

BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



THE NEXT MEETING OF BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL

**Tuesday 4th May 2021
6.30pm via Video Link**

Members Present

Cllr T Giffard – Chairperson

Cllr D Aston

Cllr J Chohan

Cllr I Hibble

Cllr K Hughes

Cllr A Pucella

Cllr T Walsh

Cllr K Rowlands

Cllr J Spanswick

Mrs R Keepins – Clerk of the Council

57 Apologies for Absence

None

58 Declarations of Interest

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

59 Brackla Community Centre Re-opening

The Clerk provided an update to Members regarding the current situation on government announcements relating to the re-opening of the Community Centre. The date had been moved forward to the 3rd May instead of the 17th however as yet there had still not been any regulations or guidance published regarding who the Centre could re-open to and under what restrictions. The Clerk had contacted Officers in the Local Authority regarding this and they had advised that until anything was published it would be wise to follow what was in place prior to the latest lockdown where only 'organised activities' were permitted, using the same definition and restrictions that were in place before whereby:

An activity is "organised" if—

- (a) *it is organised by—*
 - (i) *a business,*
 - (ii) *a public body or a charitable, benevolent, educational or philanthropic institution,*
 - (iii) *a club or political organisation, or*
 - (iv) *the national governing body of a sport or other activity, and*
- (b) *the person organising it has—*
 - (i) *carried out a risk assessment which would satisfy the requirements of regulation 3 of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999, whether or not the person is subject to those Regulations, and*
 - (ii) *complied with the requirements of regulations 21(2) and 24(1).*

Members asked about the upcoming elections to which the Clerk reported she was in contact with Bridgend County Borough Council Election officers to ensure that the Hire contract was signed and all procedures agreed to. The Clerk reported that she had organised cleaning with the Caretakers and Cleaner to be undertaken throughout the day to ensure all touch surfaces and toilets were cleaned regularly.

Resolved:

It was unanimously agreed that the Council would re-open the Community Centre from the 10th May 2021 using the same restrictions and procedures that were in place prior to the latest lockdown and adhering to the maximum number of 15 people for indoor organised activities. Once the regulations and guidance are published by Welsh Government, the Community Centre processes and procedures can be amended accordingly if necessary.

60 Pebble Pathway Bench

The Clerk provided an update to Members regarding the quotes she had sought for various types of benches for the pebble pathway. As the Community Council had asked for a possible alternative to a steel bench, a recycled plastic one had been explored, which could be provided in rainbow colours. This design had been sent to Seren who had liked the proposed bench and colours.

Members discussed the options presented to them and it was proposed that two benches could be purchased and possibly put either end of the pathway. It was pointed out however that there was a bin close to the one side which might not leave enough room for a bench. Members agreed that the pebble pathway was really becoming a nice feature with fencing being placed behind it and a colourful bench would look good next to it.

Resolved:

It was agreed to purchase one Kedel 4 seater, Colne Rainbow bench at a cost of £520.13 plus approximately £40.00 for a plaque. It was agreed that this bench was larger and looked more attractive and durable. It was proposed that the quality of this bench be judged and maybe another one could be considered later in the year for a different location. Funding would be taken from General Reserves for this purchase. This was proposed by Cllr K Hughes and seconded by Cllr I Hibble.

Meeting Closed at 7:15pm