

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in YSGOL MERLLYN, Bagillt on Friday 12th October 2007.

PRESENT :

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

APOLOGIES : Councillors B.T. Doleman, Mrs. D. Jones, S.M. Manfredi, J. Ovens, C.P. Owens, M.A. Reece, C. Williams and C.R. Williams.

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

83. CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED :

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor R.K. Jones was appointed to Chair the meeting.

(Councillor R.K. Jones in the Chair)

84. PUBLIC INQUIRY ITEM

There were two members of the public present and they had been given a copy of the procedure. Both had indicated they wished to speak in relation to agenda item 8(b) on the planning applications received concerning the former British Legion Club. The Chairman then gave them the opportunity to speak and they referred to the previous planning application granted in February, which had been for seven new properties and retaining one existing, and to the fact that the two new applications would in total amount to ten properties. Although the previous application had permitted four of the properties to use Highfield Road, and this was reiterated in one of the new applications, they expressed concerns about this aspect and the fact that the applications together would result in two additional properties. Concern was also expressed in respect of asbestos in relation to the buildings to be demolished, and that there was a need to ensure that the definitive footpath was protected.

The Chairman reminded Members that the information given during this item could be referred to when the relevant agenda item was being discussed.

85. POLICING MATTERS

The Clerk advised the meeting that he had made contact with the new Community Beat Manager for Bagillt, P.C. Colin Oare. The Officer had commenced duties in Bagillt at the start of the month and had been visiting

premises to make himself known and although due to personal circumstances he could not attend tonight, he had made a note of future meeting dates and would be in attendance. The Clerk advised that the contact details for the Officer were :

Mobile – 07876 791308, and
e-mail – colin.oare@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

The Chairman invited Members to indicate whether there were any particular issues which should be brought to the Officer's attention. Reference was made by Councillor Mrs. D.J. Williams to the theft of a number of plants at properties in Trebor Avenue, which she had been requested to report to this meeting. The residents should report the thefts to the Police if they had not already done so and she was requested to give them the contact details for the new local Officer.

86. MINUTES

The following comments were made on the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 14th September 2007.

a. Ordinary Meeting Minutes – 6th July 2007 – Minute No. 63(d) – Foresters Hall, High Street

Reference was made by Councillor J. Williams to the fact that the site meeting had been held at the end of August and therefore the time period given for the re-pointing works had long since passed and the Chairman requested that the Clerk bring this matter to the attention of the appropriate Officer of the Planning Department at Flintshire County Council.

b. Special Meeting Minutes – 23rd July 2007 – Minute No. 63(a) – Notice Board Car Park, High Street

The Clerk advised the meeting that, following the intervention of Councillor R.K. Jones, he had received the necessary paperwork from Flintshire County Council, which had been signed on behalf of the Council. and an order now placed for the Notice Board.

c. Special Meeting Minutes – 23rd July 2007 – Minute No. 6(c) – Foresters Hall – Adjacent Land

The Clerk advised the meeting that Councillor M.A. Reece had indicated that there was no longer any interest from Spar to have a shop in the Village.

d. Minute No. 74 – Dog Bins in Flintshire

The Chairman made reference to the role of the Community Council in the new policy agreed by Flintshire County Council. In addition, he made reference to a previous promise he had received concerning two further bins, which would now be erected, one of which would be on the grassed area between The Blossoms public house and the Manor Estate, and the other one on the railway side of the Manor Industrial Estate.

e. Minute No. 81 – Housing Allocations Policy

The Clerk reported to the meeting that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had agreed a response on behalf of the Council. These were in relation to the points scheme with particular reference to insufficient points given in relation to both residence and local community, a possible duplication in relation to medical, which required clarification, that penalty points for outstanding debts should be harsher, and on a more general point, the policy should better reflect the position of couples.

f. Minute No. 82(b) – Talbot Stores, High Street

The Clerk advised Councillor Mrs. D.J. Williams that, whilst he had not received a response from the Planning Department with regard to possible change of use, when he had called at the premises concerning the Community Newsletter, they had confirmed they would be converting to a Bargain Booze premises.

g. Minute No. 82(c) – Adoption of Estate Road at Cae'r Ffynnon off T'yn Twll Lane

The Clerk reported to the meeting that the offer of the Chairman to meeting the shortfall had been noted by Flintshire County Council but first of all they wished to ascertain the response of the other nine residents concerning making up the shortfall and they would advise accordingly in due course.

RESOLVED :

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 14th September 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

87. UNAUTHORISED USE OF LAND OFF HOLYWELL ROAD (A5026) BY TRAVELERS – PLANNING APPLICATION 043412

It was noted that the planning application had not been considered by the Planning Committee on the 26th September 2007, and from information received

from the Planning Department, the same would apply this month. At the moment the earliest Planning Committee this item could be raised at was to be 12th November 2007. There were still some outstanding issues, particularly highways, which they were trying to resolve before being ready to present to Committee. It was noted that there was also information available on the Welsh Assembly Government website that the application was under the call in consideration by their Planning Division Decision Branch.

RESOVLED :

That the report be noted.

88. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES

a. Joint Council/Police Meeting

Councillor A. Griffiths reported on his attendance at this meeting, held at the Town Hall, Flint, on 9th October 2007. There were a number of Councillors present, particularly from the County Council, and the main discussion at the meeting related to the formation next year of the Mounted Police Division. This would involve four horses and five trained Officers, with the former being based at Erdigg, Wrexham, and the National Trust meeting the cost of the upkeep of the animals. At present the Unit was utilising horses from adjoining Forces in England for training purposes. Information was given on the response of the public to this initiative and seemingly, it was being well received. Those attending had been assured that the provision of a Mounted Division was not just intended for urban areas like Wrexham, and would be used as necessary throughout the Eastern Division.

RESOLVED :

That the report be noted.

b. Automated Highway Speed Signs

In his capacity as a County Councillor, the Chairman made reference to a site meeting held recently in the Village with Highways Officers concerning the possibility of some automated signs being located within Bagillt. In particular, discussions had related to the High Street, one site being between Manor Estate and The Blossoms public house, and another in the vicinity of The Feathers Hotel at a site to be identified by Highways Officers. At the site meeting he had also made reference to the need to reinstate the previous sign which was located in the vicinity of Ysgol Glan Aber prior to the changes that had taken in that area concerning parking arrangements. Councillor J. Williams advised that such a facility was also

needed for traffic travelling from Holywell to Bagillt between Victoria Park and the commencement of Riverbank to encourage speeding traffic to slow down.

RESOLVED :

That representations be made to the Highway Authority in support of the information given by the Chairman and also requesting that consideration be given to a further site between Victoria Park and the start of Riverbank for the benefit of traffic coming from the Holywell direction..

89. PLANNING

a. Application Considered Under Planning On-Line Consultation Period

No.	Location	Detail
043645	Adj. Reformed Church High Street	Erect detached two-storey dwelling

It was noted that the application had been supported.

b. Applications

No.	Location	Detail
044017	Ex.Royal British Legion Club, Gadlys Lane	Demolish existing buildings and erect six houses (plots 1-6)
044016	Ex. Royal British Legion Club, Gadlys Lane	Demolish existing buildings and erect four houses (plots 7-10)

The Clerk read out to the meeting information received about the applications concerning the site and recent history, making particular reference to the permission 042526, which was granted in February 2007. This was for six three-bedroom houses in three semi-detached pairs and one larger detached house, with the existing dwelling on the site in part of the former Club being retained and enhanced. The new development in two applications consisted of ten semi-detached houses with garaging, with plots 1-6 having three bedroom types in the same footprint and positioned at the same floor levels as those approved in February. House plans differed with the now proposed types having integral garages and accommodation within their roof space area. As with the currently approved scheme, plots 1-4 inclusive, were served from Highfield Road, with the other remaining six properties to be served onto Tai Newydd. Members were

reminded of the observations they had made on the previous application, which was not to be against housing on the site, but to object to the use of Highfield Road as access for four dwellings due to width and the junction with Merllyn Lane. In addition, Members were reminded of the comments made by the two residents in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

RESOLVED :

1. That in relation to application 044017, the Planning Authority be advised that the Council is not against housing on the site but objects to the use of Highfield Road as access for four dwellings, due to width and junction with Merllyn Lane.
2. That in relation to application 044016, an objection be made to the proposal in that the increase in the number of properties planned from permission granted in 042526 was considered to be over development as the previously approved scheme had been reduced in relation to this issue by retaining the existing dwelling and also when combined with application 044017.
3. That in relation to both applications, reference be made to possible concerns regarding asbestos in the buildings proposed to be demolished, and also the need to ensure that the public footpath in this area was protected.

90. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED :

That the following accounts be paid.

Name	£	Cheque No.	Expenditure Powers
Alpha Amenity	751.75	101130	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S.19)
Flintshire County Council	3,150.00	101131	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1953 (S.4)/ Parish Councils Act 1957
Flintshire County Council	2,018.80	101132	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S.19)
Mr. G. Roberts	703.93	101133	Loc.Govt. Act 1972 (S.112)
HM Revenue & Customs	59.52	101134	Loc.Govt. Act 1972 (S.112)
Delyn Press	230.00	101135	Loc.Govt. Act 1986 (S.5)
Delyn Press	85.00	101136	Loc.Govt. Act 1972 (S.111)

91. DONATIONS

The meeting considered five applications which had been received, details of two having been previously circulated, with a further three reported to the meeting.

RESOLVED :

1. That in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, a donation of £100 (cheque No. 101137) be made to Bagillt Open Door Club.
2. That no donation be made in respect of the application received from Dangerpoint – North Wales Safety Centre for Children.
3. That the application received from Ysgol Merllyn be deferred to the next meeting of the Council due to the fact that there were not sufficient Members present eligible to constitute a quorum.
4. That the applications received from North Wales Veteran Group and Trem Afon Friendship Club be deferred to the November meeting for further information to be reported.

92. COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

A copy of the first edition had been previously circulated to Members. The Clerk advised that those Members who had indicated that they were able to assist with delivery to local residents in the area had been given copies of the Newsletter, with the remainder being organised by Councillor R. Davies. The Clerk indicated that there had been a slight error in relation to the opening times given for the Chemist shop and that he would visit the premises next week to apologise for this and to indicate that the revised opening time would be included in the next edition should the Council decide to proceed accordingly. In relation to a future edition, the Clerk suggested that a discussion be held at the next meeting in order that Members could report on the response received from the community in relation to the first attempt and also to consider how they wished to proceed in the future with this endeavour.

RESOLVE D:

That a discussion takes place at the next meeting of the Council, as suggested by the Clerk.

93. SHARED COMMUNITY – CONSULTATION ON RELATIONSHIP BUILDING MEASURES AND CHARTERS FOR UNITARY AUTHORITY AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The meeting considered a report of the Clerk, copies of which had been previously circulated. The report identified the bodies involved in preparing the Consultation document, with particular reference being made to a number of case studies of good practice, some of which were from neighbouring County Councils. A copy of the executive summary of the Consultation document had been enclosed as Appendix A and reference was made to the issues covered in the Model Charter. A copy of the suggested response to the questionnaire had been enclosed as Appendix B.

RESOVLED :

That a response to the questionnaire, as prepared by the Clerk and circulated as Appendix B, be agreed as the Council's response to the Consultation document.

94. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING 2007

The Clerk advised that since the last meeting he had endeavoured to make contact with the owners of the premises involved in the lighting scheme. It had been previously reported that Cost Cutter were agreeable to participation and it was confirmed that the Chemist shop and Foresters Hall were agreeable to continuing as in previous years. The Clerk had also written to the two public houses, The Stag Inn and The Bagillt Arms, and whilst the former was expected to continue, it was noted that the latter had now closed. In relation to the shop on the corner with Gadlys Lane, contact had been made by telephone with the agents acting for the sale, who had been requested to pass on details of the Clerk to the new owners. As there had been no response after a couple of weeks a letter had been written to them with the request that they pass on enclosed details to the new owners regarding the Christmas lighting scheme which affected the premises.

Members were advised that the quotation received from LITE for undertaking the lighting scheme involving storage, testing, erecting, delivering, dismantling all existing equipment (excluding the rope lights, which it had been previously agreed would not be continued with) would amount to £1,654.50 excluding VAT and that a decision was required to be notified to them as to which displays were to proceed to avoid confusion. In relation to the shop premises, Members were asked to consider whether they wished to proceed with the instruction to erect in the hope that the new owners would be in agreement and would allow use of

their electricity supply. In relation to this aspect the Chairman felt that perhaps consideration could also be given to an alternative supply if this was possible and Councillor R. Davies agreed to look into whether it would be possible to do so from his premises, which could then be taken up with the electrical contractors.

RESOLVED :

1. That the quotation from LITE Ltd. for the Christmas Lighting arrangements for 2007 as reported to the meeting be accepted.
2. That the continuation of existing arrangements in relation to Foresters Hall, Chemist shop, Cost Cutter shop and Stag Inn, be noted.
3. That in relation to the Bagillt Arms, LITE Ltd. be informed that the Council do not wish a lantern to be erected this year in view of the fact the premises were once again empty.
4. That the erection of the cross street sign and lantern in relation to the shop premises at the junction with Gadlys Lane proceed as normal with the expectation that the new owners will be in agreement, to also include a possible alternative electricity supply should this be necessary and practical.

95. BRANCH SURGERY CLOSURE – BRON Y WERN

In the absence of Councillor M.A. Reece, Councillor R. Davies passed to the Clerk information from the owner of premises which concerned a possible venue for a new Clinic in the Village. The plans, which were circulated at the meeting had been prepared at the request of Councillor J. Ovens and did not involve the Community Council. Members were reminded that a meeting was to be held next month with the Flintshire Local Health Board with this Authority to be represented by Councillors R.K. Jones, J. Ovens and M.A. Reece.

The Chairman indicated that if the FHLB were mindful to explore this possibility then no doubt it would be supported by the Council. In the circumstances it was felt that as the issue had been raised by Councillor J. Ovens the plans should be passed on to him to raise at the meeting next month.

RESOLVED :

That the report be noted.

96. SUMMER PLAYSCHMES 2007

A copy of a letter received from Flintshire County Council concerning attendances at the two summer playschemes in Bagillt had been previously

circulated to Members. Due to exceptional weather, attendances were lower than 2006, but both schemes were considered once again to have been successful.

RESOLVED :

That the report be noted.

97. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Responsible Financial Officer referred to the Bank reconciliation and income/expenditure figures for the second quarter, which had been circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED :

That the financial information, as circulated, be noted.

98. FAMILY SEARCH ON THE ROAD EXHIBITION

The Clerk read out to the meeting a letter received concerning an event to be held in November in Ewloe. It concerned a family history event and gave the opportunity to see and use the largest free database of names in the world and discover your past.

RESOLVED :

That the invitation be noted.

99. ACCOMMODATION STOCK SURVEY

The Clerk read out to the meeting a letter received from Flintshire County Council indicating that they were to undertake an accommodation stock survey during the months of October and November. The aim of the survey was to update existing information about the profile of accommodation available within the County. The letter went on to explain the process, which would include visits to certain premises by staff.

RESOLVED :

That the report be noted.

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

Date of Council Meeting	Friday 12th October 2007
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Member	Item	Minute No. Refers
	There were no declarations of interest	

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Chairman