same supplier as last year for a 25-minute display.
59.	Discussion regarding terms of reference for the HR & Finance Committee.	It was agreed that would be discussed at the next HR & Finance Committee meeting in September 2023.
60.	To receive Members' Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr L Lewis • Cllr K Hughes • Cllr J Spanswick 	No decisions made No decisions made No decisions made
61.	To consider Planning Applications received	P/23/346/TPN - Grass verge off Heol Simonston, rear of Maple Drive, Brackla CF35 6AB Prior notification for proposed telecommunications equipment: 20m high monopole, 2 x equipment cabinets, 1 electric meter cabinet and ancillary development Resolved: We appreciate that the contractor responded to our request for a more detailed site plan

		<p>and we recognise that there is never an ideal location for these important communication installations. We have no objections to this application and request that any assistance that could be provided to improve the basic impromptu footpath near to this installation would be very much appreciated.</p> <p>P/23/364/FUL - Maesglas Veterinary Clinic, Church Acre, Brackla CF31 2JT Loft conversion to include an increase of 50sqm commercial floor area and associated external works. Resolved: No objection - loft conversion contained within existing building.</p> <p>P/23/396/FUL - 76 Maes Talcen, Brackla CF31 2LQ Two storey extension to frontage of property and conversion of garage to playroom Resolved: No objection as the extension does not extend beyond the existing footprint at the front of the building and retains the same side entrance.</p> <p>P/23/403/FUL - 86, Tremains Court, Brackla CF31 2SS First floor side and part first floor rear extension with additional gable and porch to front elevation. Resolved:</p>
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