

BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



THE NEXT MEETING OF BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL

**Wednesday 7th April 2021
6.30pm via Video Link**

Members Present

Cllr K Hughes – Chairperson
Cllr D Aston
Cllr J Chohan
Cllr A Pucella
Cllr K Rowlands

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

Cllr K Hughes was nominated as Chair of this meeting due to the Chair and Vice Chair being unavailable. Proposed by Cllr D Aston and seconded by Cllr K Rowlands.

53 Apologies for Absence

Cllr T Giffard
Cllr I Hibble
Cllr C Jackson
Cllr J Spanswick
Cllr T Walsh

54 Declarations of Interest

Cllr K Rowlands declared a personal interest in relation to item 55, Pre-Application Consultation as she is a Member of Bridgend County Borough Council.

Mrs R Keepins declared a personal interest in relation to item 56, Proposed Residential Woman's Centre as she was a local resident to one of the proposed sites in Porthcawl.

55 Pre-Application Consultation

Members discussed the proposed development at land off Waunscil Avenue, Brackla, to erect 70 dwellings, community route and associated play area and public open space. Discussions included sharing knowledge on previous applications and the issues that had previously been raised in the area such as high levels of methane gas. Members agreed that some of the main reasons that this site had been objected to in the past, appear to still be an issue and have not been addressed.

Members suggested that this could be an area to consider under the 'Brackla Environment - Green Space' project to see if it could be protected for the future and prevent further applications for development being made. Members also raised the point that fly tipping had been a problem in the area for some time however a Company had been removing it recently.

Members reported that there had been mixed views from residents of the surrounding area regarding the proposal, ranging from those who were not troubled by it to those who had strong concerns regarding the impact this would have on the area and their own properties. Members also raised the point that the proposal had made no reference or commitment to any affordable homes.

Resolved:

It was agreed that the Council agreed would write a letter to the agents to submit their initial views as part of the pre-application consultation exercise. The letter would include the Council's concerns regarding

- The negative impact on the local environment and habitat in that it would result in the removal of a significant area of green space in Brackla;
- The potential negative affect of increased traffic and car pollution as a result of the development, which again would be harmful to the environment as well as local residents;
- This risk of pollution is further increased by the proposed disturbance of an area where there are significant levels of methane gas reported.
- The affect that this number of dwellings would have on local facilities which are already oversubscribed.

This was proposed by Cllr K Hughes and seconded by Cllr J Chohan.

It was also proposed that the Community Council could work with other local Councils and Councillors within the area if needed in the consideration of this development.

56 Proposed Residential Women's Centre

The Clerk confirmed that the Local Authority had announced that the proposal was going to be delayed until after the Elections in May and therefore had not been put forward for Planning consultation at present. It was clarified that five locations in total were being considered, two of which were located in Bridgend.

Resolved:

It was agreed to defer this item until further details have been received following the elections, proposed by Cllr K Hughes and seconded by Cllr K Rowlands.

Meeting Closed at 7:15pm