

BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



THE NEXT MEETING OF BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

**Thursday 16th September 2021 at 6.30pm
via Video Link**

Members Present

Cllr T Walsh – Chairperson
Cllr D Aston
Cllr E Caparros
Cllr T Giffard
Cllr I Hibble
Cllr K Hughes
Cllr A Pucella
Cllr J Spanswick

Mr P Ley – Assistant Clerk/ Responsible Finance Officer
Miss H May – Admin Officer

70 Public Address to Council (10 minutes only)

71 Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Chohan
Cllr C Jackson
Cllr K Rowlands

72 To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct (and section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992)

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

Cllr T Giffard declared a personal interest in relation to item 88, Planning, as he is a Member of Bridgend County Borough Council.

Cllr A Pucella declared a personal interest in relation to item 88, Planning, as he is a Member of Bridgend County Borough Council.

Cllr J Spanswick declared a prejudicial interest in relation to item 88, Planning, as he is a Member of Bridgend County Borough Council and of Bridgend BCB Development Control Committee. He agreed to leave the meeting for this item.

73 Ratification of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 15th July 2021

Resolved:

The minutes were approved, proposed by Cllr D Aston and seconded by Cllr I Hibble

74 Ratification of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Full Council 26th August 2021

Resolved:

The minutes were approved, proposed by Cllr E Caparros and seconded by Cllr D Aston

75 Ratification of the Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Full Council 2nd September 2021

Resolved:

The minutes were approved, proposed by Cllr J Spanswick and seconded by Cllr D Aston

76 Clerks Report including matters relating to the Council's previous meeting

The Admin Officer provided the following updates to Members;

- It was advised that the Job Advert for the Clerk Vacancy has been re-advertised and a number of applications have already been received. It was agreed that the Human Resources/Personnel Committee will shortlist and interview the candidates after the deadline.
- It was agreed that the Admin Officer would contact the Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) Cabinet Member to discuss availability for a meeting with the Community Council regarding the Brackla Hill site.
- It was agreed that the Admin Officer would contact the Director of Social Services at BCBC to arrange a meeting with the Community Council to discuss concerns regarding the White House.
- The Admin Officer advised that new Community Council bins were currently at the BCBC depot waiting to be installed. BCBC asked if a Dog Fouling bin could be placed on the lane off Sunnybank Court, Members had no objection to a bin placed here, however asked the Admin Officer to confirm where exactly it will be placed and if it will be BCBC bin. Members also asked the Admin Officer to contact BCBC regarding the bin near Trem-y-Mor that had been removed when work took place on the pathway.

77 To discuss any matters concerning the Community Centre

Resolved:

It was agreed to not allow Parties/Events at the Community Centre until Welsh Government guidance has changed. This was proposed by Cllr I Hibble and seconded by Cllr J Spanswick

78 Covid-19 Update

79 Finance:

(a) Approval of the Schedule of Payments July and August 2021

Resolved:

The payments for July and August were approved, proposed by Cllr T Giffard and seconded by Cllr I Hibble.

(b) Bank Reconciliation as at 31 August 2021

Resolved:

The bank statement was approved, proposed by Cllr D Aston and seconded by Cllr J Spanswick

(c) Monthly Budget Review July and August 2021

Resolved:

The budget review was approved, proposed by Cllr D Aston and seconded by Cllr J Spanswick

(d) Payments for Authorisation

Resolved:

The payments were approved, as detailed below, proposed by Cllr T Giffard and seconded by Cllr E Caparros.

Date	Cq No	Amount	Payee	Details
01/09/2021	204771	350.06	PPL PRS Music	Licence for Centre
01/09/2021	204772	301.20	JRB Enterprises	Dog Poo bags
01/09/2021	204773	301.20	JRB Enterprises	Dog poo bags
01/09/2021	204774	74.80	Viking	Cleaning materials
01/09/2021	204775	178.65	Viking	Cleaning materials
01/09/2021	204776	301.20	JRB Enterprises	Dog poo bags
01/09/2021	204777	15.00	Wilkinson	Toilet seat
01/09/2021	204767	355.06	NWS Ltd	Waste collection
01/09/2021	204768	598.13	Kedel Ltd	Pebble Pathway Bench
01/09/2021	204769	38.52	Assitant Clerk	Mileage
11/09/2021	204778	11.00	Wilkinson	Gloves/Waste Bags
15/09/2021	204779	250.17	Assistant Clerk	Part Wages
15/09/2021	204780	19.50	Centre Cleaner	Part Wages

15/09/2021	204781	1,114.51	Admin Asst	Wages
15/09/2021	204782	175.06	Centre Caretaker	Wages
15/09/2021	204783	163.45	Centre Caretaker	Wages
15/09/2021	204784	732.87	RCT	Pension September
15/09/2021	204785	539.22	HMRC	Paye and NI
16/09/2021	204786	1,720.83	MS Property Management	Grounds Maintenance

80 Brackla Signs Update

Resolved:

It was agreed to go ahead with the 3 Brackla Signs, amending the original application to remove Location 3. A new application for Location 3, should be made in the future once land has been adopted. This was proposed by Cllr I Hibble and seconded by Cllr K Hughes.

81 Dog Waste Bag Delivery Service

Resolved:

It was agreed to continue to offer the delivery service of Dog Waste Bags to Brackla residents until the office is able to open. This service will be monitored and reviewed as necessary. This was proposed by Cllr I Hibble and seconded by Cllr K Hughes.

82 Community Council Events

Resolved:

It was agreed to not go ahead with this year's Brackla Firework Display, but to look at the possibility of an event near Christmas should restrictions allow. This was proposed by Cllr J Spanswick and seconded by Cllr T Walsh.

83 Brackla Community Council 5 Year Plan

84 Crime Statistics for Brackla

The Crime statistics for Brackla were noted.

The Chair agreed to suspend Standing Order 3w and allow the meeting to continue beyond 2 hours.

85 To receive reports from Members

Cllr J Spanswick shared that he had received a number of complaints regarding the gated field at Archbishop McGrath School. Members of the public have been reporting the gates being locked outside of school hours stopping anyone from accessing the field. It was suggested for this item to be added to a future agenda as well as holding a meeting with the School, BCBC and Community Council. Cllr K Hughes proposed that the Chair and Vice

Chair of the Community Council should meet with the Headteacher or nominated individual of Archbishop McGrath School to explore their reasons behind denying access to the public beyond their current agreement.

Cllr I Hibble reported that there was a vast problem with litter and antisocial behaviour in the youth shelter outside the Community Centre. It was agreed to monitor the area and contact the local PCSO to report issue and Cllr K Hughes proposed to also contact BCBC to ask if signage could be installed at the shelter outlining the enforcement and action that can be taken should the problems continue.

Cllr T Giffard thanked the staff for their continued work while advertising the Clerk vacancy.

Cllr D Aston asked if there was any update regarding the resurfacing of the pathway around the field of Archbishop McGrath School. It was agreed to chase BCBC to ask for an update on the work. He also asked if concern over the use of E-Scooters around the shops and footpaths could be passed onto the PSCO.

86 Forward Work Programme

It was agreed to forward the suggestion of tree planting in readiness for the Queen's Jubilee in 2022 to the Wellbeing of Future Generations Committee. It was also suggested to contact BCBC to gain advice on what trees and locations would be suitable.

87 Date of the next Full Council Meeting – Thursday 21st October 2021

88 Planning

T/21/60/TPO - Brackla Community Council would support a crown reduction or a reduction in height of this tree rather than a full removal.

This tree was in the street before the houses were built and is an integral part of the visual amenity of Tremains Court. We would suggest that the removal of this tree would not be compatible with current legislation and the many benefits that trees bring to our environment.

P/21/705/FUL – No objections

P/21/61/TPO – No objections

P/21/703/FUL – No objections

Meeting closed at 9pm