

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in YSGOL GLAN ABER, BAGILLT on Friday 8th September 2006.

PRESENT : Councillor B.T. Doleman (Chairman)

COUNCILLORS : R. Davies, A. Griffiths, Mrs. D. Jones, Mrs. S.L. Jones, J. Ovens, C. Williams C.R. Williams and J. Williams.

APOLOGIES : Councillors M.A. Reece and Mrs. D.J. Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE : Mr. G. Roberts (Clerk) and Mr. R. Bennion, Flintshire County Council (Minute No. 55).

55. ROAD RUNNER WASTE

The Chairman welcomed Mr. R. Bennion of the Minerals Section of Flintshire County Council Planning Department, who would address the meeting on Road Runner Waste and would respond to questions raised by Members. Mr. Bennion commenced by indicating the untidy nature of the present crushing plant site and to the discussions which had been held recently with the owner and his agent. As the owner had never complied with planning permission conditions required to be met before operations commenced, there was in effect an unauthorised operation on site. As a consequence notice had been served on the owner earlier this week giving a period of 28 days in which to submit a further planning application, which was a procedure used by the County Council when unauthorised operations were taking place. Failure to submit an application within that time period would result in enforcement action being taken.

A principal problem with the current operation was the size of the site, which was too small for the tasks being undertaken. However, the operation itself was part of the recycling culture and as such was a necessary facility to have within Flintshire, having regard to Central Government Guidance. The owner had been in discussion with a neighbouring land owner concerning extending the site, a fact which had been confirmed with the other Company concerned. Mr. Bennion displayed at the meeting a copy of a plan of the intended future

Management licence, it was a requirement for the site to have planning permission, and in view of what had been said previously that this was now deemed to be an authorised operation, this also meant that the licence was not in effect. Councillor J. Ovens expressed the view that the Bagillt area had more than its share of waste facilities, including Road Runner, and in relation to the latter in particular, the Authorities concerned did not seem to be taking into account the concerns expressed by the community at large, a view that was shared by Councillor C.R. Williams. Mr. Bennion indicated that he had been endeavouring to contact the local County Councillor to update him on the Road Runner situation as reported to this meeting but unfortunately he had mistakenly thought it was Councillor R.K. Jones and not Councillor J. Ovens, for which he apologised.

Concern was expressed by Councillor A. Griffiths regarding hazardous materials which could be found in skips belonging to Road Runner and delivered to the site for crushing, whilst Councillor Mrs. D. Jones enquired as to what materials the Plant could legitimately deal with. In response, Mr. Bennion indicated that the Plant was only licensed to deal with inert waste and in event of materials such as asbestos being found in the skip then the Plant owner could not deal with it on site and had to arrange for disposal by an appropriately licensed operator at his expense. The view was expressed by Councillor C.R. Williams that the Plant itself, even with the proposed extension and better working arrangements was still not in the right site, having regard to its close proximity to the A548 and the prior problems that had been caused with continuing dust emissions, and enquired as to possible alternatives. Mr. Bennion indicated that he understood initial discussions had been held, with possible use of a quarry, but it had not been possible to make any progress, although the Economic Development Department of the County Council was now involved in helping to assist the site owner.

Mr. Bennion gave out his telephone extension at County Hall and e-mail address, should Members wish to contact him in future, and undertook to keep the Clerk informed in relation to the possible use of enforcement action. On the matter of a future planning application, as mentioned earlier, the Clerk advised Members that, as a statutory consultee, the Community Council would receive a copy, and could make its views known at the time, although if any objection were to be made then it could only be on planning grounds.

The Member expressed concern that the community did not seem to be receiving the appropriate time element of the Community Beat Officer, or at least that was the perception held, a view shared by other Members, as it did seem that P.C. Schofield was having to undertake other duties outside the Bagillt area. This was not a criticism of the Officer as he would have to undertake duties as directed by a senior Officer.

RESOLVED :

That the Clerk make representations to the Local Inspector, drawing concerns to the perception that Bagillt did not seem to be receiving the appropriate time allocation of the Community Beat Officer and requesting an explanation accordingly.

57. MINUTES

The following comments were made on the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 17th July 2006.

a. Minute No. 39(a) – Ty'n Twll

The Clerk read out to the meeting a further reply received from Flintshire County Council concerning the remaining property, and that further information was being sought from the mortgage company regarding the whereabouts and amount of any retention relating to the premises.

b. Minute No. 39(c) – High Street - Ivy

Councillor J. Ovens indicated that he had been in touch with the Probation Service concerning undertaking work to remove the ivy, and whilst they visited the site they had unfortunately not brought the proper equipment and were unable to undertake the task. However, he indicated that he would approach them further to see if progress could be made. Councillor Mrs. D. Jones made reference to the role of Flintshire County Council in this matter, and it was agreed that a further letter be sent to them accordingly.

improvements to the kitchen area and toilets and also a re-wiring of the property. There was however an amount of old furniture which had been stored in an empty room of the premises and Flintshire had indicated there would be a charge for removal, despite all the tenants concerned being of an age to qualify for free disposal. The Member was advised to speak to Councillor R.K. Jones concerning this matter.

e. Minute No. 51 – Footpath – Highfield to Gadlys Lane

The Clerk reported on a response received from the County Council indicating that heavy pruning of the shrubs whilst they were in full growth may cause them to die, particularly so given the dry weather during July. They were going to prune back the shrubs off the footways to improve the line of sight as an initial effort and in October/November carry out a heavy prune to the same standards as in 2003. Having regard to the reason requested for this work, it had been agreed it would be undertaken as a priority for the start of their winter programme.

RESOLVED :

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 17th July 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

58. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

1. The Chairman advised that he would be representing the Council at the Civic Sunday of the Holywell Town Mayor, to be held on 24th September 2006.
2. The Chairman read out to the meeting a letter of thanks received from the secretary to the Boot End Tenants and Residents Pavilion Group for the donation given by the Council at the last meeting to enable purchase of equipment.

59. RECESS PERIOD

The Clerk reported that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and relevant Local Members considered names put forward by the developers for new streets at

been through all the type of duties to be undertaken by the Community Caretaker whilst he was in Bagillt for his one week per month and that he was continuing to receive work sheets of duties undertaken. As had been reported previously, the majority of his time was spent undertaking litter picking throughout the Village and that part of his role was to help those who were unable to do particular tasks due to age or infirmity in the private sector. He gave examples of the range of duties which could be undertaken and pointed out that, following contact by a Member, it had been arranged for Mr. Gallagher to undertake grass cutting at a property earlier this week. Members were reminded that if they knew of persons who had need of assistance of the type which could be carried out by the Community Caretaker then they should contact the Clerk, who would make the necessary arrangements.

RESOLVED :

That the report be noted.

61. PLANNING

a. Recess

No.	Location	Detail
041788	14 Alwen Drive	Single storey rear extension.
041860	Adj. to The Barn, Panton Hall.	Erect timber stable block
041942	5 EB Jones Row, Foel Gron.	Erection of conservatory at first floor over extension.

The Clerk reported that each of the 3 applications had been supported and Flintshire County Council notified accordingly.

b. No.	Location	Detail
042018	28 High Street	Outline – residential development.

62. FLINT COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

At the meeting of the Flintshire Local Health Board (FLHB) held on 26th July 2006 at the Flint Pavilion, the FLHB had decided to consult on two proposals, which unfortunately did not include the retention of NHS beds in the Flint Community Hospital, despite the people who turned up to protest against their withdrawal. The Delyn AM who attended the meeting indicated she would continue her efforts to support Local Government colleagues to ensure beds were kept at the Hospital.

Following the FLHB meeting, Flint Town Council produced a letter and petition, which a number of Members assisted in delivering to residents in the Bagillt area served by the Hospital.

RESOLVED :

That the report be noted.

63. PARKING OF VEHICLES

Councillor J. Williams indicated that the residents, particularly the elderly, were very pleased with the new lighting arrangements. However, the alteration to the lay-by in front of the school was causing a particular parking problem for those bungalows on the same side as Ysgol Glan Aber going down to New Brighton Road. Whilst it did not appear to be a problem in the mornings, in the afternoons when the children were being picked up vehicles were preventing access to the properties and they requested that the School draw this matter to the attention of parents.

RESOLVED :

That Councillor J. Ovens, as a School Governor, bring this to the attention of Ysgol Glan Aber and request that the co-operation of parents be sought.

64. DONATIONS

The meeting considered eight applications received for financial assistance, details of which reported as appropriate to Members.

	£
Flintshire Welsh Language Initiative	50.00
St. Kentigern Hospice	100.00
Trem Afon Friendship Club	100.00

Note : Councillor J. Williams declared a personal interest in the application from Trem Afon Friendship Club and took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon.

- That the applications received from Marie Curie Cancer Care, Shelter Cymru and Flintshire County Forum for Learning Disabilities, be refused.

65. ACCOUNTS

a. Recess

RESOLVED :

That payment of the following accounts be endorsed :-

Name	£	Cheque No.	Expenditure Powers
Flintshire County Council	334.88	101046	Litter Act 1983 (S.5/6)
Dwr Cwmru/Welsh Water	234.07	101048	Loc.Govt.(MP)Act 1976 (S19)

b. For Payment

RESOLVED :

That the following accounts be paid :-

Name	£	Cheque No.	Expenditure Powers
Mr. G. Roberts	661.96	101049	Loc.Govt. Act 1972 (S.112)
HM Revenue & Customs	183.82	101050	Loc.Govt. Act 1972 (S.112)
Delyn Press	85.00	101051	Loc.Govt. Act 1972 (S.111)

amount to £1,368.00 and that this currently excluded the lanterns at the Bagillt Arms public house and Kings Head Antiques premises due to their vacant position, as for last year. Councillor R. Davies advised that he understood the Bagillt Arms was shortly to be re-occupied and the Clerk advised that if the new person was in agreement then there would be an additional charge, likely to be in the region of £115.00.

In relation to the lighting columns, the Clerk reminded the meeting that this would be for the area outside that included in the environmental scheme and would only involve the grey metal columns which were all of sufficient height and this could be to either side of the existing lighting scheme. The Clerk reminded Members of the budget provision, which was £2,000 for this financial year and that to provide rope lights on the columns, together with all the infrastructure of a temporary nature required by Flintshire would cost £500 per column and after discussing the matter with the Chairman, felt that a minimum of 4, or a maximum of 6, should be tried this year as an experiment. There were 6 different colours available for the rope light spirals, which were blue, white, red, yellow, amber and green. The Clerk felt that if they were to have an appropriate effect, then perhaps the columns chosen should be only on one side of the existing lighting scheme area using columns on both sides of the road.

RESOLVED :

- 1 That the quotation from LITE Limited concerning the existing lighting scheme be accepted and that in the event of the Bagillt Arms public house or Kings Head former antique shop becoming available for use they be also included at an appropriate additional cost.
2. That with regard to the use of lighting columns, the quotation of £500 for each be accepted and that 6 columns be chosen for 2006, each with a light of a different colour.
3. That the 6 columns to be chosen on both sides of High Street be from the vicinity of the former Kings Head antique shop to the War Memorial and that Flintshire County Council be advised accordingly.

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The Clerk reminded Members that over a four year period, excluding this financial year, the Council had made available £500 per annum to the Heritage Society towards the cost of the War Memorial Improvement Scheme, making a total of £2,000. If the Council were to agree to fund the 10% of the total cost of the scheme, estimated at being £950, consideration would need to be given concerning the financial assistance already given. The Council could, if it so wished agree that the Society could use it towards the cost of further schemes, such as the proposed Industrial Heritage Walk.

In relation to progressing the scheme, final details on the lighting provision were still awaited from Flintshire County Council, and the Clerk indicated that he would pursue the matter accordingly with the appropriate Officer, as it was intended that work should be completed in time for Remembrance Sunday. In relation to this aspect, reference was made by Councillor A. Griffiths to the matter of the planting scheme and the change over which would be undertaken shortly. If the Society would advise him as to when works were intended to be undertaken, he would contact the Parks and Gardens Section at the County Council to ensure that new planting works were tied in accordingly with this arrangement.

RESOLVED :

1. That the Bagillt Heritage Society be advised that the Council agree to meet the 10% cost of the Improvement Scheme, estimated to be £950, in order for them to secure the funding for the remainder of the costs from the Landfill Tax Grant Scheme.
2. That in relation to financial assistance previously given to the Society by the Council towards the cost of the Improvement Scheme for the War Memorial, it be agreed that this can be used for future projects such as the intended Industrial Heritage Walk.

Note : The Chairman declared a personal interest in this item and vacated the Chair, being replaced by Councillor A. Griffiths for the duration of the discussion and took no part in the discussion on financial assistance and did not vote thereon.

Inn if the existing arrangement ceased, whilst the Clerk reminded the meeting that there was always the option for the future of having a pump arrangement.

RESOLVED :

That the report be noted.

69. NOTICE BOARDS

The meeting considered a report of the Clerk, copies of which had been previously circulated. In relation to planning permission, Flintshire County Council had advised that notice boards were generally considered under the Advertisement Regulations 1992 if they were of traditional design, i.e. wooden board (perhaps with a glass cover) either attached to a wall or other structure or supported by wooden posts. It was likely that expressed consent would be required and it was a pre-requisite that consent of the owner of the land was obtained. Planning had suggested the need for further details of design and siting and to contact them again once this had been agreed and they would forward the appropriate forms.

In relation to siting, the Council had previously agreed that one notice board should be in the centre of the Village and the other in the Riverbank area. Following discussion with the Chairman, an approach had been made to Flintshire Housing Department, as owners of the car park area, with an initial suggestion of using the grassed area near to the recycling units, which would mean it could easily be seen by residents making use of this facility. The Housing Department had initially requested to know the size of the notice board and indicated that the grassed area may not be possible due to a sewer location. In relation to the other notice board, following consultation with Councillors Mrs. S.L. Jones and J. Williams as Local Members, an application had been made to Flintshire County Council's Environmental and Regeneration Department to locate it at the entrance to Riverbank alongside the hedge by the existing street sign.

In relation to design, the Clerk displayed at the meeting various types of notice board which were possible, a reference to brochures and also by photograph, examples of notice boards erected by the appropriate Town or

2. That the Clerk make further investigations in relation to the notice board erected by Rossett Community Council and report to a future meeting in relation to cost.

70. ONE VOICE WALES

The Clerk indicated that the note received from One Voice Wales outlining the main points from the last meeting of the Wrexham/Flintshire Area Committee held on 3rd July 2006 was for noting. In addition, he had today received a document entitled "Training Strategy" which covered both Councillors and Officers and suggested that he complete the questionnaire enclosed.

RESOLVED :

That the recommendation of the Clerk in relation to the Training Strategy be approved.

71. BEECHAM REVIEW OF LOCAL SERVICE DELIVERY IN WALES

The Welsh Assembly Government were holding a series of regional events to enable discussion of the Beecham Report. After consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, it was agreed that the Clerk should attend the Wrexham event on behalf of the Council, to be held on 19th September 2006.

RESOLVED :

That the report be noted.

72. WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT ACTIVE LIFESTYLES COMMUNITY CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The meeting considered a letter received from Flintshire County Council together with enclosures from the Welsh Assembly Government concerning the Lifestyles Community Programme. A sum of £187,140 was being made available to Flintshire and that the programme for application, decision making and incurring all related expenditure, was very tight. The Council were being asked to give early consideration and identify any projects they may

RESOLVED :

That the report be noted.

73. MEMBERS' ITEMS

a. Shopping Facilities

Councillor R. Davies made reference to an approach he had received concerning the possibility of use of facilities in the centre of the Village at the former Kings Head antique shop and enquiries that had been made concerning a possible convenience store with organisations such as Spar and Lo Cost. Councillor J. Ovens indicated that he had recently had a discussion with the Area Manager for Spar and he had indicated that they already had in mind a store for the Bagillt area and had identified three persons to run the facility should it come to fruition, but was unable to indicate where the location would be. Having regard to possible sites within the centre of the Village, the Chairman expressed the view that there would be a problem with most concerning the amount of space that would be available to have a facility of the type that Spar would be interested in pursuing. Councillor J. Ovens indicated that he would keep in touch with Spar and report back to the Council in due course.

b. Election of Members

Councillor Mrs. S.L. Jones indicated that she had received an approach concerning her position as an elected Member and requested the Clerk to clarify the situation. In response, the Clerk indicated that at the elections held in June 2004, 14 persons had entered nominations and, as that was the same number of vacancies available on the Council, all had been elected unopposed, including Councillor Mrs. S.L. Jones. In 2005 a Member had resigned, following which a Notice of Vacancy had been displayed in the area and the requisite number of requests received for it to be filled by election. There had only been one nomination received to fill the vacancy, hence Councillor R. Davies had also been elected, unopposed.

should raise these matters direct with Councillor R.K. Jones, in view of his responsibility for waste management as an Executive Member for Flintshire County Council.

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

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING		FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2006
MEMBER	ITEM	MIN. NO. REFERS
Councillor J. Williams	Financial Assistance for Trem Afon Friendship Club	64
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Chairman