

## **BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in YSGOL MERLLYN, on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

**PRESENT : Councillor M.A. Reece (Vice-Chairman in the Chair).**

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

**APOLOGIES :** Councillors B.T. Doleman and S.M. Manfredi.

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

### **74. POLICING MATTERS**

P.C. Schofield apologised for not being able to attend the last meeting of the Council, which was due to being delayed due to traffic conditions when returning from Birmingham. He made reference to the continuing problems being faced at both of the Schools in the Village, and to the enhanced patrols that will be taking place, to also include Support Officers and Wardens in the period running up to Halloween, which was a known time for increase in vandalism. Councillor R.K. Jones requested that the increased patrols also include School areas as well as residential.

The Officer indicated that in the preceding six weeks there had been no reported burglaries in the area. Reference was made by the Officer to correspondence with a resident in Tyddyn Messham, following an earlier letter received by the Clerk concerning the need for some form of traffic calming or other measure to reduce vehicle speed. There was real concern by residents regarding danger to pedestrians and the Officer explained to the meeting the actual meaning of the "access only" restriction on this highway, which unfortunately did confuse some motorists, and to the penalties arising from any successful prosecution. Councillor Mrs. D.J. Williams concurred with the need for action concerning this highway to increase safety. Whilst this Authority had placed monies aside for a future traffic calming scheme, under the current moratorium by the Highway Authority, no progress was possible. However, it was felt that representations should once again be made to the Highway Authority to see if an exception could be made in this case.

### **75. ACCESS TO THE FORESHORE**

The Chairman made reference to an incident concerning the burning of a vehicle in the vicinity of the boats the previous evening, which had as yet not come to the notice of the Officer. On the general matter of access to the foreshore by vehicles, the Officer repeated his previous comments regarding the need for

some form of control if an improvement was to be made.

Reference was made by the Chairman and Councillor C.R. Williams to the previous meeting held at the instigation of Councillor J. Ovens and enquired whether a further one was to be arranged, hopefully at a more convenient time to ensure better attendance. In response Councillor J. Ovens indicated that he would be prepared to make such arrangements if there was a possibility of better attendance from all parties concerned and there was a hope of making progress.

Councillor C.R. Williams made reference to the previously referred to agreement between the former Delyn Borough Council and Leigh Environmental and requested an update on the present position. In response, Councillor R.K. Jones indicated that the local representative from Veolia had written to the Acting Chief Executive at Flintshire County Council with a suggestion that they take over the lease arrangement in return for which the monies referred to in the prior document would be made available. As far as he understood there had not been a response to that letter and he suggested Flintshire be requested to indicate if they had responded and if so the nature of the reply, and this was accordingly agreed.

#### **76. ROAD RUNNER WASTE**

The Clerk made reference to the attendance at the last meeting of the Council from Mr. Bennion of the Minerals Section at Flintshire County Council, and to the subsequent e-mail he had forwarded, a copy of which had been previously circulated. In addition, also previously circulated, was correspondence between the Clerk and a resident concerning Road Runner Waste in particular. A further issue referred to in this correspondence was indicated by Councillor J. Ovens and he passed to the Clerk a copy of his reply.

The Clerk indicated that the expected planning application referred to at the last meeting by Mr. Bennion, had now been received, and it was numbered 042245 and was for extended waste recycling operations and regularisation of existing waste management operations. The Clerk pointed out that it was a detailed document which had been received, and to enable Members to be informed of particular aspects, he read out to the meeting appropriate sections and circulated plans which had been received with the application. In particular, reference was made to the increase in size of the site, and the amount of waste recycled, with the site accepting waste from commercial and industrial customers. Recent development legislation, such as the introduction of the landfill tax had raised the effectiveness and scope of operations for waste transfer and recycling centres, generating quicker recovery rates for recyclable waste. Members were advised of the intended hours of operation and waste types and quantities. In relation to waste types, this would include, biodegradable/inert, biodegradable/non-inert, ash (excluding from special waste incineration) cables, cardboard, fabrics, paper, plasterboard, plastics, solid scrap metals, wood, green waste and dry recyclables

from household kerbside collections, including paper, plastic, cardboard, textiles, metal cans and glass. Hazardous waste, as defined under the appropriate regulations, liquid waste, clinical waste, filter cakes and sludges would not be accepted. The maximum amount of waste to be stored on site at any time would be 1,500 tonnes of inert and 200 tonnes of household waste, solid commercial and industrial waste. If the maximum storage capacity was reached then no further waste would be accepted until waste can be removed from the site and taken to a suitably licensed site. All waste sorting operations would take place within the waste transfer buildings, as shown on one of the plans circulated at the meeting. Reference was made to the checking in and inspection of loads at the site and that the purpose of the transfer station was to allow waste streams to be sorted into waste that could be recycled in order to reduce the need for landfill and use of virgin materials.

In relation to control of mud and debris, the surfacing of the entire operational area of the site would be concreted hard-standing, thus reducing the generation of mud and there would be strict use of dust control measures, as listed in the document, significantly reducing the risk of mud deposits on approach roads. Road vehicles would not track through areas where waste was stored and the deposited material on the public highway would be treated as an emergency and be cleaned with a mechanical vacuum sweeper, or similar, immediately. In relation to control and monitoring of dust, all site operations would be carried out to minimise the creation of dust and it was not envisaged that it would become an issue due to the operation of screening and crushing equipment within the building.

Members then gave consideration to the proposal, both in terms of the regularisation of existing waste management operations, as referred to at the last meeting, and also the extended waste cycling operations. Reference was made by Councillor R.K. Jones to the aspects of continuing storage of materials adjacent to the A548, the likelihood of increased noise from additional operations and to the fact that a number of the waste materials referred to in the document appeared to be duplication of nearby County Council facilities, such as in relation to green waste, metal cans and that Flintshire already undertook kerbside collections for the County. Reference was made by Councillor Mrs. D.J. Williams to aspect of hazardous waste, whilst Councillor C.P. Owens queried the position if the application was not granted in relation to regularising the present operation. Councillor C.R. Williams referred to the increased area for the site in relation to the capacity issue, which was a particular problem with the current operation, whilst Councillor Mrs. D. Jones made reference to the position of the County Council in relation to the fact that the Company would presumably be paying business rates. Reference was made by Councillor C. Williams to the fact that increased operations on the site would result in additional vehicle movements to and from the A548.

Reference was made by Councillor C.P. Owens to the large signs which had

recently been erected at the site which seemed to indicate additional activities as well as the fact that there was an issue as to whether they had the appropriate permission.

**RESOLVED :**

That an objection be made to application number 042245 on the following grounds :-

1. That the issue of capacity at the site would still remain, given the intention to increase operations notwithstanding the increase in site area.
2. The increase in operations will result in more noise, dust, mud on the nearby highway and vehicle movements to the detriment of nearby properties.
3. That the continuing location of the storage bays alongside the A548 will continue the present unsatisfactory arrangement.

**77. MINUTES**

The following comments were made on the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

**a. Minute No. 57(a) - Tyn Twll**

The Clerk advised Councillor C.R. Williams that there was no progress to report as yet concerning a response from the mortgage company relating to the remaining properties.

**b. Minute N. 57(b) - High Street – Ivy**

The Clerk advised the meeting that he had received two telephone calls from Flintshire Officers concerning this matter and he had suggested on both occasions that initially they should talk to Councillor J. Ovens. Councillor J. Ovens indicated that some work had been undertaken by the Probation Service and he had held a meeting on site with the appropriate County Council officer concerning work that needed to be undertaken. In relation to the ivy, this would be cut back until the edge of the wall and attention would also be given to the shrubs, both in this area and other sections of the High Street. It would however be a lot of work to be continued over a period of time and work would commence this autumn.

**c. Minute No. 60 – Community Caretaker**

The Clerk advised the meeting that, unfortunately, it had not been possible

to undertake the grass cutting referred to at the last meeting due to the fact that all machinery has to be provided by the County Council to ensure Health and Safety and appropriate insurance.

**d. Minute No. 68 – Hanging Baskets**

The Chairman advised the meeting that he would be contacting some fellow Members concerning the removal of the hanging baskets, following the end of the flowering season.

**e. Minute No. 73(c) – Refuse Sacks**

Councillor C.R. Williams advised the meeting that he was referring to the manner in which replacement refuse sacks were being delivered, which often meant those they were intended for did not receive them and there was no suggestion that they were being blown away. In response to a query by Councillor R.K. Jones, he advised as to the areas of concern he was aware of.

**RESOLVED :**

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**78. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2006**

The Clerk reminded the meeting of the discussion and decision made concerning the extension of the Christmas lighting scheme for 2006 to include lighting columns. At the previous meeting it had been agreed to use six lighting columns going from the Chemist shop towards the War Memorial. In this particular area the use of six such columns meant that one was on the side of the Chemist shop and five on the other. Unfortunately, the sixth lamp would be immediately outside the terraced houses, 7/8 Hanmer Terrace, and in view of the width of the pavement the Clerk indicated he had discussed the situation with the Chairman. The Chairman had discussed the matter with the occupiers who were not in agreement with the column being used for Christmas lighting purposes. Accordingly, after discussion with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, it had been agreed that only five should be used which would mean that the scheme would finish using the column immediately opposite the War Memorial.

In relation to the Bagillt Arms public house, the Clerk advised he had received information from Councillor R. Davies concerning the new tenants. A letter had been written to them and they had confirmed their agreement regarding the use of their premises, both for the Christmas lantern, for which they would meet the electricity costs, and for using the section on the junction with Gadlys Lane to support the cross street sign.

**RESOLVED :**

1. That the action taken by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman in reducing the extension of the Christmas lighting scheme 2006 to only include rope lights on 5 lighting columns, as reported, be endorsed.
2. That the inclusion of the Bagillt Arms once again in the lighting scheme be noted.

**79. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**a. Determined Under Planning On-Line Consultation Period**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Detail</b>
041933	Adj. 1 Ithell Cottages, High Street.	Outline detached two storey dwelling/demolish garage

An objection was made to the proposal due to the adverse affect on adjoining properties following residents' concerns at a site meeting.

042101	Adj. Bettisfield Colliery, Coast Road.	Outline erection of industrial units
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An objection was made to the proposal on the grounds of traffic, access by vehicles and visual impact.

040082	Land side of Mayfair High Street,	Erection of 6x3 bed dwellings - amended application.
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The application was supported.

**b. For Consideration**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Detail</b>
042096	Tan y Buarth	Erection of new garage and store.
042139	Trem yr Afon, Top Hill	Erection of two-storey side extension/ first floor extension to existing lounge.

**RESOLVED :**

That the two applications be supported.

## **80. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The Responsible Financial Officer referred to the income/expenditure and bank reconciliation figures for the second quarter to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members.

Members were advised by the Responsible Financial Officer that information had been received from HSBC, Flint, the Council's bankers, indicating that the Treasurer Account, which was a current account that paid minimal interest now had a minimum balance figure which would mean there would be no further interest which would have little affect on the Council's finances. The Council also had two other interest bearing accounts with the Bank and these were Business Money Manager quarterly interest and Business 14 Day Notice Account, with monthly interest. The latter account was a product which was no longer sold to new customers and had a lower interest rate. The Responsible Financial Officer suggested that the Business 14 Day Notice Account be closed and the money transferred to the Business Money Manager Quarterly Interest Account, which would mean that balances would be above a figure which would increase the interest available.

### **RESOLVED :**

1. That the quarterly income/expenditure and Bank Reconciliation figures for the second quarter be noted.
2. That notice be given to HSBC to close the present Business 14 Day Notice Account and the monies transferred to the Business Money Manager Quarterly Interest Account.
3. That the action taken in 2 above be duly included in the next annual investment strategy to be reported to the Council.

## **81. REPORT BY REPRESENTATIVES**

### **a. Bagillt Heritage Society**

Councillor C.P. Owens indicated that arrangements were being made for the Annual meeting of the Society to be held shortly at Trem Afon. Whilst representatives would be notified, if any other Member wished to attend if they contacted him he would ensure that they were advised of the date.

### **b. Beecham Review of Local Service Delivery in Wales**

The Clerk indicated that he had attended the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at a hotel in Wrexham. The principle representation

had been from Unitary Authorities in North Wales and also from the various branches of the Health Service, although there had been a small number from the Town and Community Councils.

After an overview of the report by Sir Jeremy Beecham, there had followed a short question and answer session. There had then been a round-the-table discussion, followed by a feed-back and closing remarks. In relation to Town and Community Councils, the issues related to possible agreements with Unitary Authorities for passing down undertaking of functions by formal agreement for those able to do so, as well as Town and Community Councils undertaking services by way of partnership.

**RESOLVED :**

That the report be noted.

**82. DONATIONS**

The meeting considered one application received for financial assistance, details of which had been previously circulated to Members.

**RESOLVED :**

That a donation of £300 (cheque No.101059), be agreed under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to Ysgol Merllyn, Bagillt.

**Notes :** Councillors A. Griffiths, R.K. Jones, C.P. Owens and C. Williams declared personal interests in this application and took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon.

**83. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**RESOLVED :**

That the following accounts be paid :-

<b>Name</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Expenditure Powers</b>
Alpha Amenity	131.13	101055	Loc.Govt.(MP)Act 1976 (S.19)
Mr. G. Roberts	610.34	101056	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
HM Revenue & Customs	183.30	101057	Loc.Govt.Act1972 )S.112)
Fintshire County Council	3,150.00	101058	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1953 (S.4) Parish Cls Act 1957

#### **84. BUS REGULATION - GOVERNMENT FOR WALES BILL**

The meeting considered a letter received from Connah's Quay Town Council which reminded that under current bus provision within Wales operators were de-regulated, thus allowing them to give only 56 days notice to the Local Authority of any changes to that route. In addition to this, in order for some routes to operate, a subsidy was provided to encourage an operator to service that community. In order to re-dress the balance in favour of the local community under the Government for Wales Bill the power to re-regulate the provision of bus services was an achievable goal for Wales. The benefits of such a change could be enormous for the community so that you could control the service you wish and not the bus operator.

The Town Council were looking for support from other Authorities for a campaign to lobby Ministers of the Assembly Government who will have these powers from the Wales Bill to re-balance the transport system within Wales.

#### **RESOLVED :**

That Connah's Quay Town Council be supported and representations made accordingly.

#### **85. NOTICE BOARDS**

The Clerk advised that, having made enquiries with both Rossett Community Council and Wrexham County Borough Council, who had erected the sign on their behalf, it had not been possible to obtain details of the supplier. However, having looked at a number of brochures, he had found similar offered by Glasdon, details of which were reported to the meeting in terms of construction, size and likely cost. In terms of size, their medium board could accommodate up to eight A4 sheets. The brochure referred to was circulated at the meeting.

Using the Glasdon product as an example, the Clerk indicated he had written further to the Community and Housing Services Directorate concerning the location of a notice board at the car park. If they were still of the view that the grassed area was inappropriate, once they had considered the probable size and depth at which the support posts would be sunk, then it had been suggested that perhaps the planted area fronting on to the High Street could be an alternative and a response was awaited. In relation to the notice board at Riverbank, the Highways Department had given tacit approval for its location with the adopted area but it would still require their formal consent once planning permission had been achieved.

**RESOLVED :**

That the report be noted.

**86. BAGILLT HISTORY CLUB - BARDIC CHAIR CELEBRATION SERVICE**

A copy of a letter received from the Bagillt History Club inviting Members to a celebration service to be held at St. Mary's Church, Bagillt, on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2006 at 2.00 p.m. concerning the return of the 1889 Bardic Chair, had been previously circulated. In addition, the Clerk circulated at the meeting reminder invitations to Members.

**87. MEMBERS' ITEMS**

**a. Sandy Lane - Traffic Calming**

Councillor J. Ovens made reference to concerns expressed by residents in Sandy Lane and adjoining roads concerning the traffic calming humps, which had proved to be slippery to negotiate during inclement weather, probably due to the incline of the highway and had also caused damage to caravans. In addition, he made reference to views previously expressed by emergency services regarding traffic calming humps in general. It appeared that residents were now requesting consideration be given to their removal, although it was pointed out that due to their construction they could not be re-located elsewhere.

Members were reminded by the Clerk that new traffic calming measures were currently under a moratorium by the Highway Authority and that if any consideration were to be given to their removal there would need to be consideration as to the cost implications and it was not known whether Flintshire would contribute. Councillors R.K. Jones and A. Griffiths indicated that they would not favour the removal of traffic calming humps due to their safety factor in slowing down traffic, whilst Councillor C.P. Owens enquired whether those in Sandy Lane could perhaps be modified to get over the problems referred to by local residents.

**RESOLVED :**

That the Clerk make enquiries with the Highway Authority concerning the possibility of some form of modification to the traffic calming humps in Sandy Lane to see if the concerns of local residents could be alleviated without their complete removal.

**b. Holywell Road, Manor Estate - 'Slow' Markings**

Councillor Mrs. D.J. Williams made reference to the need for attention to

the 'slow' markings on this highway in the vicinity of the Manor Estate. Apparently there had been some remedial work early in the year but this had not proved to be effective.

**RESOLVED :**

That the Clerk make representations to the Highway Authority for the 'slow' markings on this highway to be reinstated to an appropriate standard.

**c. Bryntirion Road**

Councillor Mrs. D.J. Williams made reference to the problems with ruts on the edge of the highway, both on the bend and where the heavy goods vehicles parked in relation to the concrete works at Tan y Dderwen.

**RESOLVED :**

That the Clerk make appropriate representations to the Highway Authority.

**d. Community Council Newsletter**

Councillor R. Davies enquired as to the possibility of the Council issuing a Newsletter, possibly on a quarterly or longer period basis, to keep local residents informed. The Clerk indicated that there would be cost implications, both in terms of printing and distribution, as well as editorial content, and in the current budget there was no provision. He indicated that, as in previous years, on the next agenda there would be an item requesting Members to consider matters on which they would like to see included for discussion in estimates for the next financial year so as to enable some costings to be assessed and included in the report for the January meeting. He also advised the meeting that there were certain restrictions concerning Newsletters at times of election and he would need to research this issue and advise Members accordingly.

**RESOLVED :**

That further consideration of this item be given at the next meeting when other issues for possible inclusion in estimates for the next financial year will also be considered.

**e. Development Adjacent to War Memorial - Pavement Flooding**

The Chairman indicated that the promised work to this area between the Developer and the Highway Authority had still not been completed, and

there was a need to ensure it was undertaken prior to the Remembrance Sunday Service.

**RESOLVED :**

That the Clerk take up the matter with the Highway Authority accordingly.

**f. High Street - Bus Signs**

Councillor R.K. Jones made reference to the prior promise from the County Council to renew the bus signs in the High Street to be viewed from either side of the road. Councillors A. Griffiths and Mrs. D. Jones indicated that some new signs had been erected and the Member indicated he would look into the matter and raise the issue again if necessary.

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

<b>DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING</b>	<b>FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2006</b>
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<b>Member</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Minute No. Refers</b>
Councillor A. Griffiths	Financial Assistance Ysgol Merlyn	82
Councillor R.K. Jones	Financial Assistance Ysgol Merlyn	82
Councillor C.P. Owens	Financial Assistance Ysgol Merlyn	82
Councillor C. Williams	Financial Assistance Ysgol Merlyn	82

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**Chairman.**