

BRACKLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Committee meeting
held on a remote basis in accordance with the provisions of
The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021
at 6:30pm on Monday, 30th November 2021

Present: Committee Members – Cllrs K Hughes (Interim Chair), D Aston, I Hibble, J Spanswick and T Walsh (late arrival)
Non-Committee Members – Cllr A Pucella

Officers: Ms J van Tonder (Clerk)

As a result of the late arrival of members, the meeting commenced at 6:36pm.

1. Election of Chair

It was noted that, at the meeting of the Council on 17th June 2021, Cllr Tyler Walsh had been appointed Chair of this committee (see Min. 34).

As Tyler would be arriving late to the meeting, it was agreed Cllr Keith Hughes would assume the Chair.

2. Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence had been received.

3. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

4. Deferral of Five-year Plan

It was agreed that, as work was yet to begin on this long-term strategic plan, this be deferred for consideration by the newly elected members of the committee following the elections in May 2022.

5. Forward Works Programme

Members began working through the Forward Works Programme, updating the schedule with progress and further actions required.

It was agreed there would not be sufficient time during this meeting to address every item on the schedule and, having completed the Full Council and WFG sections, members agreed to defer the remainder of the items to a later date.

6. Tree planting initiatives

Members agreed tree planting initiatives ought to be addressed within the Council's biodiversity plans and various sites were suggested for consideration. It was agreed to investigate what funding was available to the Council to progress these ambitions.

7:07pm – Cllr T Walsh joined the meeting. Cllr K Hughes retained the Chair.

7. Biodiversity initiatives

The Clerk informed members that a Places for Nature forum had been set up by Rachel Carter of OVW covering South Wales. The forum offered the opportunity for members to share best practice and innovation as well as to hear about available funding pots.

Members agreed linking up with other local community groups sharing similar objectives would be beneficial and should be pursued as part of the aims of the biodiversity plan.

It was agreed to invite Rachel Carter to address members at a future meeting.

Action: Clerk to circulate details of the forum

8. Playground maintenance

a. Review Playground inspection reports

Members discussed the four playground inspection reports of earlier in the year. It was noted the risk level across the sites on all but one item was either low or very low. Of moderate risk was the gate and gate posts at the Community Centre playground on Whitethorn Drive. It was agreed the handyman could be tasked with the minor repairs as and when.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To obtain quotations for the remedial works required to the gate and associated posts.

Members expressed concern that at all sites, the reports noted severely limited disabled access. This was discussed further with agreement that improvements in this area should be considered as part of the Five-year Plan having sought the advice of appropriate disability specialists.

It was noted Play Wales was a good source of information and advice.

Members went on to discuss the playground inspection regime. While it was thought BCBC were responsible for quarterly checks, the council had received no evidence of this for some time. The Clerk advised fortnightly visual checks were currently being undertaken by either the RFO or the admin assistant, a record of which was maintained.

It was agreed the staff ought to be trained in routine play equipment inspections.

Action: Clerk to make enquiries into training in advance of the next meeting.

b. Cost of playground maintenance

Members discussed the need for fitness and play facilities at the eastern end of Brackla in the vicinity of Church Acre. Cllr John Spanswick advised there might be scope to collaborate with BCBC on the creation of a new play area with a contribution from S106 monies.

It was agreed to include a further discussion on a new play area on the agenda for a future meeting.

9. WFG Training programme

The Clerk advised members of the following training available:

- **Planning: From start to finish** – an online course offered by Planning Aid Wales at a cost of £150.00 per annum for up to 20 users
- **Preparing a place plan** – an online course to be offered by Planning Aid Wales in 2022
- **Placemaking (Module 12)** – offered remotely by OVW at a cost of £30 per attendee
- **Wellbeing of Future Generations & sustainability (Module 20)** – to be offered remotely from 2022 by OVW at a cost of £30 per attendee

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To recommend to full council that the Council purchases the annual licence for the Planning Aid Wales online course "*Planning: From start to finish*".

10. Additional proposals for budget 2022/23

No additional items of expenditure were proposed for inclusion in the budget for financial year 2022/23.

11. Date of the next meeting

Date of the next meeting: Thursday, 10th February and 14th April 2022

It was agreed from May 2022, meetings would be held quarterly.

The meeting concluded at 7:39pm.