

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in YSGOL MERLLYN, Bagillt, on Friday 8TH May 2009.

PRESENT : Councillor C. Williams (Chairman)

COUNCILLORS : A. Griffiths, Mrs. N.M. Jones, R.K. Jones, Mrs. S.L. Jones, S.M. Manfredi, M.A. Reece, T. Renshaw, C.R. Williams, Mrs. D.J. Williams and J. Williams.

APOLOGIES : Councillors C.P. Owens and T.M. Withington.

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

PRESENTATION

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman advised that he had presented Mr. Les Munnerly with an engraved shield incorporating the Council's logo on his forthcoming retirement as Caretaker at Ysgol Merllyn, and on behalf of the Authority he had thanked him for his services in enabling the Council to meet at the School premises.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2009/10

RESOLVED :

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

Councillor A. Griffiths made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invested with the Chain of Office by Councillor C. Williams and thanked Members for electing him as Chairman. The Chairman presented Councillor C. Williams with an engraved shield, incorporating the Council's logo in recognition of his year as Chairman for 2008/09 and congratulated him on his year of office.

Councillor C. Williams thanked all Members and the Clerk for assistance given to him during the past municipal year.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2009/10

RESOLVED :

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

3. CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE 2009/10

RESOLVED :

That in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (Section 5) the Chairman's allowance be fixed at £800 for the 2009/10 municipal year and paid to the Chairman accordingly (cheque No. 101255).

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 on 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 C. Williams.

b. Bagillt Heritage Society

Councillor R.K. Jones.

c. Prince Dafydd Ap Llywelyn Monument Committee

Councillor C.P. Owens.

2. Other Organisations

a. One Voice Wales – Wrexham/Flintshire Area Committee

Chairman with Vice-Chairman and/or Clerk as substitute.

b. Communities First Holywell Neighbourhoods Partnership Board

Councillor J. Williams.

c. Flintshire Planning Users Group

Councillor C. Williams.

d. Flintshire Police Community Consultative Group

Councillor A. Griffiths.

e. Flintshire County Forum

Chairman with Vice-Chairman as substitute together with the Clerk.

5. POLICING MATTERS

The Community Policeman was once again not in attendance and the Clerk advised he had received no indication as to his availability. Councillor C. Williams felt that the Officer could at least advise the Clerk that he would not be present at a particular meeting and forward any relevant information which could be reported on his behalf. In support of this, Councillor T. Renshaw suggested that if the Officer was not able to be present then contact could perhaps be made with Sergeant J. Williams at Flint Police Station, who could perhaps attend in his place. The Member indicated that he would like a discussion at the next meeting on issues concerning the Manor Estate.

RESOLVED :

1. That the Clerk contact P.C. Byron accordingly.
2. That an item be included on the next agenda for discussion on matters concerning the Manor Estate.

6. MINUTES

The following comments were made on the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 3rd April 2009.

a. Minute No. 150(a) – Bagillt Foreshore

Councillor M.A. Reece reported on the third meeting which had been held on the 28th April 2009, and reported on progress concerning representation of the various groups and the Draft Constitution. A further meeting had been arranged at The Feathers Hotel on the 19th May 2009. With regard to Council involvement in the foreshore group, he expressed the view that whilst it was important to assist the formation, then Members should stand back from its workings unless assistance was required on a particular aspect. This view was shared by Councillors Mrs. N.M. Jones and

T. Renshaw. Councillor R.K. Jones reminded the meeting that once the group had been formally constituted then grant application opportunities were available and he would be pleased to assist with contact concerning the Environment Agency.

b. Minute No. 150(d) – Trebor Avenue Play Area - Fencing

The Clerk advised Councillor C. Williams that there had as yet been no response from Flintshire County Council.

c. Minute No. 157 – Review of Internal Controls

The Clerk advised the meeting that he had spoken further to Councillors A. Griffiths and C. Williams on this issue and the need to have the right system in place and that it was still hoped a report could be made to the next Council meeting.

d. Minute No. 163(a) – Road Markings – New Brighton Road

The Clerk advised Councillor C.R. Williams that to date there had been no response from Flintshire County Council.

e. Minute No. 163(b) – Red Road Markings

The Clerk advised Councillor R.K. Jones that to date there had been no response from Flintshire County Council on this issue. Councillor M.A. Reece made reference to a previous offer he had reported of appropriate red markings from the Executive Member at Flintshire, the style of which was described to the meeting by Councillor T. Renshaw. Members were requested to indicate whether they wished him to pursue this offer, which would be where the pedestrian crossing had been requested in the High Street and on the understanding that efforts would still be made to procure the latter. Councillor R.K. Jones felt that the offer should be accepted on the basis indicated, and that if at any time the Council wished clarification on any style of traffic calming measure then they could always request attendance by an appropriate Flintshire Officer at a future meeting. Members concurred that the offer of the road markings should be pursued accordingly.

RESOLVED :

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 3rd April 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. PLANNING

a. Application Determined – Planning On-Line Consultation
Period

No.	Location	Detail
046123	Bagillt Arms/ 11 High Street	Demolish Public House, Betting Office/dwelling and erect 10 apartments.

The application was objected to on the grounds of parking and over development, including reference to the UDP, as agreed at the last Council meeting.

b. Applications for Consideration

No.	Location	Detail
046183	Land at the side of 24 Wern Avenue	Reserved Matters/ erect two dwellings semi-detached.
046236	Adjoining Oaklands Lodge Gadlys Lane	Erection of stables

RESOLVED :

That applications 046183 and 046236 both be supported.

Note : Councillors S.M. Manfredi and T. Renshaw declared a personal interest in application 046183, and did not take part in the discussion or vote thereon.

8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED :

That the following accounts be paid :-

Name	£	Cheque No.	Expenditure Powers
Flintshire County Council	118.45	101252	Loc.Govt. (MP)Act1976 (S.19)
Flintshire County Council	829.15	101254	Loc.Govt.(MP)Act1976 (S19)
Mr. G. Roberts	797.26	101256	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
H.M. Revenue &	126.96	101257	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)

Customs			
Delyn Press	83.95	101258	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)
Flintshire County Council	3,150.00	101259	Loc.Govt.(MP)Act1953 (S.4)/Parish Councils Act 1957)
C.M.Scott	28.00	101260	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.5)
Allianz Insurance Plc.	786.89	101261	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)
Clr. A.Griffiths	14.40	101262	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)
SLCC Enterprises Ltd.	56.35	101263	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)

9. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES

a. Flintshire Electoral Arrangements

The meeting which had been held at County Hall, Mold on the 15th April 2009 had been attended by Councillor A. Griffiths and the Clerk. The meeting had been addressed by a representative from the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales. The issue of an average of 1750 electors per County Member had been stressed and comparisons made with other Unitary Authorities in Wales. Notwithstanding the declared intended average, it had been pointed out that there was both a minimum and maximum of Councillors per Authority. It was noted that overall the average for Flintshire was under the stated figure and whilst existing Community Council areas or Wards, if they had them, had to be contained within a complete electoral division, it was likely that there would be a number of changes to the existing pattern with the the overall number of councillors for Flintshire being reduced.

The Clerk reminded Members of the existing electoral numbers for the two divisions in Bagillt, which matched the Bagillt East and Bagillt West Community Wards, together with the projection supplied by Flintshire for the next five years which showed that on their own they would still be under the figure of 1750. A further letter received from Flintshire since the seminar had been previously circulated to Members and this gave possible reasons which could be put forward for retention of existing divisions, as indeed the Community Council had already done to the Boundary Commission.

Members discussed this issue and whilst there would be a further opportunity once draft proposals had been issued for the County by the Boundary Commission, it was felt that the previous comments should be enhanced by particular reference to the issue of sparcity for part of the areas, the fact that a significant portion of Bagillt West had been included in a Communities First area and the projected figures for 2014 were showing an increase in

electorate.

RESOLVED :

That further representations be made to the Local Government Boundary Commission along the lines now indicated in accordance with the extension of the period for observations.

b. Freedom Ceremony – Royal Welch

The Chairman reported to the meeting on his attendance at a Freedom Ceremony organised by Flintshire County Council for the Royal Welch at County Hall, Mold on the 24th April 2009. It had been an excellent occasion and he had been given the opportunity of talking to both Officers and men afterwards on some of their experiences, with particular reference to bravery under fire.

c. One Voice Wales – Wrexham/Flintshire Area Committee

The Clerk indicated he had attended the meeting held on 30th April 2009 at County Hall, Mold as neither the Chairman nor Vice-Chairman had been able to do so. As it was a changed date it was unfortunately poorly attended with no guest speaker but the opportunity had been undertaken to meet the new Development Officer for North Wales and to discuss her role and aims for the future. It was noted that it was hoped to produce a Newsletter in between editions of the Voice magazines and upon which Councils were welcome to send in articles.

10. TIDY TOWN GRANT AWARDS

Further to the discussion at the last meeting of the Council, a copy of a reply received from Flintshire County Council had been previously circulated to Members. The reply set out the requested information concerning the main criteria for selecting projects and which projects had been supported by the programme in 2008/09. It was noted that for 2009/10 the focus would remain on the town centres in Flintshire. However, the intention was to create a small grant scheme with the programme to support small scale community cleanups and environmental improvements across the rest of the County. Keep Tidy Wales would again be a key partner in supporting groups and this Body would also continue to operate a small grant scheme to help groups make environmental improvements. The Welsh Assembly Government had not as yet given any confirmation of funding for this financial year, or confirmation of the programme terms and conditions but when they had the County Council would be able to let partners know what would be available. The Economic Development Manger of Flintshire had indicated

that he would be pleased to hear from the Council if they had any ideas for projects and it had been suggested that for practical support and advice with a project contact be made with Keep Wales Tidy.

RESOLVED :

1. That the contents of the reply from Flintshire County Council be noted.
2. That contact be made with Keep Wales Tidy, with a request for a presentation to a future meeting of the Council.

11. AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

This item had been placed on the agenda following discussion at the last meeting by Councillor C.P. Owens, who unfortunately was unable to attend. However the Clerk pointed out that he had been given details by Councillor T. Renshaw of the grant scheme he had referred to at the last meeting and these would now be passed on to Councillor C.P. Owens.

12. COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Further to discussion at the last meeting of the Council, the Clerk indicated that he had received a number of offers of articles to go in the next Newsletter. These had come from the Bagillt Youth Centre, Bagillt Women's Institute, Mike Taylor, Senior Ranger, in relation to the foreshore, and Mr. C. Renshaw concerning his views on a Welsh Medium School. The Clerk indicated that it could also include the usual Chairman's comments, contact details and information on the donations criteria introduced last year by the Council, and possibly, in view of the likely publication date, making reference to the Summer Playschemes in Bagillt. Members present also felt that perhaps the Prince Dafydd Memorial Committee and the Community Policeman could also be approached for possible articles.

RESOLVED :

1. That the principle of publishing a fifth edition of the Newsletter with an intended publication date of late June/early July, in the previously used format, be agreed.
2. That the Clerk prepare a draft Newsletter for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

13. PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF A DOG CONTROL ORDER

The meeting considered information previously received from Flintshire

County Council, copies of which had been previously circulated. Under the appropriate legislation, the Council were being consulted on a proposed Dog Control Order which would apply across the whole of the County and make it an offence for anyone in control of a dog to allow it to foul the land and then fail to remove the waste forthwith. It would apply on any publicly or privately owned land which was open to the air and to which the public were entitled or permitted to have access. This would include, roads, footpaths and roadside verges, and also any covered land which was permanently open to the air on at least one side, such as, bus shelters.

The Clerk further advised that public consultation notices received from the County Council had been placed on each of the Council's Notice Boards.

RESOLVED :

That the proposed Dog Control Order applying to the whole of the County, as outlined above, be supported.

14. CONTROL OF CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC PLACES

The meeting considered a letter received from Flintshire County Council, copies of which had been previously circulated. Under the 2001 Regulations, the County Council were proposing the introduction of an Order Controlling the Consumption of Alcohol in Public Places across the County. The effect of this was that when an area has been designated it would be an offence to drink alcohol in that area after being required by Police Officers not to do so.

The letter detailed the consultation which had to take place and reference was made to the previous consultation exercise, which had already been undertaken, and that a number of Local Councils had responded indicating public areas they considered should be covered by alcohol control zones.

RESOLVED :

That the proposed introduction of an Order Controlling the Consumption of Alcohol in Public Places across the County be supported.

.15 FAMILY FUN AND DISCOVERY DAY

The meeting considered a letter received from Flintshire County Council, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members. It made reference to the organisation of a family fun and discovery day at Broughton Park to be held on the 4th July 2009, with the aim of the day to provide information for families on what was available for them to enjoy in Flintshire and surrounding areas over the summer holidays. With the

permission of the organisers, it was the intention of the County Council to publish their event within that Authority's "Whats on Directory" and they were requesting to learn of any such events that may be happening within each community area.

The deadline for including such information was 8th May 2009, and the Clerk advised that he had received no such information before the meeting.

RESOLVED :

That the letter be noted.

16. PRINCE DAFYDD AP LLYWELLYN MEMORIAL

The meeting considered a letter received from the Chairman of the Memorial Committee, following on from the comments made at the last meeting of the Council, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members. Having regard to the comments made by the Council regarding a suggested alternative site on the green by the car park, the Memorial Committee had made contact with Flintshire and had been advised that such a location would not be possible. The letter further advised of the latest developments concerning publicity for the Memorial and it was noted that they would be contacting Councillor C.P. Owens as the Council's representative concerning the next meeting of their Committee.

The Chairman made reference to the fact that when the Memorial was originally being considered, reference had been made to a possible location on the grassed area between High Street and the A548 Coast Road, although it was noted that the since suggested preferred location, as reported to the Council previously in the vicinity of the Upper Shippe, had the benefit of being a more secure site.

RESOLVED :

That the letter be noted.

17. MEMBERS' ITEMS

a. Foreshore – Dog Bins

Councillor M.A. Reece reported to the meeting on discussions with Mike Taylor, Senior Ranger, and requested the support of the Council in requesting dog bins to be located within the vicinity of the former station and by Bagillt Car Spares.

RESOLVED :

That appropriate representations be made to Flintshire County Council for dog bins on the foreshore, as now reported.

b. Riverbank Play Area – Possible Additional Funding

Councillor M.A. Reece made reference to information he had received from the Play Design Section at Flintshire County Council concerning the fact that there was the possibility of a Landfill Tax Grant of £12,000 being available for a worthy scheme in Flintshire, if a third party funder could be found and was in the position that they could pay AD Waste 10% back (£1,200). This would hopefully mean there was then a good chance that another phase of play provision could be put in at the Riverbank play area, details of which were reported. Councillor M.A. Reece further reported that such an application itself could not be made by Flintshire County Council and Councillor R.K. Jones indicated that the same would apply for the Community Council, although this Authority could, if it so wished, agree to pay back the 10% figure.

Councillor Mrs. S.L. Jones spoke in support of the additional need for different play provision to suit a different age range of children from what had already been provided and indicated that she maybe in a position to put forward an application on behalf of local residents with County Council assistance.

The Clerk indicated that the Council could agree to make the 10% available if the scheme came to fruition and if it became payable in this financial year to take it out of balances. In view of the comments made at a recent meeting by Mr. McKnight, it was hoped that the Communities First would perhaps also make a financial contribution towards the 10% figure. The Clerk suggested Communities First could also be approached to make an application for Landfill Tax Grant funding to get further provision at this play area and that they should liaise with the Play Design Team at Flintshire for the necessary details with this Authority acting as facilitator between both parties. Councillor R.K. Jones briefly referred to the procedure for making applications for such grants, whilst Councillor M.A. Reece indicated time was an important factor concerning the present availability of such funds.

RESOLVED :

1. That the Communities First Holywell Neighbourhoods be requested to make an application for a Landfill Tax Grant, if the residents group was unable to do so, in consultation with the Play Design Team, concerning further provision at the Riverbank play area, with this Authority also contacting the latter to request their support.
2. That the Community Council agree to guarantee repaying the 10%

figure to AD Waste, in the sum of £1,200, should the application be successful but that Communities First Holywell Neighbourhoods also be requested to meet up to half this figure, as the play area was contained within the Boot End.

c. Wern Avenue – Parking

Reference was made by Councillor S.M. Manfredi to the problems with vehicle parking in Wern Avenue for a number of Carers' vehicles and requested to know whether there was any provision possible. In response, Councillor T. Renshaw indicated that the only areas in Flintshire where residents' parking permits applied were controlled pensioner facilities.

RESOLVED :

That the Clerk make enquiries with the Highway Authority and report back to a future meeting.

d. High Street – Large Vehicle Parking

Reference was made by Councillor M.A. Reece to the obstruction caused when large vehicles were delivering to MacColl's Convenience Store in the High Street, when it was understood that as part of their planning permission they had agreed it would be undertaken from the rear of the premises.

RESOLVED :

That the matter be drawn to the attention of the Community Policeman.

18. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS – 2008/09

The Responsible Financial Officer reported that notification had been received that the external audit of accounts would be held on 31st July 2009. Public notices would be displayed on the Council Notice Board and at the Library from the 17th June 2009, as required by the 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 on 3rd April 2009. Copies of this, together with Section 2, Statement of Assurance, had been circulated at the meeting and this latter aspect required the approval of the Council and signature by the Chairman and Clerk. Members were advised that Section 4, Annual Internal Audit Report, would be completed by JDH Business Services Ltd., the Council's internal auditor, as part of the internal audit of the accounts for the last financial year.

RESOLVED :

1. That the action to be taken by the Responsible Financial Officer concerning public notice of the audit of accounts for 2008/09, be noted.
2. That Section 2, Statement of Assurance, be answered as 'yes' for each aspect and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
3. That the Clerk forward the annual return and supporting documents to the External Auditor on behalf of the Council by the due date.

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

Date of Council Meeting	Friday 8th May 2009
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Member	Item	Minute No. Refers
Councillor S.M. Manfredi	Planning application No. 046183	7b
Councillor T. Renshaw	Planning application No. 046183	7b

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Chairman