

BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



THE NEXT MEETING OF BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 3rd March 2021 6.30pm

Via Video Link

Members Present

Cllr T Walsh – Chairperson
Cllr D Aston
Cllr I Hibble
Cllr K Hughes
Cllr J Spanswick

Mrs R Keepins – Clerk of the Council
Miss H May – Admin Officer

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr I Hibble declared an interest throughout as he is a Civil Servant working for Welsh Government

3. To appoint a Chair for Wellbeing of Future Generations Committee Meetings up until the Annual Meeting in May 2021

Resolved:

Cllr T Walsh was nominated as the Chair of this Committee up until the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2021, proposed by Cllr D Aston and unanimously agreed by all.

4. Terms of Reference for the Wellbeing of Future Generations Committee

Members suggested that the Committee will need to choose their Terms of Reference (TOR) carefully and needs to have a holistic approach as it encompasses many different elements. Members suggested that the TOR

include items such as sustainability and the Council's biodiversity plan, community engagement and green spaces along with the 'Brackla, Love it, Don't Trash it' project.

Discussion was also held over the subject of 'Placemaking' and the possibility of developing a Placemaking Plan for Brackla. Placemaking involves working collaboratively across sectors and disciplines to comprehensively consider the future development of distinctive and vibrant places.

A discussion was held with regards to allowing Non-Councillors to be co-opted onto the Committee as and when needed to give information or insight into certain projects. The Clerk and Admin Officer agreed to double check the Council's Standing Orders to see how this would be undertaken.

Members discussed the important role that the Community Centre would play in meeting the Wellbeing goals. It was agreed that key to making the most of the Centre was to ensure that the Community of Brackla were engaged and their views over the Centre sought. Members considered the importance of Community engagement further and given the fact that the Committee was about future generations, involving the youth in the work of the Committee was seen as vital to ensure that their views were represented and taken onboard.

Resolved:

Members discussed the Terms of Reference for the Wellbeing of Future Generations Committee and agreed the following as a first draft to be considered again at a further meeting prior to be submitted to Full Council for comment, amendment and final approval:

Wellbeing of Future Generations Committee Terms of Reference

- To develop and review the Community Council's 5 Year Plan, for final approval and regular monitoring by Full Council.
- To develop a series of Wellbeing Objectives for the Community Council, for recommendation to Full Council.
- To consider the Welsh Government's Wales Placemaking Charter and the development of a Placemaking Plan for Brackla that links with the Authority's Local Development Plan.
- To consider how the Council can actively engage the community of Brackla and ensure that all ages are involved and represented.
- To promote and encourage Environmental awareness and sustainability within the community and actively engage with local schools, organisations and businesses, to help implement associated plans and projects e.g. Biodiversity Plan and Brackla 'Love it, Don't Trash it' project.
- To consider the establishment of a Wellbeing Assessment Tool for the Community Council to help inform its decision making and planning and to develop a focus of wellbeing in the local community.

- To consider co-opting individuals or local groups onto the Committee to utilise their knowledge and assist the Council and also consider how the Council and its Members can likewise get involved with local groups if requested.

That the Quorum for meetings be 3 Members, to keep it in line with that for all other Committees.

That the Committee hold at least 4 meetings each year, however until the Terms of Reference are concluded, and the Committee suitably established, monthly meetings be held.

That regular updates be provided to Full Council on the Committee's work in order to seek and encourage contributions, ideas and commitments from all 11 Members.

5. Forward Work Programme

Members discussed the suggested subjects that had already been raised at Full Council, for the Committee to consider as part of its forward work programme. These included the Council's 5 Year Plan, Green Space in Brackla and play areas in Brackla.

It was suggested to change the wording for Green Space in Brackla to 'Brackla Environment' in order to incorporate the wider subject area. This was agreed by Members along with replacing 'possible adoption' with 'potential adoption'.

Further to the idea of co-opting individuals or local groups on to the Committee, it was further suggested that other Members from other Committees could also attend meetings to bring in ideas, knowledge and skills. It was also recognised that often there could be a crossover of subjects between Committees where input was required from both, therefore there may be a need to co-opt other Members from other Committees onto the Wellbeing of Future Generations (WFG) Committee. Examples of where this might be useful is where input might be needed from the Finance Committee or the HR/Personnel Committee. Whether this would be a co-option of a Member, such as the Chair of the other Committee, or even a joint Committee meeting between the two, it was proposed that this be put to Full Council for possible inclusion into the Council's Standing Orders.

The subject of training on the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act was proposed as something that not only Members of the WFG Committee could attend but possibly all 11 Councillors and Staff in order to better understand the implications of the Act and essentially help inform future decisions. Furthermore, it was suggested that contact be made with the Future Generations

Commissioner's Office to see if and how they could assist the Committee and the Council with information and resources etc. Placemaking training was also proposed.

Resolved:

Members agreed that whilst there were numerous items that could be included on the Committee's FWP such as Biodiversity, Brackla Environment and Play areas etc, the primary focus for most of 2021-22 was establishing the Committee, undertaking training and developing the Five Year Plan for the Council. It was agreed that the Council's Five Year Plan would be the overarching document from which most of the other projects and work would fall out from, therefore this had to be a priority for the immediate future.

It was agreed to explore training on the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act as well as Placemaking, in the first instance. It was also agreed that the Five Year Plan include the following items:

- Biodiversity
- Sustainability – e.g. 'Brackla, Love it Don't Trash It'
- Brackla Environment
- Play Areas across Brackla
- Placemaking

It was further agreed to consider the possibility of either inviting/co-opting other Members from other Committees into meetings of the WFG Committee or holding joint committees, in order to undertake joint working and reduce duplication where there may be crossovers as well as utilise knowledge and skills.

Members agreed that the work of this Committee, particularly in the first year, needed to be realistic and manageable.

Meeting Closed at 19:50pm