

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in YSGOL MERLLYN, BAGILLT on Friday 12th May 2006.

PRESENT : Councillor B.T. Doleman (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)

Councillors : R. Davies, A. Griffiths, R.K. Jones, Mrs. S.L. Jones, S.M. Manfredi, M.A. Reece, C. Williams, C.R. Williams and Mrs. D.J. Williams.

APOLOGIES : Councillors Mrs. D. Jones and J. Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE : Mr. G. Roberts (Clerk), P.C. Schofield (minute Nos. 8 and 9) and S. Gardner and S. Petrie , Flintshire County Council 9 (minute No. 10).

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2006/07

RESOLVED :

That Councillor B.T. Doleman be elected Chairman of the Community Council for the ensuing municipal year.

Councillor B.T. Doleman made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked Members for electing him as Chairman. He was invested with the Chain of Office later in the meeting by Councillor R.K. Jones, who was unfortunately not able to be present at the start. At the same time the Chairman presented Councillor R.K. Jones with an engraved shield incorporating the Council's logo in recognition of his year as Chairman for 2005/06 and congratulated him on his year of office. Councillor R.K. Jones thanked all Members and the Clerk for assistance given to him during the past municipal year.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2006/07

RESOLVED :

That Councillor M.A. Reece be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Community Council for the ensuing municipal year.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE 2006/07

RESOLVED :

That in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (Section 5) the Chairman's allowance be fixed at £725.00 for the 2006/07 municipal year and paid to the Chairman accordingly.(cheque No. 102026).

4. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council considered the appointment of representatives on Outside Bodies, the details of last year's appointments being included in the agenda.

RESOLVED :

That the undermentioned Members be appointed as the Council's representatives on the Outside Bodies indicated below :-

1. Local Organisations

a. Bagillt Community Association

Councillors B.T. Doleman and J. Ovens.

b. Bagillt Youth Club

Deferred pending outcome of review by Flintshire Youth Service.

c. Bagillt Heritage Society

Councillor Mrs D.J. Williams.

2. Other Organisations

a. One Voice Wales – Wrexham/Flintshire Area Committee

Chairman

b. Communities First Holywell Neighbourhoods Partnership Board

Councillor Mrs. S.L. Jones

c. Flintshire Planning User's Group

Councillor C. Williams

d. Flintshire Police Community Consultative Group

Councillor A. Griffiths

e. Local Transport Plan Focus Group

Councillor C.P. Owens

5. MINUTES

The following comments were made on the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 7th April 2006.

a. **Apologies for Absence** – Subject to the Inclusion of Councillor S.M. Manfredi

b. **Minute No. 137(b) – Tyn Twll**

Councillor C.R. Williams indicated that he had now tried on three occasions to contact the remaining owner but unfortunately had been unable to get a reply. In the circumstances it was agreed that Flintshire now be requested to progress the scheme accordingly.

c. **Minute No. 137(c) – Trees**

Councillors M.A. Reece and R. Davies made reference to the trees issue and it was agreed that Flintshire be requested to take further action to lower their height.

d. **Minute No. 137(d) – Former Club Premises, Boot End, Bagillt**

The Clerk advised that the Community Caretaker had cleared away rubbish at this site but had discovered some bags of what was felt to be asbestos, which he was unable to remove but had reported the matter to Flintshire. Councillor R.K. Jones requested that this issue be formally reported to Flintshire by the Council in view of the nature of the substance and that a copy be sent to him also.

e. **Minute No. 137(e) – Leadworks Recreation Area – Merllyn Lane**

Councillor A. Griffiths informed the meeting that action to the gate had still not been undertaken and that there was also now evidence of dog fouling in the recreation area.

f. **Minute No. 146 – Public Notice Boards**

The Clerk advised the meeting that he had been in contact with Clerks in neighbouring areas to request information on their experience concerning the provision of notice boards. There had been some interesting replies, which he would now pursue in terms of visiting the sites and report back to a future meeting to include the type of location.

g. Minute No. 149(a) – Tyddyn Mesham

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Highway Authority had indicated the moratorium would still continue for the next financial year and that there were no monies available in the budget for such match funded schemes. The Clerk further advised he would let local residents who had previously been in contact know of this information.

h. Minute No. 149(c) – High Street Hedges

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Community Caretaker would be undertaking some immediate action to the unkempt plot opposite the bus shelter and would draw the attention of Flintshire County Council to the overrun situation regarding the ivy on the opposite side of the road.

i. Minute No. 149(d) – Ysgol Glan Aber – Parking of Vehicles

Councillor Mrs. S.L. Jones advised the meeting of an incident occurring a week after the previous meeting which had almost led to a young child being run over when crossing the road between parked vehicles. Councillor R.K. Jones suggested that perhaps a joint request should be made to both the Highways and Education Departments, to include a site meeting to see if any progress would be possible.

j. Minute No. 149(e) – Land Adjacent to Walwen Playing Ground, Bagillt

The Clerk advised the meeting that he had been in contact with the Highways and Legal Departments at Flintshire and that the footpath issue was in the hands of the latter, upon which he was now awaiting a reply.

RESOLVED :

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 7th April 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. LITTER BINS

The Clerk reminded Members that he received a report each month from the Community Caretaker advising of the duties he had undertaken within Bagillt during his week of operation, this also included issues with needed to be brought to the Council's attention. The Community Caretaker was suggesting that litter bins were required for the two bus shelters in the Boot End, alongside the stone shelter which was owned by the Council, and the new Flintshire County Council shelter across the road, due the amount of litter which he regularly found at these sites and, in the case of the latter,

was a detriment to the land owner. There was provision in estimates to provide new litter bins.

RESOLVED :

That the principle of providing litter bins at the two bus shelters in the Boot End be agreed and that the Clerk make enquiries with Flintshire County Council concerning their provision and erection.

7. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman read out to the meeting a letter received from the Assistant Organiser of the Flintshire and District Eisteddfod due to take taking place in August 2007. It related to a Proclamation Ceremony which was to take place on 1st July 2006 in Flint. It would involve a Civic Procession followed by a Proclamation Ceremony at the Gorsedd Circle in Flint and the Council were being requested to send two representatives.

RESOLVED :

That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman represent the Council at the Proclamation Ceremony.

8. POLICING MATTERS

P.C. Schofield made reference to the caravans alongside the Victoria Inn and to the fact that they were still being occupied when the previous consent was only for storage purposes. It was agreed that the Clerk draw this issue to the attention of Planning Enforcement. The Officer made reference to a meeting which had been held recently at Ysgol Merllyn involving the County Council and other Organisations, and made particular reference to the fencing issue due to the area that needed to be covered and also a concern regarding a possible right of way.

Councillor Mrs. D.J. Williams referred to the evidence of drinks cans being found regularly at Ysgol Merllyn, of which the Officer made a note. Councillor A. Griffiths expressed his concern regarding possible incidents involving the purchase of intoxicating liquor by underage persons, which the Officer indicated would need to be investigated by Trading Standards. P.C. Schofield indicated that the additional Community Policeman, to be principally located in the Boot End of Bagillt, had, without him being aware, had his duties switched to that mainly for Pen-y-Maes, Holywell with only a small element for the Boot End, Bagillt. This was felt to be due to the Holywell area being a Community Policeman short but Members felt this issue should be taken up with the local Inspector for an explanation.

After consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman the Council, would be represented at a meeting called by North Wales Police Authority to be

held on 22nd May 2006 at Theatre Clwyd, Mold, to discuss the proposed Police Forces merger in Wales. The Clerk indicated the Police Authority had also requested all local Councils to advise formally of their views in writing on the merger proposals, and the opposition previously expressed by the Council had been duly forwarded.

The Clerk read out to the meeting the contents of an e-mail from Flintshire Local Voluntary Council drawing the attention to Police concerns on a scam to fool the public. It concerned receiving a card indicating a non-existent parcel to be collected by ringing a premium rate telephone, thereby incurring a charge. The scam was being investigated by Trading Standards.

9. ACCESS TO THE FORESHORE

P.C. Schofield expressed the view that the Company representative, Mr. Foster, seemed to show little interest for the area under their control. He had been waiting more than twelve months for paperwork from the Legal Department of the Company, which would guarantee the fishermen rights of access if it were possible to achieve a previously declared aim to lock the gates at Bagillt Care Spares and provide keys to control vehicular access onto the foreshore. As well as an increase in fly tipping, there had been a number of incidents of damage and theft to fishermen's boats.

Councillor M.A. Reece made reference to photographs he had taken concerning the erosion at the former landfill site, both on the surface, due to inappropriate use by vehicles, as well as from the River Dee itself. He had sent these to Mr. Foster but had been unable to obtain a response. Councillor R.K. Jones reminded Members of the previous planning agreement with the former Delyn Borough Council and the then Leigh Environmental Company, upon which an update was still awaited from Flintshire County Council, and that issues of erosion should be brought to the attention of both Flintshire and the Environment Agency. Councillor C.R. Williams concurred with these sentiments as it was important that if remedial action were necessary it was undertaken by those responsible. Councillor S.M. Manfredi supported these sentiments.

RESOLVED :

That the Clerk make representations to Flintshire County Council and the Environment Agency concerning the issue of erosion at the former landfill site on the foreshore.

10. SUMMER ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME 2006

After consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and in accordance with previous practice, Sylvia Gardner and Sheila Petrie of the Flintshire Youth and Community Service attended the meeting to give a brief report on the 2005 Scheme and the activities planned for 2006. Reference was made

to the activities undertaken over a three week period at both the Youth Centre and Wern Play Area, as well as trips which been made, including the summer camp in the first week, as well as the numbers who had attended. The trips in particular had been very well received by the youngsters, which covered an age range from 11 – 18. Unfortunately in 2005 it had not been possible to have the mini-bus facility located in the Wern, which assisted when the weather was inclement but this would be addressed for 2006. Also for 2006 the youngsters themselves were being requested what activities they would like to undertake.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that a sum had been included in estimates to make a financial contribution to the cost of the Scheme, subject to consultation and agreeing a programme for Bagillt area, which was the purpose for the representatives attending. In 2005 a contribution of £550 had been made, with total expenditure amounting to £1,113.00. The financial situation facing Flintshire was indicated to the meeting but the intention was to still share the cost of expenditure of the Scheme, which was well received by youngsters.

RESOLVED :

That Flintshire County Council be advised that this Authority will make a contribution of £600.00 towards the Summer Activities Programme for 2006 in Bagillt.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS 2005/06

The meeting considered a report of the Responsible Financial Officer to enable the approval of accounts for 2005/06, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members.

RESOLVED :

That the accounts for 2005/06 be approved as circulated and signed on behalf of the Council by the Chairman and the Responsible Financial Officer.

12. PLANNING

a. Appeal – Tan y Dderwen, Bryntirion Road

Further to the report to the last meeting, the Clerk advised the Inspector had issued his decision. The appeal had been allowed to remove Condition No. 2 relating to travel patterns of vehicles visiting the site in connection with the development and to amend Condition No. 6 so that no deliveries shall be taken or despatched outside the hours of 10.00 to 16.00 Monday's to Friday's and 10.00 – 12.00 on Saturday's, nor at any time on Sunday's, Bank or public holidays.

RESOLVED :

That the report be noted.

b. Applications

No.	Location	Detail
041320	Fairwinds, 4 Trebor Avenue	Erection of two dormer windows in front.
As the application was within the 21 day deadline to use the planning on-line reply service the Chairman, who was also the County Councillor, and the Local Member, were consulted, and agreed the proposal be supported.		
040998	Land rear of Courtlands	Renewal of Outline permission for dwelling.
041308	Lyons Den Fitness, Boot End	Change of use from fitness centre to offices.
041096	Hewitt's Foods, 38 Manor Industrial Estate.	Erection of pole sign.

In relation to application 041308, the Clerk read out to the meeting information from the applicant which was to apply for Add Usage Class, which would later allow for alternate use should it become necessary, although it was not an imminent requirement to actually cease its use as a fitness centre, and the hope was that it would continue in its current use for the foreseeable future.

RESOLVED :

That applications 040998, 041308 and 041096, all be supported.

13. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES

The Chairman advised that the Bagillt Heritage Society were holding a meeting next week with Flintshire County Council concerning the finalisation of the lighting scheme at the War Memorial in the High Street. Councillor R.K. Jones indicated that it may be possible for the Heritage Society to access some funding from the Flintshire Environment Trust and he would pass details on to the Chairman of the person to contact.

14. DONATIONS

a. National Eisteddford, Mold 2007

The Clerk advised that after consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Council would be represented by Councillors B.T. Doleman, C.P. Owens and himself, at a meeting to be held in County Hall, Mold on 17th May 2006 with Town and Community Councils in Flintshire. The meeting would explain Eistedfodd arrangements and fund raising towards the cost of the Eistedfodd and seek the support of local Councils in the County. A report from the proceedings would be made to the next Council meeting.

b. Applications

The Clerk advised the meeting on two applications received from Victoria Walwen Football Club and Condis Community Fishing Club.

RESOLVED :

1. That Victoria Walwen Football Club be advised that the Council will purchase the trophies required for their end of season presentation night, which was estimated to cost in the region of £90.00 plus VAT by purchasing them direct.
2. That Condis Community Fishing Club be advised that the Council would be prepared to make a donation to their organisation but in order to determine the amount would wish more information on the contribution being sought and their present state of finances.

15. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED :

Name	£	Cheque No.	Expenditure Powers
Flintshire County Council	3,150.00	101018	Loc.Govt.(Misc.Provs)Act 1953(S4)(ParishCouncils Act 1957
Green Thumb	76.00	101019	Loc.Govt.(Misc.Provs)Act 1976(S.19)
Ramblers Assoc.	24.00	101020	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)
Allianz Cornhill Insurance Plc.	610.11	101021	Loc.Govt.1972 (S111)
M.r G. Roberts	594.07	101022	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
H.M. Revenue & Customs	183.31	101023	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
Delyn Press	85.00	101024	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)

C.M. Scott	10.60	101025	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.5)
Clwyd Voluntary Chest	35.00	101027	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)

16. GOOD PRACTICE GUIDE FOR TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The meeting received a Guide produced by the Welsh Assembly Government on Good Practice Guide for Town & Community Councils, a copy of which had been previously circulated to Members.

RESOLVED :

That the Good Practice Guide be noted.

17. HANGING BASKETS 2006

Following the decision at the last meeting to provide hanging basket for 2006, the Clerk reminded the meeting that the purpose of this item was to formalise the arrangements for the date of their supply, erection and watering. The Chairman, who was unable to be present for the last meeting, confirmed his participation as being that for 2005, and other Members did likewise. The Clerk suggested that if the baskets were available in time they be erected in early June and that he would make arrangements with the Community Caretaker to collect them on a Friday and have them delivered to a Member's house ready for erection by Members the next day. The Chairman confirmed that they could be delivered to his property ready for erection. Councillor R. Davies indicated that he would make enquires to ensure that the same water supply arrangements were available.

RESOLVED

That the arrangements for the hanging baskets for 2006 be agreed as indicated.

18. HEART SMART

The Clerk reported that Communities First Holywell Neighbourhoods had advised of a joint initiative with the Heart in Flintshire to work in partnership with residents to bring positive benefits to health. It had started in the Boot End at Trem Afon on 28th April between 1 pm and 3 pm and would run for four weeks. Details had already been forwarded to the local Members.

RESOLVED :

That the matter be noted.

19. NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

A letter received from Flintshire Neighbourhood Wardens, together with activity reports for Bagillt for this year to date, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, was submitted. It was noted that the Council could expect to receive future reports on a quarterly basis. For the information of Members, Councillor R.K. Jones indicated that there were only seven Neighbourhood Wardens for the whole of Flintshire and that they also tended to work in pairs.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

20. MEMBERS' ITEMS

a. Bryn Dyrys – Residents' Parking

Councillor R. Davies advised that he had been approached by a number of residents as to the possibility of converting the grassed areas in Bryn Dyrys into parking areas. He was advised by Councillor R.K. Jones that this area was also included in the scheme he had previously submitted as a local County Councillor for off-street parking in this and neighbouring streets. It was included within the Environmental Improvements Programme within the Community and Housing Services Directorate but as to date there were already more than 40 schemes logged and it was not considered a current priority. Councillor R.K. Jones indicated that the scheme had also included Wern Ucha but unfortunately this would not be possible. Reference was also made by Councillor A. Griffiths to the recent British Gas works in the areas identified in Bron y Wern..

b. Land Opposite The Feathers Hotel, High Street

Councillor A. Griffiths read out to the meeting a letter received from Flintshire County Council, a copy of which had been forwarded to him by the Clerk, after he had raised the issue of storage of cars on this land at the previous meeting. A site visit had been held on 5th April by a Planning Enforcement Officer and he had spoken to the owner, who had indicated that the cars were stored there by another person, who had been served notice by the owner to clear the site by 1st May. Regarding future use of the site, a planning application had been received for development. As the date for the removal of the vehicles had passed it was agreed further enquiries be made with Planning Enforcement accordingly.

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S
CODE OF CONDUCT**

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING	FRIDAY 12TH MAY 2006
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MEMBER	ITEM	MIN. NO. REFERS
There were no declarations of interest		

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Chairman