

## **BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the Special meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in the COMMUNITY CENTRE, HIGH STREET, Bagillt on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2007.

**PRESENT : Councillor M.A. Reece (Chairman)**

**COUNCILLORS** : B.T. Doleman, A. Griffiths, Mrs. D. Jones, R.K. Jones, Mrs. S.L. Jones, S.M. Manfredi, J. Ovens, C.P. Owens, C.R. Williams Mrs. D.J. Williams and J. Williams.

**APOLOGIES** : Councillors R. Davies and C. Williams.

**IN ATTENDANCE** : Mr. G. Roberts (Clerk) and Councillors A. Aldridge, D.L. Cox and T. Renshaw.

### **50. CLOSURE OF BRANCH SURGERY AT BRON Y WERN – HEALTH CARE PROVISION IN THE VILLAGE**

Further to the discussion at the last meeting of the Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2007 and a letter that was subsequently forwarded to Members, Councillor A. Aldridge was in attendance to address Members. Councillor Aldridge indicated that he had been a County Council representative on the Flintshire Local Health Board (FLHB) since June 2007 and, following an approach by a number of Bagillt Councillors, had written to the Chief Executive of the FLHB enclosing a petition signed by local residents. He had subsequently received a reply from the Chief Executive and circulated copies at the meeting. Comments were requested on the reply, which he would then take up at the next FLHB meeting later this week when the minutes relating to the decision to close the Surgery were being discussed. Councillor Aldridge indicated that, together with some local Members, he had been able to visit the premises with the consent of the landlord.

Councillor R.K. Jones made reference to the fact that there had been no prior consultation which affected patients and that the decision had been taken before the period subsequently allowed for comments had closed. In addition, reference was made to the views opposing the closure which had been made at the hearing held in May, which had been attended by Councillor J. Ovens. Given that more than 400 patients were affected, he enquired whether the possibility of seeking an alternative Doctor to run the Branch Surgery had been explored. In relation to the issue of bus transport, reference to the fact that there was a regular service, which went up from the lower part of the Village to Bron y Wern. There may well be problems for some patients now having to attend the main Flint Surgery at Allt Goch, due to the distance from the nearest bus stop for those without their own transport and who had difficulty in walking. There were also concerns regarding the possible knock-on effect for the Chemist shop in the High

Street, as it was extremely unlikely that patients attending a Flint Surgery would bring their prescriptions back to Bagillt for dispensing. Reference was also made to the expenditure on upgrading the Branch Surgery and to the fact that the issue of lone working could perhaps have been addressed by the receptionist and Doctor turning up and leaving at the same time.

Councillor A. Griffiths made reference to the fact that his family were patients of the Doctor concerned and that on a number of occasions when they had gone to attend for the hours indicated no one had turned up at the indicated time. On some occasions such a long period had elapsed that they had to leave and if this was being repeated with other patients then it would have an effect on the number of attendances to the Branch Surgery. Councillor R.K. Jones indicated that having the Branch Surgery at Bron y Wern also assisted parents with young children in that they only had to be away from the local School for a short period. For those having to visit the Surgery in Flint and relying on public transport then there may be difficulties if the bus service was delayed and appointments were missed. Councillor Mrs. D. Jones enquired if there were a possibility of home visits being extended in view of the closure of the Branch Surgery for those who had difficulty attending in Flint. Councillor J. Ovens indicated that he supported all the comments made and made reference to the views he had expressed at the hearing in May, and in particular the opposition from the Community Health Council to the Branch closure.

Councillor Aldridge indicated that he had noted the comments made and would raise these issues on behalf of the community at the next FLHB meeting. In response to the Clerk, he indicated that the letter from the Council to the FLHB relating to the issues raised at this meeting would be helpful in supporting him. The Chairman thanked Councillor Aldridge and fellow County Councillors T. Renshaw and D. Cox for their support on this issue.

**RESOLVED :**

1. That the thanks of the Council be formally recorded for the help and assistance received to date and in the future from Councillor A. Aldridge, in his capacity as a County Council representative on the Flintshire Local Health Board.
2. That the Clerk make representations to the Flintshire Local Health Board on the issues raised at the meeting.

**51. UNAUTHORISED USE OF LAND OFF HOLYWELL ROAD (A5026) BY TRAVELLERS – PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 043412**

The Clerk reminded Members that at the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2007, it was agreed to object to the proposals for the site known as Dollar Park, Bagillt Road, Holywell, with the precise grounds to await a report by the two County Members

after a meeting with Flintshire County Council Legal Officers and by himself on the outcome of the Holywell Town Council decision on the application.

Councillor J. Ovens and R.K. Jones made reference to the meeting they had attended with Legal Officers, which confirmed that, following advice from Counsel, Flintshire County Council would not be seeking a High Court Injunction to require an unauthorised gypsy site to be vacated. In making that decision the County Council had taken full account of relevant Judicial decisions and the considerations taken into account following those decisions were reported to the meeting. In addition the legal advice received by Flintshire County Council had emphasised that the High Court would look critically at the evidence submitted to it in any Injunction application, details of which were reported to the meeting. It would now be a matter for the planning process to be pursued and it was noted that it was likely to be considered by the Planning Committee at a meeting to be held in September 2007. Councillor C.R. Williams expressed his disappointment with the legal advice reported, which was shared by other Members. In his capacity as a County Member, Councillor T. Renshaw supported the comments made by Councillors R.K. Jones and J. Ovens, and to the fact that Flintshire County Council had no option but to follow the legal processes, however frustrating this may appear to local residents.

The Clerk referred to the letter received from Holywell Town Council, which he had circulated at the meeting, which set out the grounds on which they were objecting to the proposal. He suggested that each be considered in turn by the meeting, and for the benefit of the members of the public in attendance he read out each in turn. Councillor R.K. Jones expressed the view that all the issues raised by Holywell Town Council should be supported, which was agreed by other Members and that consideration should be given to possible other issues which could also be raised. In relation to the access situation, he made reference to the visibility splays that would be required for an access on to the A5026 and to the fact that this highway was subject to landslips, which could only be exacerbated by additional traffic. Councillor Mrs. S.L. Jones made reference to the fact that the number of caravans on site regularly seemed to change in number, a fact which was confirmed by some of the local residents present at the meeting, and that the occupiers still seemed to be removing trees off the site. Councillor R.K. Jones also referred to the fact that previous applications for use of this land had been refused, including one which involved pigs, which may well support the issue of the land being contaminated.

The grounds for objection from Holywell Town Council briefly related to it being outside the settlement boundary for Holywell and that a demonstrable need for a new permanent traveller site had not been proven, the access arrangements, over development of the site in the proposals, the septic tank arrangements, there being no safe and convenient access arrangements for people with disabilities, that the proposals would necessitate the removal of a length of hedgerow, which may contravene hedgerow policy, the issue of concerns

expressed by local people that the site may be contaminated, the proposal would have an adverse effect on a nearby listed building and that there was concern regarding the possibility of businesses being carried out from the site.

The Chairman with the support of Members present gave the opportunity for local residents to express their views on this matter and those that did thanked the Council for being permitted to do so.

**RESOLVED :**

That all of the grounds for objection to application 043412, as received from Holywell Town Council, be supported, and that reference also be made to the issues of the length of the visibility splays that would be required for access purposes and that the A5026 was prone to landslips, the fact that the number of caravans on site was changing on a regular basis, the removal of trees from the site, which was still continuing, and to the previous refused planning applications on the site.

**52. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Detail</b>
043433	25 Llys Maes Teg, Greenfield	Erect conservatory to the rear.
043644	Bryn Ty Bach, Bryntirion Road	Erection porch to side elevation.

**RESOLVED :**

That both applications be supported.

**Note :** Councillor S.M. Manfredi declared a personal interest in application 043644, and did not speak or vote thereon.

**53. NOTICE BOARD – CAR PARK, HIGH STREET**

The Clerk reported that planning permission had at last been received for the erection of this Notice Board. The Directorate of Community & Housing Services had therefore been requested to issue a licence agreement.

**RESOLVED :**

That the Clerk be authorised to sign any conditions required by the licence agreement and when that has been completed to order the Notice Board, as reported to a previous meeting.

**54. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**RESOLVED :**

That the following accounts be paid :-

<b>Name</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Expenditure Powers</b>
HCI Data Ltd.	117.50	101118	Loc.Govt. Act 1972 (S.111)
Bagillt Community Association	10.00	101122	Loc.Govt. Act 1972 (S.111)

**55. SUMMER PLAYScheme PROGRAMME 2007**

The Clerk reported that the schemes at Victoria Road (10.30a.m - 12.30 p.m.) and Ysgol Merllyn (1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m) commenced today and would run until 24<sup>th</sup> August 2007. Copies of the notices advertising the schemes were circulated at the meeting. The Council would receive a report on attendance at the end of the scheme.

**RESOLVED :**

That the report be noted.

**56. PROPOSED UPGRADING OF CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA, PEN Y GLYN**

The Clerk reported that Flintshire had advised of the receipt of £11,000 from a Section 106 Agreement and had prepared a draft scheme costing £45,000, but had no capital allocation for the play unit other than the initial sum indicated. As well as requesting the views of the Council on the draft scheme they were seeking consideration of how to finance the scheme. The Clerk indicated that a letter had been forwarded seeking further information in relation to this matter, details of which were reported to the meeting, with a view to consideration being given at the next Council meeting in September.

Councillor Mrs. S.L. Jones made reference to the fact that play equipment had recently been taken out from the play area at Victoria Road and when making enquiries it seemed that there was uncertainty into the recreation unit as to why this had taken place. Councillor Mrs. D. Jones indicated that she had been raising the issue of development monies but a response had not been received from the Planning Department, whilst Councillor R.K. Jones felt that the Recreation Department should indicate whether they were likely to be in receipt

of any other such monies from developers in view of the developments which were taking place in the Village.

**RESOLVED :**

1. That the report by the Clerk relating to Pen y Glyn be noted with further consideration being given to the matter at the September meeting following receipt of the requested additional information.
2. That the issue of the removal of equipment at Victoria Road be taken up with the Recreation Department at Flintshire County Council.

**57. HANGING BASKETS – FUTURE WATERING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Chairman reported that it may be possible to obtain sponsorship from E.ON Power who ran the Power Station at Connah's Quay and circulated at the meeting details of a water bowser which could be used in future years for watering the hanging baskets at the car park in the High Street. In return for any sponsorship received, the Council could offer to have the name of the Company placed on the bowser.

**RESOLVED :**

That the Clerk forward a letter accordingly to E.ON Power, requesting consideration of sponsorship for a water bowser.

**58. IDENTIFYING PATHS FOR IMPROVEMENT FOR 2007/2010**

The Clerk reported on a letter received from Groundwork Wrexham and Flintshire, requesting to know what Rights of way Paths, particularly ones that formed circular routes and ideally had opportunity of better access, required improvement as a priority. They had secured some funding for access work with a view to finding further as required. They had been requested to confirm that they were not seeking funds from the Council and it was suggested the matter be further considered at the September meeting.

**RESOLVED :**

That the recommendation of the Clerk be approved accordingly.

**59. MEMBERS ITEMS**

**a. Policing Issues**

The Chairman enquired of Councillor T. Renshaw as to why it had been possible to take action in Flint concerning motorbikes on the foreshore,

when this matter had been a problem for years in Bagillt. In response, Councillor Renshaw indicated that the numbers of the vehicles transporting the machines had been taken and he was advised by the Chairman that this had also been done in Bagillt and passed on to the Police with no action. If the necessary information was given to him Councillor Renshaw indicated that he would take this matter up with the Territorial Inspector.

In response to the Clerk, Councillor Renshaw indicated the progress in the appointment of the replacement Police Officer as the Community Beat Manager for Bagillt.

**b. Road Runner Waste**

Reference was made by the Chairman to the lack of enforcement action by the County Council in relation to this Company, or even to receive a response, even though he had forwarded photographs. The Clerk also indicated that he had sent many letters into Flintshire County Council and had even reminded them regarding their policy on acknowledgement and responding and had not received a reply.

**c. Foresters Hall – Adjacent Land**

The Chairman made reference to the use of land adjacent to the Foresters Hall and was advised by Councillor J. Ovens of action he was seeking to tidy up the area. The Chairman also referred to the withdrawal of the planning application recently considered for outline permission for a retail facility by Flintshire County Council. In response, Councillor R.K. Jones indicated that it had been suggested that they put in a more detailed outline application due to the fact that it would be overlooked by a listed building at Foresters Hall and in relation to the issue of trees.

**d. TB Immunisation – Youngsters**

Councillor A. Griffiths made reference to the fact that his daughter, who was a pupil at a local High School had received a letter indicating they would not longer be offering TB immunisation. He was concerned that this had been undertaken without prior notice and made reference to the recent incidents of TB at the nearby Holywell High School.

**RESOLVED :**

That the Clerk make appropriate representations to the Flintshire Local Health Board on this issue.

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

<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2007</b>
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<b>Member</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Minute No. Refers</b>
Councillor S.M. Manfredi	Planning application No. 043644 –Bryn Ty Bach, Bryntirion	52

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**Chairman**