

## **BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in YSGOL GLAN ABER, Bagillt on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

**PRESENT : Councillor B.T. Doleman (Chairman)**

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

**APOLOGIES** : Councillor S.M. Manfredi, C. Williams and Mrs. D.J. Williams .

**IN ATTENDANCE** : Mr. G. Roberts (Clerk).

### **119. POLICING MATTERS**

The Chairman made reference to the fact that P.C. Schofield was not present and that it was not known if he would be attending the meeting. Councillor R.K. Jones made reference to a discussion held with Local Police concerning problems which had been occurring at the two Schools and the Library, and it had been agreed that there would be a scheme of regular patrols using Specials and Support Officers for a period of six weeks or so from Thursday to Sunday during the hours of 9 p.m. and 1 a.m.

### **120. MINUTES**

The following comments were made on the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2007.

#### **a. Minute No. 106(a) – Tyn Twll**

The Clerk read out to the meeting a reply received from Flintshire County Council regarding the matter of retention monies for the one outstanding property and that information received from the owner and his solicitors was being clarified.

#### **b. Minute No. 108(b) – War Memorial Improvements**

The Clerk read out to the meeting a reply received from Flintshire County Council concerning an incorrect assumption made by their Officer in respect of the time limit for funding to be submitted to the Landfill Tax Grant Scheme. As the grants were available year on year, it was being suggested the Society could possibly re-apply on a retrospective basis. The Chairman, on behalf of the Heritage Society, refuted the assertion made of not knowing the time limit and advised the meeting of progress to date with the improvement scheme.

**RESOLVED :**

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**121. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES**

**a. Policing – Partnership Working**

Councillor A. Griffiths reported on a meeting he had attended at the Town Hall, Flint on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2007, which unfortunately had been poorly attended by Community Representatives. Inspector Maxwell had made an offer to have Community Representative volunteers go out on patrol with Officers during the discussion on partnership working. In addition, reference had been made to the decriminalisation of parking, which was available to the County Authority, which then meant they became responsible for the issue rather than the Police as had occurred in Denbighshire. There was to be a further meeting and Clerks would be notified in due course.

**b. One Voice Wales – Wrexham/Flintshire Area Committee**

The Clerk indicated that he had been due to represent the Council at the meeting to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2007, but unfortunately this had been postponed due to the bad weather.

**c. Bagillt Heritage Society**

Councillor C.P. Owens advised the meeting of an event which was taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2007, concerning possible funding for archaeology projects and if any Member wanted further details to contact him accordingly.

**122. COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 2007**

The Clerk advised the meeting that, due the Easter holiday closure, the scheduled meeting to be held at Ysgol Glan Aber on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2007 could not take place. He had approached the School for an alternative and after discussion with the Caretaker, the only date available in the following week was Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

**RESOLVED :**

That the meeting to be held in April 2007 at Ysgol Glan Aber, be changed to Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

## 123. PLANNING

### a. Applications Determined Under Planning On-Line Consultation Period

No.	Location	Detail
042630	Castle Landfill Site, Castle Park, Flint	Variation of Conditions 4, 5 and 6 of permission 36774
042705	10 Broadacre Close	Single storey extension to provide games room

It was noted that both applications had been supported.

### b. Applications for Consideration

No.	Location	Detail
042327	Panton Hall, Old Bagillt Road	Listed Building application – convert barn to residential

#### RESOLVED :

That the application be supported.

### c. Proposed Telecommunications Installation at Bagillt Road, Bagillt

The Clerk reported that he had received information from Daly International concerning a proposed radio base station for T.Mobile (UK) in the area. The purpose was to consult with the Council and invite comments on the proposals prior to any planning submission. The proposal was for an 11.7 metre Phase 3 Street Works Monopole with two equipment cabinets located at the base of the installation and details were reported to the meeting of the alternative options in the area that had been considered and rejected. Notwithstanding the alternatives looked at and the reasons given for choosing the preferred site, Members were of the view that it could not be supported.

#### RESOLVED :

That the Clerk advise the Company that the Council do not support the location of a new radio base at the site chosen on Bagillt Road.

## **124. COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

The meeting considered a report of the Clerk, which reminded Members that at the Estimates meeting held in the last month they had agreed to provide a sum for the next financial year for the publication of Community Newsletters and that the purpose of this report was to agree how to take the issue forward during the next financial year. Particular reference was made to the Guidance in the Clerk's Manual concerning communication with inhabitants of the area, the manner in which it was written, and that presentation was paramount. If material was received from outside sources not to be afraid to edit it, making sure however to try and retain the subscriber's style. Whilst articles to be included should provide stimulation and provoke interest, there was a need to be wary of prejudice or bias.

The report also outlined the powers available, both in terms of expenditure and restrictions in current legislation. Members were then asked to consider a number of issues which required clarification.

### **RESOLVED :**

1. That other bodies be permitted to include articles, subject to vetting on matters such as editing, as recommended in the Clerk's Manual Guidance.
2. That in relation to delivery the intention should be to cover all households within the community and notwithstanding the offers made by a number of Members at the meeting concerning providing or seeking assistance, the Clerk make enquiries with the Royal Mail and report back. Irrespective of delivery additional copies of the Newsletter could be left at the Library, Post Office and other suitable venues in the Village.
3. Having regard to the decision in 2 above, the initial print run for the first edition be 2000 copies of A5 size.
4. That in relation to editorial content that for the first edition all Members should have an opportunity of commenting, as well as contributing to articles and that the position be reviewed thereafter.
5. That a decision on frequency await a review of the success of the first Community Newsletter and also the amount of news available once the Council has established the format it wished to follow.

## 125. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

### RESOLVED :

That the following accounts be paid :-

Name		Cheque No.	Expenditure Powers
Mr. G. Roberts	622.28	101079	Loc.Govt..Act 1972 (S.112)
HM Revenue & Customs	203.46	101080	Loc.Govt. Act 1972 (S.112)
Delyn Press	52.88	101081	Loc.Govt. 1972 (S.111)
AON Ltd.	867.24	101082	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S.19)

## 126. DONATIONS

The meeting considered three applications received for financial assistance, details of which were reported to Members. In relation to the request from the New Brighton Chapel Action Group, Councillor J. Williams indicated that he felt they would be eligible to receive funding from the Communities First Project Pot, and he would pursue this aspect accordingly.

### RESOLVED :

1. That in relation to the application from New Brighton Chapel Action Group, funding to a maximum of 850 (exc.VAT) be agreed for the new altar base and altar top, whether or not the Organisation was also successful in a bid for Communities First Project Pot monies.
2. That the following donations be agreed in according with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 :-

Urdd Gobaith Cymru	70.00 - (cheque No. 101083)
Estuary Voluntary Car Scheme	100.00 - (cheque No. 101084).

## 127. NOTICE BOARDS

### a. Adjoining 83 Riverbank

The Clerk advised the meeting that permission had been received from Flintshire County Council to erect a Notice Board on the pavement adjoining the highway. In order to activate the consent for the purpose of Section 115E of the Highways Act 1980, it was subject to a number of conditions, which were read out to the meeting.

**RESOLVED :**

That the Clerk be authorised to sign the conditions of the consent on behalf of the Council.

**b. Car Park, High Street**

The Clerk advised the meeting that there had been no further progress in relation to this Notice Board as he was still awaiting the views of the Planning Authority in relation to the siting and colour of the style that had been proposed to be used.

**RESOVLED :**

That the report be noted.

**128. ONE VOICE WALES**

The meeting considered a letter received from One Voice Wales inviting renewal of membership for 2007/08, copies of which had been previously circulated. The letter set out benefits to Councils from being in membership and the Clerk also responded to comments by Members on this issue. Consideration was also given to purchasing additional copies of the Voice magazine for all Members.

**RESOLVED :**

That membership of One Voice Wales be renewed for 2007/08 subject to review, but that no further copies of the Voice magazine be purchased..

**129. COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF SHELTERED HOUSING SERVICE**

The meeting considered correspondence received from Flintshire County Council concerning the review they had launched of its Sheltered Housing service. Views were being sought from Town and Community Councils in Flintshire and a questionnaire had also been forwarded, and upon which comments were invited.

The Clerk advised that he had prepared suggested comments and both the questions and the suggested responses were read out to the meeting.

Councillor R.K. Jones suggested that, in addition to the responses as indicated, reference should also be made to the need for a change in Government Policy so that more than 25% of monies accruing from Council House sales could be retained for the Local Authority and used to support Sheltered Housing. In addition, reference should be made to partnerships, having regard to the

Beecham Report, and the need to work with the Local Health Board as well as additional funding being provided for the service.

**RESOLVED :**

That the response to the survey, as read out to the meeting, subject to the inclusion of the further points, be agreed as the Council's response.

**130. MEMBERS' ITEMS**

**a. Canton Garage - Slates**

Reference was made by Councillor M.A. Reece to the recent damage to the slates on this garage, due to high winds, and Councillor J. Ovens indicated that he would arrange for it to be reported to Flintshire County Council for attention.

**b. Top Hill - Trees**

Councillor M.A. Reece made reference for the need for attention to once again be given to trees in the vicinity of lamp post No. 2 and the problems that had been caused recently due to broken branches disrupting power supplies.

**RESOLVED :**

That the Clerk report the matter to the appropriate Department at Flintshire County Council for attention.

**c. Car Park – High Street**

Councillor A. Griffiths was advised by Councillor J. Ovens that the lines to mark out the parking bays had now been completed at the car park.

**d. Beechcroft, Highfield Road**

Reference was made by Councillor Mrs. D. Jones to the condition of the car park, which was badly rutted as a result of recent flooding.

**RESOVLED :**

That the Clerk report this matter for attention to the appropriate Department of Flintshire County Council.

### **131. ACCESS TO THE FORESHORE**

Councillor R.K. Jones made reference to previous comments he had made regarding the letter sent to Flintshire County Council by Veolia Environmental Services some months ago and to the fact that it was being looked into by a Legal Officer. Due to the fact that there had not been a Certificate of Finality drawn up by the former Delyn Borough Council and company within the prescribed time, made it unlikely Flintshire County Council would be prepared to accept responsibility having regard to the landfill aftercare provisions, which due to new regulations were shortly to increase from 30 to 50 years. Another option being pursued was by some form of arrangement with a wildlife group and a meeting to this effect was to be held later this month, although the RSPB had in the past refused such an officer. The Planning Department had arranged this meeting and Councillor R.K. Jones hoped that both he and Councillor J. Ovens would be invited to attend. It was hoped that the previously referred to monies for improvement works could perhaps persuade the Wildlife Group.

Councillor J. Ovens was informed by Councillors R. Davies and C.R. Williams that the foreshore itself was still in a very untidy condition. In relation to prevention of inappropriate vehicles, there was still the need for appropriate physical prevention. Councillor R.K. Jones made reference to an initiative by the Countryside Service regarding a clean-up along sections of the Dee Foreshore, including the Bagillt area and the Clerk advised that he had only today received details of this, which was to take place in September, and he would circulate details with the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **RESOLVED :**

That the report be noted.

### **132. APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT – FORMER BRITISH LEGION CLUB, GADLYS LANE**

At the request of Councillor M.A. Reece, Councillors J. Ovens and R.K. Jones indicated that they had met Officers of the Planning and Highway Sections on site to discuss the latest application for residential development. It principally concerned the issue of allowing some of the houses to gain access via Highfield Road, an issue which had been objected to by both County Councillors and the Community Council. It appeared that the Highways representative was amenable to the suggestion, despite comments which had been made concerning the problems of the access onto Merilyn Lane and the width of that highway, points which were highlighted by Councillors Mrs. D. Jones and A. Griffiths.



**RESOLVED :**

That the Clerk write to the Highway Authority confirming the need for them to take into account the problems concerning the junction with Merlyn Lane and the width of that highway, which would be exacerbated by any further usage as a result of new development.

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

<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2007</b>	
<b>Member</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Minute No. Refers</b>
	There were no Declarations made	

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**Chairman.**