

BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

**Thursday 20 May 2019 at 6.00 pm
Via Video link**

Members Present

Cllr T Walsh - Chairperson

Cllr D Aston

Cllr E Caparros

Cllr J Chohan

Cllr T Giffard

Cllr I Hibble

Cllr K Hughes

Cllr C Jackson

Cllr A Pucella

Cllr K Rowlands

Cllr J Spanswick

Mrs R Keepins – Clerk of the Council

Mr P Ley – Assistant Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer

Miss H May – Admin Officer

1 Apologies for Absence

None

2 Outgoing Address of the Chairperson

Cllr T Giffard thanked Members and staff for their hard work in a such a strange and difficult year. He shared how proud he was of Brackla Community Council through the past year after adapting to working from home and for keeping regular services running. He expressed his gratitude that all Members of the Council had worked together for the best of Brackla residents.

3 Election of Chairperson 2021/22

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Cllr K Hughes nominated Cllr T Walsh for Chairperson.

Resolved:

Cllr T Walsh was elected Chairperson of Brackla Community Council for 2021/22, proposed by Cllr K Hughes and seconded by Cllr A Pucella.

4 Declaration of Acceptance of Office of the new Chairperson 2021/22

Cllr T Walsh thanked Members for his nomination and for the support received since becoming a Councillor. He thanked Cllr T Giffard for Chairing the Community Council in such a strange time and congratulated him on his appointment as Member of the Senedd for the region of South Wales West. Cllr T Walsh also congratulated Sarah Murphy on her appointment also as Member of Senedd for Bridgend and expressed his thoughts that the Council will work together and be there for the Community.

5 Election of Vice Chairperson 2021/22

Cllr K Rowlands nominated Cllr K Hughes for Vice Chairperson, seconded by Cllr T Giffard.

Cllr J Spanswick nominated Cllr I Hibble, seconded by Cllr E Caparros.

Resolved:

It was agreed, by a vote of 6 to 5, that Cllr K Hughes be appointed as Vice Chairperson for 2021-22.

6 Payments to Members 2021/22 in line with the Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

Resolved:

The content of the report was noted including the allowance for payments to Members.

It was proposed by Cllr J Spanswick, seconded by Cllr D Aston and subsequently agreed that no additional payments would be provided to individuals for specific responsibilities.

It was proposed by Cllr K Rowlands, seconded by Cllr J Spanswick and subsequently agreed that the Chair be provided with a payment up to the amount of £750.00.

It was proposed by Cllr K Rowlands, seconded by Cllr T Giffard and subsequently agreed that the Vice Chair be provided with a payment up to £500.00.

7 Appointment of any New Committees in Accordance with Standing Order 4

Resolved:

No new Committees were proposed.

8 Review of Terms of Reference for Committees

Resolved:

The draft Terms of Reference were approved, proposed by Cllr I Hibble and seconded by Cllr K Hughes.

9 Appointment of Members to Committees and to Confirm Delegation of Powers of Authority to these Committees

Cllr D Aston asked to be removed from all Committees except Community Centre Committee and Wellbeing of Future Generations Committee.

Resolved:

This item was deferred in order to consider the proposed changes and how they affect the political balance.

10 Appointment of Chairs to Standing Committees and Other Committees

Resolved:

This item was deferred.

11 Determination of Time and Place of Ordinary Meetings of Council up to and Including the Next Annual Meeting

Resolved:

It was agreed that Full Council Meetings would be held at 6:30pm on the third Thursday of every month excluding August where there would be no Council meeting. The next Annual Meeting would therefore take place on the 19th May 2022. This was proposed by Cllr K Rowlands and seconded by Cllr D Aston.

It was also agreed to strive to try and keep meetings under the 2 hour time limit as proposed in the Standing Orders.

12 Appointment of Representatives to External Bodies

a) The Town & Community Council Forum;

Resolved:

It was agreed that Cllr J Chohan would be appointed as representative for the Town and Community Council Forum, proposed by Cllr T Giffard and seconded by Cllr K Rowlands.

b) The One Voice Wales Area Committee;

Resolved:

It was unanimously agreed, following volunteering for the position, that Cllr T Walsh be the representative for the One Voice Wales Committee.

c) The local School Governing Bodies;

Resolved:

It was agreed that the School Governors be appointed as follows;

Brackla Primary – Cllr J Chohan
Tremains Primary – Cllr J Chohan
Archdeacon John Lewis – Cllr T Walsh

13 Review and Adoption of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Resolved:

Members approved and adopted the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations 2021-22, proposed by Cllr K Hughes and seconded by Cllr D Aston.

14 Review of the Council's Core Policies

Resolved:

It was agreed to defer this item to a future meeting.

15 Review of the Council's and Staff Subscriptions to other bodies

Resolved:

Members approved the annual subscription for the Community Council to One Voice Wales at a cost of £1707. They also approved the annual subscription for the Clerk and Assistant Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer at a total cost of £416. These were proposed by Cllr D Aston and seconded by Cllr J Spanswick.

16 Review of the Council's expenditure incurred under s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the power of well-being

Members noted the expenditure under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Power of Wellbeing Act and agreed to receive feedback on the donations initially after 6 months following the donation and then at 12 months where it was deemed necessary. This was proposed by Cllr D Aston and seconded by Cllr J Chohan.

17 Review of the Council's Publication Scheme

The Council agreed to adopt the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) Model Publication Scheme and approved the draft Guidance to Information for Brackla. These would be published on the Council's Website. This was proposed by Cllr T Giffard and seconded by Cllr D Aston.