

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in YSGOL MERLLYN, Bagillt on Friday 11th May 2007.

PRESENT : Councillor B.T. Doleman (Chairman)

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

APOLOGIES : Councillor S.M. Manfredi, J. Ovens and J. Williams.

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

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2007/08

RESOLVED :

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

Councillor M.A. Reece made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invested with the Chain of Office by Councillor B.T. Doleman, and thanked Members for electing him as Chairman. The Chairman presented Councillor B.T. Doleman with an engraved shield, incorporating the Council's logo in recognition as his year as Chairman for 2006/07 and congratulated him on his year of office.

Councillor B.T. Doleman thanked all Members and the Clerk for assistance given to him during the past municipal year.

2. APPONTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2007/08

RESOLVED :

That Councillor C. Williams be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Community Council for the ensuing municipal year.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE 2007/08

RESOLVED :

That in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (Section 5) the Chairman's allowance be fixed at 750 for the 2007/08 municipal year and paid to the Chairman accordingly (cheque No. 101104).

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 the outcome of a review by Flintshire Youth Service.

c. Bagillt Heritage Society

Councillor R.K. Jones

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 Users Group

Councillor C. Williams

d. Flintshire Police Community Consultative Group

Councillor A. Griffiths

e. Local Transport Plan Focus Group

Councillor C.P. Owens

5. POLICING

P.C. Schofield indicated that in the four months since he had last attended a Council meeting there were no particular issues he wished to draw to the attention of the Council, other than the persisting problem concerning access to the foreshore, which would be referred to shortly. In response to Councillor Mrs. D. Jones, the Officer advised that whatever the alleged crime that had been committed, even when the supposed perpetrators had been caught, it was still necessary for the person affected to consent to the bringing of charges before matters were pursued further. Councillor R.K. Jones made reference to the article which had appeared in the local press in March entitled "Village of Vandals" which had referred to comments made by the Officer. He felt it gave the wrong impression, whilst there were problems, as there were in other areas of the County. Councillor B.T. Doleman supported these comments, whilst Councillor Mrs. S.L. Jones concurred with the general sentiments which had been expressed in the press article as coming from the Officer. In response, P.C. Schofield advised that there had been no complaints received by the North Wales Police concerning the comments he had made in the press article.

Reference was made by Councillor A. Griffiths to a recent incident at Forresters Hall, which had been very disturbing for those who had been in the vicinity. The Officer made brief reference to the background to the incident but advised that there was no prior consultation with the Police concerning where particular persons were housed in the community.

6. ACCESS TO THE FORESHORE

P.C. Schofield made reference to the incident which had occurred the preceding weekend when numerous motorcycles had been on the foreshore, and expressed the view, as he had done many times over a number of years, that the situation would not be improved until the gated access in the vicinity of Bagillt Car Spares was locked. In addition, he advised the meeting of discussions with representatives of fishermen concerning problems they were experiencing on vandalism to their boats.

Councillor C.R. Williams expressed the view that the County Council should endeavour to require the Company, as landowners, to ensure that vehicular access was restricted and to also reduce the incidents of fly-tipping. Councillor R.K. Jones reminded Members of the report he had made to the February meeting and that it was still hoped that the Wildlife Group would reach agreement with the Company and take over the site, which would then release monies which were in the original agreement between the former Delyn Borough Council and

the Leigh Environmental Company. He suggested that a letter be forwarded to the Legal Department at Flintshire County Council to see what progress had been made in relation to this aspect, as he felt it was the way forward to resolve many of the issues of concern.

Councillors Mrs. D. Jones and Mrs. D.J. Williams also commented on the issue of the locked gate and the need for it to be resolved, whilst Councillor B.T. Doleman indicated that the representative of the Veolia Company did not seem to be undertaking appropriate responsibility, a view shared by P.C. Schofield. Councillor C.P. Owens felt that, notwithstanding the role of the Environment Agency in relation to the former landfill site area, and given the erosion taking place due to inappropriate vehicle activities, Flintshire County Council should be requested to take whatever steps were available to ensure the land owner met its responsibility. This view was shared by other Members.

RESOLVED :

1. That the Legal Department at Flintshire County Council be requested to give an update concerning current negotiations between the Wildlife Group and Veolia concerning possible future responsibility for the foreshore area in question.
2. That having regard to the continuing erosion of the former landfill site area due to inappropriate vehicular activities, Flintshire County Council be requested to take all necessary steps to ensure that Veolia, as land owners, are undertaking all their necessary responsibilities in the matter.

7. MINUTES

The following comments were made on the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 17th April 2007.

a. Minute No. 149(a) – Beechcroft, Highfield Road

The Clerk read out to the meeting a reply received from Flintshire County Council indicating that the property had been included in the current year's capital programme for refurbishment both internally and externally, which included the car parking facility. Survey work was to start this month with a view to work commencing in August 2007.

b. Minute No. 149(b) – Wern Avenue Fencing

Councillor A. Griffiths advised the meeting that the fencing had still not been repaired and it was agreed a further reminder be sent to Flintshire County Council.

c. Minute No. 149(c) – Highfield Road

Councillor Mrs. D. Jones advised the meeting that a neighbour had undertaken the works required to the garden area and disposal of the waste had been arranged with Flintshire County Council. It had been expected that this work would have been undertaken by Flintshire County Council, and had been outstanding for many months. In response, the Clerk reminded Members that the Community Caretaker did not undertake work at public sector housing as part of his duties with the Council, but he had reported the need for attention to the appropriate department at Flintshire County Council.

d. Minute No. 150 – Notice Board – Car Park, High Street

The Clerk informed the meeting that a site meeting had been held with a Planning Officer and the type of Notice Board and precise siting had been agreed. Following discussions with the past Chairman and Vice-Chairman, a quotation had been received from the firm of Greenbarnes for a Notice Board in black of the required type, which was expected to cost in the region of 1,200. It would be ordered following the receipt of planning permission.

e. Minute No. 152(c) – Planning Applications

The Clerk advised Councillor Mrs. S.L. Jones that there had been no indication as yet from the Planning Authority concerning application No. 043042, and to Councillor A. Griffiths that he had been contacted by the Developer concerning application 043019, but had received none of the further promised information which could be passed on to Members

f. Minute No. 154(a) – War Memorial Improvements

Councillor R.K. Jones advised the meeting that he had been in contact with Mr. D. Monroe concerning the need to expedite consideration of the grant application from the Bagillt Heritage Society, whereupon it had been indicated that there was every likelihood of approval in the near future.

g. Minute No. 163(d) – Traffic Calming Moritorium – Tyddyn Mesham

The Clerk read out to the meeting a reply received from Flintshire County Council advising that the Moritorium on physical traffic calming had been overturned, with a proviso that any new scheme be restricted to those at critical sites, which were accident locations or schools. A scheme for Tyddyn Mesham could be considered, but this would be in competition with other sites in the County and as such no guarantee could be given regarding any progress at present. Councillor R.K. Jones indicated that

he was hopeful that the scheme could progress with match funding, even though the details previously considered may have to be updated.

h. Minute No. 164 – Proposal for Branch Surgery Premises Closure – Wern Surgery, Bron y Wern

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Flintshire Local Health Board were meeting next week to consider the proposal and that following consultation with the past Chairman, it had been agreed the Council would rely on the previous written objection rather than a representative attending in person.

RESOLVED :

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 17th April 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8. UNAUTHORISED USE OF LAND OFF HOLYWELL ROAD (A5026) BY TRAVELLERS

Councillor B.T. Doleman made reference to discussions held with Officers of the County Council concerning the former landfill site area, to pass on further information and to discussions with a representative of the landowner Company. With regard to the latter aspect, reference had been made to the survey works that had been previously undertaken, when a request had been made regarding the possibility of this being released to show what had been found. It had also been confirmed that the intended improvement works to prevent leachate had not been undertaken, due to the costs involved, with particular regard to highway access and egress from the site. Whether the survey report could be released was dependent upon permission being obtained from Mr. A. Foster of Veolia. The other Company representative would be making the initial contact and advising Councillor B.T. Doleman accordingly. If there was an indication that such permission could be given then he suggested he advise the Clerk and a letter be forwarded from the Community Council accordingly.

The Clerk advised the meeting a reply had been received from the Legal Department at Flintshire County Council in response to the issues raised following the last meeting, when they had indicated that they had been aware of the points raised and that the Council was in contact with the Environment Agency concerning possible contamination of the land concerned. The County Council was still undertaking certain enquiries before it could come to a final decision as to whether or not to apply to the High Court for an injunction. In the meantime the Travellers had been written to, together with their Planning Consultant, seeking an undertaking from them of no further encroachment into the adjoining woodland area (including no more tree felling or tree clearing), that no more hardcore or similar material would be placed on the site, and that other

than those already resident on the site, that nobody else be allowed to occupy the site. There were presently believed to be 22 adults on the site (10 families).

In addition, the Clerk made reference to copies of e-mails he had received from the Legal Officer of Flintshire County Council and Councillor R. Baker, referring in particular to the issue of the water supply, when it had been confirmed that Flintshire County Council were not involved in this issue. In addition, following a conversation with the past Chairman, the Clerk indicated he had made enquiries with the Legal Officer of Flintshire County Council and they had indicated that the Authority had engaged one of the most experienced Counsel in these matters in the country to represent them, but they would not wish to make details of who this was, publicly available.

Councillor R.K. Jones made reference to the issue of the water supply and whether a spring source had been found on the site, whilst Councillor Mrs. D.J. Williams referred to the regulations which had to be complied with concerning a private water supply.

P.C. Schofield advised that he had been made aware that the Travellers had bought the site and had been assisted by a solicitor in Holywell, and that a Flintshire County Council Officer was aware of this fact. The Officer also indicated that he was aware of only one complaint which had been made to the Police resulting from the Travellers use of this site.

RESOLVED :

1. That in the event of Councillor B.T. Doleman being advised that the survey report concerning the possible contamination to the former landfill site area could be made available, then he advise the Clerk, who could then make formal application to Veolia.
2. That the other information, as now reported to the meeting, be noted.

9. HANGING BASKETS 2007

Following on from the discussion at the last meeting, the Clerk advised that he had been in consultation with the past Chairman and Vice-Chairman concerning both the ordering of the plants and seeking an alternative method of watering. In relation to the plants, an order had been placed with Fron Deg Nurseries of Sychdyn, the same firm that had supplied the plants displayed in Flint last year and who were also using the same source for 2007.

In respect of the watering, the use of a hose running across the High Street was no longer thought to be practical, due to difficulties with traffic running over the hose, therefore enquiries had been made with garden centres as to a possible domestic style solution. Details were given of different capacity spraying

equipment, but Councillor A. Griffiths indicated that none of these would prove suitable for watering hanging baskets. Councillor R.K. Jones made reference to the situation at Flint and suggested an approach be made as to whether the services of the person they used could also be hired for Bagillt. If this solution was not a possibility then Councillor A. Griffiths indicated that he could approach his brother, who has a property at the other side of Forresters Hall, as well as an outside water source, which could give a hose connection with the advantage of being on the same side as the hanging baskets.

RESOLVED :

1. That the Clerk approach Flint Town Council to see if there was a possibility of this Authority also making use of their watering arrangements for the hanging baskets on a rechargeable basis.
2. That if 1 above was not a possibility then Councillor A. Griffiths be requested to pursue the alternative referred to in the preamble above.

10. PUBLIC ENQUIRIES ON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MATTERS

a. Present System

The Clerk reminded Members that, in accordance with normal practice, notice had been given that if any members of the public were in attendance at the meeting they would have the opportunity of asking questions on Community Council matters at 8 p.m. A copy of the information on the Role of the Council, which was available at the meeting, had been previously circulated to Members for information. It was noted that there were five members of the public present and the Chairman gave them the opportunity to raise any issues they had.

All members of the public present wished to raise issues concerning the unauthorised use of land off Holywell Road (A506) by Travellers. One of the issues raised concerned the matter of the water supply, when it was confirmed that there was no spring supply on the land which had been occupied by the Travellers. In addition to also referring about possible nearby alternatives, two of the residents present indicated that they had endeavoured to assist the Travellers concerning this issue, as they felt, notwithstanding the unauthorised activity at the site, that everyone required a water supply for basic health purposes. P.C. Schofield indicated he was aware that to date regular water bowsers were being delivered to the site.

The member of the public who was the nearest occupant to the unauthorised site occupied by the Travellers indicated that, whilst he was disappointed with the role of the County Council, in particular not keeping

people like himself informed, he was endeavouring to get on with the Travellers as a good neighbour until such time as the situation was resolved. In response to a question raised, the Clerk confirmed to him that the Travellers site was within the Holywell Town Council area and that they also had held discussions concerning this issue and members of the public were also free to attend their Council meetings.

Two other members of the public referred to the comments made earlier in the meeting by P.C. Schofield regarding Police calls to the site and they indicated that they had logged a number of calls. In response, P.C. Schofield indicated that his community beat area did not extend as far as the Travellers site and he would speak with them after the meeting to give them the name of the Community Beat Officer for this area.

Four of the residents present at the meeting indicated that they had received a visit recently from the supposed American owner of the site, who was supporting the Travellers and had indicated that he was well financed to assist them against any actions by the County Council which may follow in due course. All the members of the public present thanked the Council for having the opportunity of raising their concerns.

b. Possible New Procedure

The Clerk advised that Councillor C. Williams had requested a discussion on the practice used by some Local Councils to have a short public enquiry session at each Ordinary meeting. The Clerk advised that he had therefore contacted a number of Local Councils within the area and had obtained a number of replies. Some Councils did allow such a procedure at every meeting for a short period of time, either at the beginning or the end of the meeting, some required it to be related to items particularly on the agenda, whilst others required notification of issues to be raised.

There was a need for such a procedure to be strictly controlled. Another issue that would have to be decided was whether it should require suspension of Standing Orders so that it was not formally part of the meeting. The Clerk suggested that he prepare a short report for the next meeting of the Council listing all the various options to enable appropriate consideration to be given to such a change in procedure.

RESOLVED :

That the Clerk report to the next meeting of the Council accordingly.

11. PLANNING

a. Applications Determined – Planning On-Line Consultation Period

| No. | Location | Detail |
|--------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 043148 | 32 Cannon Drive | Two storey sided extension |

It was noted that the application had been supported.

b. Applications for Consideration

| No. | Location | Detail |
|--------|-------------------|--|
| 043104 | 12 Vicarage Drive | Extension to rear elevation of dormer bungalow |

RESOLVED :

That the application be supported.

12. DONATIONS

The Clerk advised that one application had been received since the agenda was circulated, details of which were reported to the meeting, as well as consideration being given to a letter received from Wales Air Ambulance following the decision at the last meeting not to grant financial assistance.

RESOLVED :

1. That in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, a donation of 100 be made to Age Concern North East Wales (cheque No. 101105).
2. That the letter received from Wales Air Ambulance be noted.

13. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED :

That the following accounts be paid :-

| Name | | Cheque No. | Expenditure Powers |
|----------------------------|--------|------------|----------------------------|
| Mr. G. Roberts | 671.32 | 101098 | Loc.Govt. Act 1972 (S.112) |
| HM Revenue & Customs | 209.51 | 101099 | Loc.Govt. Act 1972 (S.112) |
| C.M. Scott | 11.25 | 101100 | Loc.Govt. Act 1972 (S.5) |
| JDH Business Services Ltd. | 84.52 | 101101 | Loc.Govt. Finance Act 1982 |
| Delyn Press | 85.00 | 101102 | Loc.Govt. Act 1972 (S.111) |
| Eurostone | 271.25 | 101103 | Loc.Govt. Act 1972 (S.214) |

14. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES

a. Police Liaison

Councillor A. Griffiths informed the meeting that unfortunately he had been unable to attend the second of these meetings held in Flint earlier this month.

b. Community Recreation Outreach Programme

The Clerk advised he had attended the meeting held at County Hall, Mold on 23rd April 2007, but unfortunately Councillor B.T. Doleman had been unable to be present. It had been attended by a number of representatives from Town and Community Councils within the County, principally those which had existing Gyminis or Sportstart schemes. A presentation had been made on the background to the scheme and to the gradual reduction of the programme due to the lack of core funding. The intention was to endeavour to get communities involved in the future by providing help and assistance at the start and then passing over the organisation to either a Local Council or community based organisation. There was a significant shortfall in the cost of providing the service and the income received from those participating. A further meeting was to be held with representatives of schools, following which a further letter would be forwarded to Town and Community Councils.

RESOLVED :

That the report be noted.

15. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS – 2006/07

a. Internal Audit

The Responsible Financial Officer advised that earlier in the week he had received the documentation from the internal auditor. In relation to the report from JDH Business Services for 2006/07, the Clerk advised the meeting that, on the basis of the internal audit work carried out, which was limited to the text indicated in the documentation, it was the view of the auditors that the Council's system of internal controls was in place and adequate for the purpose intended and effective, subject to the recommendations contained in the action plan. In relation to the action plan, reference was made to voucher 51 from LITE, which had been dated 26th September 2006, whilst the description of services delivered related to November 2006. The recommendation was that the Council should confirm this invoice in relation to valid services received. In reply, the Responsible Financial Officer indicated that the invoice had related to refurbishing, testing, storage and collection and delivery of the Christmas lights. The invoice had been received in September but had not been paid until 24th November 2006, after the Christmas lights had been delivered to the Town Hall, Flint. The payment of 361.90 for all the services indicated in the invoice had been approved by the Council in minute No. 97.

RESOLVED :

1. That the completion of the internal audit for the accounts 2006/07, and the satisfactory conclusion reached by the Council's internal auditor, be noted.
2. That in relation to the action plan, and the explanation given by the Responsible Financial Officer, that it be recorded the Council confirms that invoice No. 51 related to valid services received.

b. External Audit of Accounts

Notification had been received that the external audit of accounts for 2006/07 would be held on 29th June 2007. The Responsible Financial Officer advised the meeting that public notice would be displayed at the Community Centre notice board, Council notice board Riverbank and Branch Library, in accordance with the Regulations commencing from the 17th May 2007, as recommended by the external auditor.

The annual return had been completed for Section 1, the statement of accounts, and had been signed by the Responsible Financial Officer and Chairman who had been in the Chair when the accounts were approved by the Council last month. Section 2, statement of assurance, copies of which had been previously circulated, required the approval of the Council and signature by the Chairman and Clerk. It was noted that Section 4, annual internal audit report, had been completed by JDH Business Services Limited, the Council's internal auditor.

RESOLVED :

1. That the action to be taken by the Responsible Financial Officer concerning public notice of the audit of accounts for 2006/07 be noted.
2. That the Section 2, statement of assurance, be answered as "yes" for each aspect and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
3. That the Clerk forwards the annual return and supporting documents to the external auditor on behalf of the Council.

16. MEMBERS' ITEMS

a. Tyn Twll

Councillor C.R. Williams was advised by the Clerk that he had forwarded a reminder to the Legal Officer of Flintshire County Council requesting an update, but unfortunately no reply had been received in time for the meeting. As only one property remained concerning the provision of retained funding for the scheme, the Member felt that further representation should be made to Flintshire County Council to see if progress could be made.

RESOLVED :

That further representations be made to Flintshire County Council accordingly.

b. Highfield Road/Beechcroft Close – Highway Adoption

Councillor Mrs. D. Jones referred to the letter which had been received from the Highway Authority in March 2007, which had advised that under Section 228 of the Highways Act 1980, 62.8 metres of Highfield Road and 45.2 metres of Beechcroft Close, had been adopted as highway maintainable at the public expense. She had accordingly requested the Clerk to ascertain if the remainder of Highfield Road was already adopted. A reply had been received advising that approximately 320 metres from its junction with Merllyn Lane was also maintainable highway.

RESOLVED :

That the information be noted.

c. Flintshire Unitary Development Plan

Reference was made by Councillor Mrs. D. Jones to a letter she had received, together with other residents in Highfield Road, concerning the above Inquiry to be held and objections received to the proposals contained in the Plan. Councillor R.K. Jones indicated that all those who had signed a petition against a particular proposal, and if that proposal had not been amended, then they would all receive such a letter. It was not necessary to appear in person as it could be indicated on the form that you merely wished your previous written observations to remain. The Clerk advised that he had also received such a letter on behalf of the Council for the one remaining area of development to which the Council had objected and which had not been subsequently amended following representations.

RESOLVED :

That the matter be noted.

d. Planning Application – Former Central Garage, High Street

Councillor Mrs. D. Jones made reference to the development at this site for 9 luxury apartments, which would be a three storey development, and to which the Council had not objected. Having regard to the comments made at the last meeting concerning two nearby developments, when the Council had objected, one of the grounds being the height of the development of three storeys in each case,. She wondered if a precedent had already been created for the area. In reply, Councillor R.K. Jones advised that each application was dealt with on its merits by the Planning Authority. The Clerk also advised that this application had been received at a time of Recess, together with two applications for alternatives for the same area, and he confirmed that no objections had been made at the time by the Members acting under delegated authority on behalf of the Council. The subsequent consent given by the Planning Authority to 9 luxury apartments had been made many months later, following the completion of a legal agreement with the developer.

In relation to the legal agreement under Section 106, Councillor Mrs. D. Jones made reference to the wording which allowed a commutation figure for the developer to make a contribution to the Planning Authority in lieu of providing recreation provision. She felt there

was therefore a need to ascertain from the Planning Authority as to how such monies were then used by Flintshire County Council. In response, the Clerk indicated that, having had a previous discussion with the Member on this subject, he had sent a letter to the Chief Planning Services Officer requesting to know their procedure in relation to such agreements and whether any monies received were used solely within the community concerned and how it was proceeded with.

RESOLVED :

That the matter be noted.

17. WASTE STRATEGY

Councillor R.K. Jones made a presentation to the meeting, in his capacity as Executive Member for Flintshire County Council on this issue. As with all Unitary Authorities in Wales, Flintshire was required to meet targets for the future on reducing use of landfill sites, both from the Welsh Assembly Government and the European Union. 2001/02 was given as the base line for the tonnage to be assessed and by 2010 all Local Authorities in Wales would have to achieve a reduction of 40%, in particular by the use of recycling. In 2003 Flintshire had a recycling target of 7%, by 2006 this had gone up to 34% and in the present financial year it was expected to reach the target figure of 40%. Local Authorities were now being given new targets from between 2011 and 2018 to reach between 50-60% which would be difficult by existing means.

Councillor R.K. Jones made reference to the Blue Box kerbside collections used in Flintshire, which had a take-up of 40% and the Local Authority were keen to persuade people in order to improve this figure. There were also 8 Recycling Centres throughout the County, as well as the composting facility at Greenfield. The new contract had been let for the Recycling Centres to A.D Waste and they had been given a three year target of 40%, 50% and 60%, otherwise financial penalties would be incurred and it was pleasing to note that a figure of 69% had already been achieved.

In relation to assistance with reducing reliance on landfill beyond the recycling initiatives, reference was made to the investigations which had been undertaken over a period of time, including visits to Plants, both in the United Kingdom and Europe. As a result, Flintshire were to proceed with a mechanical heat treatment system, and brief details were given of how this would work, that in no way did it involve the use of incineration and that there was a ready commercial market for the fuel pellets produced due to their calorific value for certain commercial organisations. There had already been discussions with Government Organisations concerning both funding and chemical analysis of the treatment process and the stage would be reached shortly when the tendering process could begin in accordance with European Union Procurement Regulations.

Members were then invited to ask questions on the information presented, which were responded to accordingly. The Chairman thanked Councillor R.K. Jones for his presentation.

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

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| Date of Council Meeting | Friday 11th May 2007 |
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| Member | Item | Minute No. Refers |
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| | There were no Declarations of interest | |

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Chairman