

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in YSGOL MERLLYN, Bagillt, on Friday 8th January 2010.

PRESENT : Councillor A. Griffiths (Chairman)

COUNCILLORS : B.T. Doleman, Mrs. N.M. Jones, R.K. Jones, Mrs. S.L. Jones, S.M. Manfredi, C.P. Owens, M.A. Reece, C.R. Williams, J. Williams and T.M. Withington.

APOLOGIES : Councillor T. Renshaw

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

99. POLICING MATTERS

P.C. Byron reported to the meeting on actions taken in the Village in relation to particular incidents and concerning a public house. He also made reference to the fact that, although on duty, he was restricted to the office and had to rely on colleagues to respond to incidents in the Village and keep him informed on matters. In addition he reported that at a recent Community Beat Manager's meeting he had expressed reservations concerning cover in the Village and had suggested that when Police cars were travelling between Holywell and Flint that they came through the Village rather than use the By-Pass so as to at least show a presence. He requested the support of the Council by means of a letter to the Inspector in support of these issues.

The Chairman and Councillor C.R. Williams also made reference to issues arising from the public house referred to by the Officer, both in terms of lack of Police action following an assault and the fact that one set of windows had been boarded up from the inside, therefore leaving jagged edges on the outside. The Chairman also made reference to issues concerning motorbikes and all the matters now reported were noted by P.C. Byron for attention.

RESOLVED :

That a letter of support on the issues raised by P.C. Byron be sent to Inspector Roome.

100. MINUTES

The following comments were made on the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 13th November 2009.

a. Minute No. 98 – Travellers’ Site – Dollar Park

The Clerk reported to the meeting on further correspondence received from the West Bagillt Action Committee, which as a result of the Recess had been forwarded to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for information.

RESOLVED :

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 13th November 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

101. PLANNING

a. Applications Determined – Recess Consultation Period

No.	Location	Detail		
		046936	Oaklands House, Gadlys Lane swimming pool.	Ere

It was neither supported nor objected to.

046970	9 Hillcourt Avenue loft conversion	Ret
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It was supported.

046954	6 Cadnant Drive	Ere
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It was supported.

046864	Bagillt Foreshore	Cha
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It was supported.

Councillor M.A. Reece indicated that a landowner was objecting to the proposal. In addition the landowner was refusing access for vehicles and pedestrians across his land other than on the official footpath route.

047015	Dee Bank Industrial Estate	LP Gas storage and dispenser
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It was supported.

b. Applications

No.	Location	Detail	
		046781	28 High Street
	046953	Roadrunner Waste land for skip Deebank Industrial Estate and equipment	Continuation to use storage, product
	046995	Roadrunner Waste storage of inert waste Deebank Industrial Estate	Change of use for

The Clerk reported that the above three applications had been taken off the weekly lists published by the County Council in mid-December and, to date, no details had been received. After making contact with the Planning Department it had been confirmed that the usual consultation period would apply. Councillor M.A. Reece referred to a discussion with the Officer responsible for the Roadrunner Waste applications. He advised that their consideration had been put back by at least a month and that the Officer concerned was willing to come to the next meeting to explain to Members the delay.

047035 Plot at Tyddyn Mesham Erect a dwelling and form a new access

RESOLVED :

1. That the offer to address the next meeting by a Planning Officer on the Roadrunner Waste applications be accepted.
2. That in relation to application 047035, it neither be supported or objected to, but that concern be expressed regarding access arrangements.

102. ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

The meeting considered a report of the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer on Estimates for 2010/11, with an Appendix containing particular items prepared in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. As well as suggested levels of expenditure for the next financial year, details were included in relation to probable/actual income and expenditure for 2009/10, and in the report comments were included as to how the figures had been calculated.

The Clerk made brief reference to the items of expenditure relating to civic, Clerk, office expenses, conferences and courses, donations, election expenses and

insurance, which were duly noted by Members. In relation to recreation/other services, the following comments were made on particular items.

a. Christmas Lighting

Having noted the problems indicated by the Clerk, Members were asked to consider whether this continued expenditure was worthwhile. Councillors M.A. Reece and B.T. Doleman felt that the cost did not merit the perceived benefit. Whilst agreeing that continuation of the lighting scheme should cease, and that there needed to be a notional amount included in Estimates should there be outstanding costs on removing the time clocks or brackets, Councillor R.K. Jones felt that the saving of £2000 should be set against the precept and was supported by other Members.

b. Community Newsletter

The Clerk reported that he had received no comments from the public concerning the Community Newsletter following its 6th edition, which had been circulated in early December. Members were therefore asked to consider whether this scheme should continue. Councillor R.K. Jones felt that as there had been no public response this service should be discontinued but that half of the planned expenditure for next year should be added to that set aside for website improvement.

The Clerk reported that Flintshire County Council now required completion of a precept information sheet, which set out details appertaining to the current year and what was being requested for the next financial year, to include the increase or decrease in Band D charge expressed as an amount and also a percentage. In addition, the form had to be signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

RESOLVED :

1. That a precept of £32,450 be made in Flintshire County Council for 2010/11, which equates to a Band D charge of £22.18, a decrease of 2.85% on the last financial year.
2. That the amounts indicated in the previously circulated expenditure heads for estimate purposes for 2010/11 be approved as circulated, subject to Christmas lighting being discontinued apart from a notional sum of £500, the deletion of provision for the Community Newsletter and an increase in allocation of £250 for the website, to £750.
3. That in relation to the Community Centre, the Bagillt Community Association be advised that the previous financial assistance towards the running of the Centre would continue for the next financial year.

4. That Flintshire County Council be advised that this Authority will once again participate in the playscheme programme and summer activities for all children.

5. That Flintshire County Council also be advised that the Council wish to continue the Community Caretaker arrangements for the next financial year, notwithstanding the change in line management at that Authority.

103. LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENTS 2010/11

The meeting considered a report of the Responsible Financial Officer on Local Government Investments, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members.

The Guidance on Local Government Investments issued by the Welsh Assembly Government was meant to formalise the procedures undertaken by Community Councils, but was not meant to be overly onerous, and would only apply in full to the very largest of those with significant sums to invest. The Appendix to the report advised that all excess funds were to be held in a Business Money Management No Notice Account.

The Clerk referred to the additional note sent out to Members on Investment Strategy, concerning the Consultation received from the Welsh Assembly Government on Local Authority Capital Finance Framework, together with information from One Voice Wales.

RESOLVED :

1. That the Annual Investment Strategy of Bagillt Community Council, as prepared by the Responsible Financial Officer and circulated as an Appendix to the report, be adopted for meeting the requirements for this Authority for 2010/11.

2. That in relation to the Welsh Assembly Government Consultation on Local Authority Capital Finance, the recommendation of One Voice Wales to approve the proposed Guidance, be supported.

104. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The meeting considered a report of the Responsible Financial Officer concerning income/expenditure and Bank reconciliation for the third quarter of the financial year from 1st October to 31st December 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED :

That the details circulated for the third quarter be noted.

105. ACCOUNTS

a. Recess

RESOLVED :

That the action of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman in approving the undermentioned accounts be endorsed.

Name	£	Cheque No.	Expenditure Powers
Flintshire County Council	750.00	101305	Loc.Govt (MP) Act 1976 (S.19)
Delyn Press	230.00	101306	Loc.Govt.Act 1986 (S.5)
Delyn Press	134.00.	101307	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)

b. For Payment

RESOLVED :

That the following accounts be paid :-

Society of Local Council Clerks	118.00	101308	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
Mr. G. Roberts	847.20	101309	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
H.M. Revenue & Customs	205.14	101310	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
Delyn Press	100.00	101311	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)
LITE Limited	1,336.30	101312	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.144)
LITE Limited	405.37	101313	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.144)

106. BALL GAMES ON PUBLIC OPEN SPACES

The meeting considered a letter received from Flintshire County Council, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members. The Council were being asked for their views on the extent of the problem within their area and what they considered would be the best option for resolving the problem. All responses would be collated and reported to the next meeting of the County Forum.

RESOLVED :

That reference be made about the previously reported problem concerning ball games on the Oak Grove, Manor Estate play area, which was in the ownership of the County Council.

107. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURES 2009

The Clerk reported that the Welsh Assembly Government was consulting on the above Statutory Guidance, and to assist One Voice Wales had issued a summary, copies of which had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED :

That the views expressed by One Voice Wales, that the Guidance as drafted was in the interests of the sector, be supported.

108. RECESS PERIOD

Other than the payment of accounts referred to previously, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman agreed a response to the North Wales Police Consultation on Operation Focus relating to motorcycles. It was noted that they had not noticed a reduction in the number or change in the speeds of motorcyclists but had indicated there would be seem to be few coming through the community. On behalf of the Council they had indicated that the Force's high visibility approach of tackling motorcycle casualties was not supported, as it was thought to be extreme.

RESOLVED :

That the information be noted.

109. CODE OF CONDUCT – DRAFT GUIDANCE

The Clerk reported that the Ombudsman was consulting on Draft Guidance intended to be issued in respect of the Model Code of Conduct which drew heavily on that issued by the Standards for England on the English Code with extensions and amendments to reflect the Welsh Code and context. It was thought that Monitoring Officers would be issuing advice given that it sought to address matters raised by them in response to preliminary consultation earlier in the year.

RESOLVED :

That in the event of the Monitoring Officer for Flintshire requesting support for amendments to the Draft Guidance, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be

consulted and respond accordingly, given that the consultation finished before the next scheduled Council meeting.

110. FLINTSHIRE LOCAL VOLUNTARY COUNCIL – NEWSLETTER

The meeting considered a letter received from Flintshire Local Voluntary Council concerning the production of their Newsletter 'Voluntary Voice'. If the Council wished to continue receiving a copy then they would need to take up annual membership, which was £25.

RESOLVED :

That no action be taken in the matter.

111. WALKABOUT FLINTSHIRE

The meeting considered a letter received from Groundwork Wrexham and Flintshire, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members. It gave information of approaches to Town and Community Councils that had agreed to assist with their Voluntary Walk Leader Programme.

RESOLVED :

That no action be taken in the matter.

112. APRIL 2010 COUNCIL MEETING DATE

The Council advised that the scheduled date of 9th April 2010 was when the Schools would be closed due to the Easter break. Having regard to the fact that there were five Fridays in the month, it was suggested that it be put back a week to Friday 16th April 2010, subject to agreement with Ysgol Glan Aber.

RESOLVED :

That the recommendation of the Clerk be agreed accordingly.

113. PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 77

The meeting considered a letter and map received from Flintshire County Council, copies of which had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED :

That the correction of the alignment of Footpath No.77, as detailed in the information, be supported.

114. UPDATE ON TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The meeting considered a statement by the former Minister for Social Justice and Local Government at the Welsh Assembly, copies of which had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED :

That the matter be noted.

115. MEMBERS' ITEMS

a. Bagillt Community Centre Car Park

In the absence of Councillor T. Renshaw this item was deferred to the next meeting.

b. Changing Rooms Next to Bagillt Community Centre

Councillor M.A. Reece made reference to the former air raid shelters, which some years ago had been converted to be used as changing rooms with appropriate facilities for local football teams, and to the fact that no use had been made for a few years. He felt that an investigation should be made as to the possibility of it being utilised for some form of youth facility. The Clerk indicated he would need to make contact initially with the Bagillt Community Association to see if this building was also part of their responsibility for the Community Centre and also to establish how any costs were met, before an approach could be made to the County Council.

RESOLVED :

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

c. Salt Bins/Gritting

Reference was made by Councillor R.K. Jones to the fact that previously removed salt bins had not been replaced within the community and to the problems this caused, particularly during the recent period of bad weather. In support of these comments, the Chairman referred to the

fact that two bins had been removed over a period to assist different sections of Merilyn Lane, whilst Councillor J. Williams indicated the need for such provision in Bron Haul, due to its steepness. Councillor R.K. Jones also made reference to the fact that as the footpaths in the area of the two Schools had not been gritted they had both faced closure this week, even though Ysgol Glan Aber was on a main road.

RESOLVED :

That representations be made to the Highway Authority on these issues.

d. Venue for Meetings

Councillor M.A. Reece made reference to the fact that it would have been better if this meeting could have been re-arranged, if at all possible, to be held at the Community Centre which was on the flat due to the bad weather. The Council had previously decided it should be able to use this venue in the event of any of the Schools not being available given the financial assistance by this authority annually towards the running costs.

RESOLVED :

That the use of the Community Centre as an alternative venue for Council meetings at times of bad weather be noted and the Bagillt Community Association informed accordingly

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

Date of Council Meeting	Friday 8th January 2010
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Member	Item	Minute No. Refers
There were no declarations of personal interest.		

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Chairman