

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in YSGOL MERLLYN, BAGILLT on Monday 17th July 2006.

PRESENT : Councillor B.T. Doleman (Chairman)

COUNCILLORS : R. Davies, A. Griffiths, Mrs. D. Jones, S.M. Manfredi, J. Ovens, C.P. Owens, M.A. Reece, C.R. Williams, Mrs. D.J. Williams and J. Williams.

APOLOGIES : Councillors R.K. Jones, Mrs. S. Jones and C. Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE : Mr. G. Roberts (Clerk) and P.C. Schofield.

35. ROAD RUNNER WASTE

The Clerk advised the meeting that following a further telephone conversation with Mr. Bennion of the Minerals Section of Flintshire County Council Planning Department, he would not be attending this meeting. A site meeting had been held with the owner when it had been apparent that the present site was not a good location for the operation, including its restriction in size. The firm however were part of the recycling process and, due to Welsh Assembly Government guidance, the County Council were obliged to assist if possible in ensuring such an operation could continue.

A further meeting was to be held later this week with the owner, his agent and a representative of the County Council Economic Development Department, with a view to looking at the possibilities of a more appropriate alternative site. It had been agreed that Mr. Bennion would advise the Clerk on the outcome of the meeting and that he would be prepared to attend the next Council meeting in September 2006 to address Members on Road Runner Waste.

RESOLVED :

That the report of the Clerk be noted.

36. POLICING MATTERS

37. EISTEDDFOD FLINTSHIRE 2007

At the last meeting of the Council it had been agreed to make a contribution of £1,500 to the Bagillt area target for the 2007 Flintshire Eisteddfod. At the request of the Area Committee, and after consulting the Chairman, it had been agreed that the cheque should be formally presented.

On behalf of the Community Council the Chairman presented a cheque for £1,500 to Dr. A. Lloyd Davies, Chairman of the Eisteddfod Executive Committee, who was accompanied to the meeting by Mr. G.C. Ellis, Secretary for the Area Committee. On behalf of the Eisteddfod organisers, Dr. Davies thanked the Council for their support and briefly updated the meeting on progress concerning the organisation of the event.

RESOLVED :

That a donation of £1,500 be made to the Flintshire Eisteddfod 2007, in accordance with Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972 (cheque No. 101037).

38. ACCESS TO THE FORESHORE

Further to minute No. 23 (June 2006), Councillor J. Ovens made reference to the meeting he had arranged, which had included representatives from Flintshire County Council, Bagillt Community Council, Environment Agency, Veolia, and P.C. Schofield. Unfortunately, the representative of the fishermen who was due to be present had been unable to do so and neither were the Chairman of the Council or Councillor M.A. Reece able to be present, although the Council were represented by himself and Councillor C.R. Williams. Although he had drawn up an agenda of items to be considered, with particular reference to access arrangements by vehicles which were causing problems to the foreshore surface and fly tipping, and the problems being suffered by the Community Angling Club, the meeting itself was disappointing in that it concentrated upon the former landfill site area. There had therefore been no progress in relation to seeking agreement on the locking of the access gates.

any further details. He offered to arrange a further meeting to, hopefully this time, include the Fishermen's representative and other Members who could not attend the first one. On this latter point the Chairman and Councillor M.A. Reece requested that if another meeting was arranged then it was done so to better suit those who were working and perhaps it could be held on site rather than at County Hall, Mold.

RESOLVED :

1. That the report of the meeting be noted and that Councillor J. Ovens would be making arrangements for a further meeting between all relevant parties.
2. That a progress report be awaited from Councillor R.K. Jones when he is next able to attend concerning the Section 106 Agreement.

39. MINUTES

The following comments were made on the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 16th June 2006.

a. Minute No. 22(a) – Ty'n Twll

The Clerk advised Councillor C.R. Williams that he was still awaiting a reply, despite a reminder.

b. Minute No. 22(b) – Public Notice Boards

The Clerk advised Councillor J. Williams that he had received a telephone call from the Planning Department and that they would shortly be forwarding the requested advice concerning planning permission.

c. Minute No. 22(c) – High Street – Ivy

Councillor M.A. Reece advised the meeting that the promised work on the ivy did not appear to have been undertaken and it was agreed that this be further pursued with the County Council.

e. Minute No. 26 - Planning Applications

The Clerk advised the meeting that he had received a telephone call from the applicants regarding the decision at the last meeting to object to application 041602 concerning residential development at the Old British Legion Club, Ty Newydd, Gadlys Lane. The applicant had advised that the homes were of a low cost starter variety and that, apart from one resident, he had the support of other residents in the area who preferred the development to the continuing taxi business. The applicant also had another site in Flint to which he was intending to move the business to, but if the application in its present format did not receive permission from Flintshire County Council, then he would be selling the Flint site and continuing the taxi business in Bagillt.

In the opinion of the Flintshire Planning Department, the site for the current taxi business was not the best suitable and they would prefer it to be relocated. The Clerk advised he had told the applicant of the concerns expressed at the meeting, particularly with regard to the access, and to the fact that Members had only been made aware of the application at the meeting itself. Councillor J. Owens indicated that he had also been approached by the applicant, expressing similar views, as those made to the Clerk. Councillor Mrs. D. Jones made reference to the concerns of residents in Highfield Road, with particular regard to the junction with Merllyn Lane.

f. Minute No. 27(b) – Police Force Merger – Wales

Councillor C.P. Owens made reference to recent reports in the media, from which it appeared that the intended merger of all the Police Forces in Wales was no longer being pursued, at least in the near future.

g. Minute No. 27(c) – Parking of Vehicles – Ysgol Glan Aber

The Clerk read out to the meeting a reply received from Flintshire County Council which confirmed that, effectively, two car spaces would be lost as a result of the markings required to prevent vehicles parking in the immediate vicinity of the crossing, thus providing adequate visibility for pedestrians on both approaches, and which would increase the

i. Minute No. 34(d) – Trem Afon

Councillor A. Griffiths advised Councillor J. Williams that it had not been possible to make contact on the issue due to the person concerned being away on sick leave, but he would do so on their return to work.

j. Minute No. 34(f) – Flower Beds

In response to Councillor M.A. Reece, the Clerk advised that he had received a reply concerning the planted area, advising of the reason for the low planting scheme and that the car park was currently occupied in part under licence by a contractor undertaking drainage works. The licence required the contractor to reinstate the car park to the satisfaction of the County Council and it was expected that the area would once again be tidied up and planting reinstated. If the problem then persisted, consideration may be given to replacing any planting with grass or paving.

RESOLVED :

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 16th June 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

40. ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS IN WALES.

The meeting considered a report of the Clerk, which had been prepared in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, as agreed at the last meeting of the Council. The purpose of the report was to prepare a response for consideration by the Council on a number of issues raised in the National Assembly for Wales Discussion Document on Electoral Arrangements.

RESOLVED :

That the responses to the questions, as contained in the report of the Clerk, be agreed as the views to be forwarded by this Council in response to the National Assembly for Wales Discussion Documents Electoral Arrangements in Wales. <http://www.pdf4free.com>

Councillor A. Griffiths indicated that he would endeavour to seek information in relation to the new Community Caretaker arrangement and advise the Clerk accordingly.

RESOLVED :

That the report be noted.

42. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk advised the meeting that there were no planning applications for consideration at this meeting.

43. COMMUNITY HOSPITALS

a. Flint

There were plans by Flintshire Local Health Board (FLHB) and North East Wales NHS Trust (NEWT) to remove beds from the Flint Community Hospital. FHLB were to discuss the proposals at a meeting to be held on 20th July 2006, commencing at 1.30 p.m. at Flint Pavilion. At the time of preparing the agenda Flint Town Council were seeking support for delivering a letter for residents to also include Bagillt s as to encourage attendance and a number of Members indicated they were prepared to assist.

The Clerk advised that having spoken earlier today to the Town Clerk for Flint, any possible letter to residents from that Authority would now await the outcome of the meeting on the 26th July. In order to encourage local residents to attend the meeting to be held at the Flint Pavilion, the Town Council were placing posters in the area and that some were being made available for doing likewise in Bagillt. There was also to be a parade commencing at 12.30 on the day of the meeting from the Church to the Flint Pavilion. In the absence of Councillor R.K. Jones the Clerk made reference to the suggested letter of opposition to current proposals, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members.

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RESOLVED :

terms of the area and configuration of the accommodation that could be made available on the Llesty site and the impact on staffing. Until this work was completed it was not possible to conclude which elements of the current hospital services could be considered for transfer. At this stage there were no definite plans to change the current configuration of services nor had any dates been established as to when changes might occur. In any event, no decision would be taken until WAG had given final approval for the full business case for the new Holywell Hospital on the Halkyn Road site.

The suggestion that had been put forward was to integrate the In-Patient Ward accommodation and would require transfer of beds from the current Holywell Community Hospital to Llesty. It was expected that the feasibility study would confirm provision of a significantly enhanced Ward environment for In-Patients by transferring the Ward to the Llesty site. It was felt that bringing the integration of services forward to complete the process in advance of the transfer of the new Hospital would enable staff to familiarise themselves with new ways of working and that it would enable more efficient methods of work to be implemented. It was expected that cost considerations would rule out the moving of x-ray facilities so that they would remain at the current Holywell Hospital until the new Hospital opens. However, because of the linkages in staffing arrangements the Minor Injuries Unit may well have to move with the Ward accommodation.

RESOLVED :

That the information received from the Delyn AM concerning the Holywell Hospitals be noted.

44. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES

a. Code of Conduct

The Clerk advised on the two meetings he had attended on Code of Conduct for Members, which had been presented by the Monitoring Officer for Flintshire County Council. The presentation had referred to the Model Code, Register of Interests, Proposals for Change, Role of

aspect of Register of Interests, including specific personal interests, and the procedure for declaring interests. In an analysis of interests received by the Monitoring Officer for Town and Community Councils in 2005/06, 15 Local Councils had not forwarded any to him. The proposed changes had been requested for more than two years but advice was still awaited from WAG. The Monitoring Officer had explained the role of the Ombudsman and the options available, including the sanctions, and given details of allegations dealt with including a breakdown of figures for the Flintshire area. The role had also been explained of the Standards Committee.

It had been pointed out that Maladministration now affected Town and Community Councils for the first time, and whilst it was a surprise to the Ombudsman, it was understood he would be undertaking a pragmatic approach. Reference was also being made to the implications of the Freedom of Information Act, which also applied to Local Councils, and the Clerk reminded Members that they had adopted a scheme prior to it coming into operation. In particular reference had been made to the fact that requests must be dealt with within 20 working days and that any person could ask for information, although there were some exemptions. In relation to staff issues, reference had been made to Contract of Employment, and Grievance Procedures, discrimination and equality issues and bullying/harassment.

In conclusion the Monitoring Officer had brief reference to powers of Community Councils and to the Good Councils Guide, which had been issued by WAG and circulated to all Members, Standing Orders, which had been reviewed by the Council last year, Consultation on Powers and the Beecham Review.

RESOLVED :

That the report be noted.

b. Planning Guidance Seminar

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The Clerk reported on a seminar attended by Councillor C. Williams

The seminar had then gone on to make reference to Local Guidance Notes being prepared by the Planning Department. Twenty were intended to be published and 12 had been done to date, copies of which were available on the Flintshire website. They currently covered such issues as house extensions, space around dwellings, landscaping, listed buildings, conservation and rural infill.

RESOLVED :

That the report be noted.

45. DONATIONS

The meeting considered five applications received for financial assistance, details of which were reported as appropriate to Members. Information awaited and received concerning deferred applications was reported by the Clerk.

RESOLVED :

1. That as the previously requested information had not been received from Condis Community Angling Club and Homestart Flintshire, consideration of their applications be further deferred.
2. That the following donations be agreed under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 :-

Boot End Tenants and Residents Pavilion Group - £250 (cheque No. 101042).

Childline Cymru/Wales - £100 (cheque No. 101043).

Bagillt Royals Stars Morris Dancing Troup - £110 (cheque No. 101044).

Note: Councillor J. Williams declared a personal interest in the applications from Boot End Residents Pavilion Group and Bagillt Royal Stars

Council			Act 1953 (S.4)
Mr.J.Wain	1.00	101039	Loc.Govt.(Misc.Provs)
			Act 1953 (S.4)
Mr.G.Roberts	614.71	101040	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
H.M. Revenue	183.32	101041	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
& Customs			
Mr.G.Roberts	610.9	101045	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
Flintshire County	334.88	101046	Litter Act 1983 (S.5/6)
Council			
H.M. Revenue	183.32	101043	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
& Customs.			

47. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2006

Further to the discussions earlier in the year (February 2006), the Clerk reminded Members that they had decided they wished to consider a possible extension of the lighting scheme in relation to lighting columns. An enquiry earlier in the year with the lighting engineer at the County Council had indicated that apart from in the centre of the Village which had the new columns, those along High Street should be appropriate to be used for wraparound spiral lights as they were of the right height and also up to Pen-y-Glyn and Bagillt Road, Boot End. It was necessary to ensure that the columns were of 8 metre height or more to be effective as the spiral could not start more than 2.5 metres from the ground. In addition to seeking permission from Flintshire, arrangements agreed had also been notified to Scottish Power with numbers, hours on per day, number of days and wattage, to ascertain the cost to be paid for electricity.

The Clerk also reminded the meeting that two of the current premises in the centre of the Village used for Christmas lanterns (Bagillt Arms and Kings Head Antiques) were still unoccupied and therefore may not be available once again this year.

RESOLVED :

1. That the Clerk make formal application to Flintshire County Council concerning the possible use of lighting columns in the areas indicated for erecting wraparound spiral lights.

RESOLVED :

That the changes to bus services be noted.

49. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Responsible Financial Officer circulated the bank reconciliation and income/expenditure figures for the first quarter of the financial year.

RESOLVED :

That the financial information as circulated be noted.

50. AUTHORITY FOR ACTION DURING THE RECESS PERIOD

RESOLVED :

1. That in accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, acting as a Sub-Committee, be given powers to act on matters of an urgent nature during the recess period.
2. That in accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, together with the Local Member who lives nearest to the application site, acting as a Sub-Committee, be given powers to act on comments regarding planning applications and other matters where Local Member involvement would be helpful during the recess period.

51. FOOTPATH – HIGHFIELD TO GADLYS LANE

Councillor M.A. Reece made reference to the overgrown nature of the path, particularly in relation to the hedges which were of concern to elderly persons as a result of youngsters hiding in them. The Clerk indicated that they had previously been attended to by Flintshire County Council, whilst Councillor J. Ovens indicated that he had reported the matter for attention.

Bagillt site would be from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Copies of the posters advertising the Playschemes were circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED :

That the arrangements for this Summer Playschemes programme 2006 in Bagillt be noted.

53. OFFICE EQUIPMENT

The Clerk advised the meeting of the need for the purchase of a memory stick in order to better contain and exchange information between his computer and that used by the person undertaking word processing work on behalf of the Council. The present arrangements for holding information in relation to past minutes and documents etc. was by way of discs and they were now proving to be unreliable.

RESOLVED :

That the Clerk be authorised to purchase an appropriate computer memory stick and be reimbursed by the Council accordingly.

54 HANGING BASKETS – ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY

The Clerk reported that following a discussion with the Chairman he had made a request to Clwyd Alyn Housing Association on the possibility of having an external water supply from their Forresters Hall premises to use for watering the hanging baskets at the adjacent car park. The current arrangement meant having the hose run across High Street resulting in wear from the traffic. It was intended it would be a lockable unit with the Council being responsible for any costs incurred if permission was granted.

A site meeting was to be held with a representative from the Association to discuss details. The Clerk suggested that if progress was possible then authority be granted to proceed.

RESOLVED

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CODE OF CONDUCT**

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING	MONDAY 17TH JULY 2006
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MEMBER	ITEM	MIN. NO. REFERS
Councillor J. Williams	Financial Assistance for Boot End Tenants and Residents Pavilion Group	45
Councillor J. Williams	Financial Assistance for Bagillt Royal Stars Morris Morris Dancing Troupe	45

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Chairman