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**MEETING TO DISCUSS ADJOURNED BUSINESS
CARRIED OVER FROM COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 19TH FEBRUARY 2014**

Date of Meeting - 26th February 2014

Present: **Chair:** Cllr Mr B L Rose (Chair)
Members: Cllrs Mrs S Bennett, Mrs M Bevan, Miss L Davies,
Mr R M Granville, Mrs M Marke, Mrs D Spanswick &
Mr J H Tildesley
Clerk: Ms D Evans

ITEM

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Mr D Wilson

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest. Cllr Granville asked Cllr Tildesley whether he felt he should Declare an Interest in item 1 – Working in Partnership with Bridgend County Borough Council, as Cllr Tildesley is a Borough Councillor. Cllr Tildesley said there was no requirement for him to Declare an Interest in this item as he is taking part in this meeting in his capacity as an elected member of Cornelly Community Council. Cllr Granville asked that his concern regarding this matter be noted.

3. Working in Partnership with Bridgend County Borough Council

Members discussed this correspondence and wished it to be noted that they already provide financial assistance with a number of the items put forward, such as provision of youth services within Cornelly. Members discussed the items they would consider working in partnership with BCBC to provide. They asked that the Clerk obtain further details on how the partnership would be achieved and what the expectations of this Community Council would be relating to the following items:-

- School Crossing
- Street Cleansing
- Winter Maintenance

4. Consultation on Council Tax Reduction Scheme Review

The Chair and Clerk gave an overview of the consultation documents received from the Welsh Government. Members discussed their response to the questions within the Consultation document. It was RESOLVED the following submission should be made:-

ACTION

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Q1. Yes, the Welsh Government should maintain a system of Council Tax Support.

Q2a. Yes, current levels should be maintained.

Q2b. The gap should be funded by the Welsh Government.

Q2c. The implications for the communities for whom services are provided are that the poorest and the most vulnerable will be the most affected.

Q3a. There should be no changes. If changes were made it would vary from one Authority to another and discrepancies would arise.

Q3b. Any such changes should be prescribed nationally.

Q4a. If entitlements have to be reduced some groups should be protected.

Q4b. The groups that should be protected are pensioners and other vulnerable groups, such as those with disabilities, carers, those in receipt of war pensions, or families with children under five.

On the grounds that these are the most vulnerable groups of society.

Q4C. As detailed above.

Q5a. If entitlements have to be reduced it should be through a single national framework scheme proposed by Welsh Ministers and approved by the Assembly.

Q5b. N/A.

Q6a. If entitlements have to be reduced it should be through a capping option.

Q6b. N/A.

Q6c. The relative administrative implications for Local Authorities would vary as no two authorities would be the same.

Q6d. N/A.

Q7a. It would be advisable to retain the existing means testing approach in the medium term.

Q7b. The main implications of wider welfare reforms for CTRS are that some people will suffer more than others, in particular the vulnerable groups. These implications should be addressed with compassion and the vulnerable groups should be protected by the Welsh Government.

Q8. The implications of the Commission's finding for the future of CTRS is that vulnerable people will suffer. It is important that vulnerable groups are protected at all costs.

4. BCBC Fund for Town & Community Council Projects

The Clerk gave details of this fund and stated that applications to the fund are requested annually and it would be useful for members to consider any proposals they would like considered and costed for next year. Members asked that the Clerk make enquiries into providing an upgrade to the footpath from Heol Broom to Maudlam - leading to Prince Lane.

Signature of Chair