

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in YSGOL MERLLYN, Bagillt, on Friday 12TH March 2010.

PRESENT : Councillor A. Griffiths (Chairman)

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

APOLOGIES : Councillors B.T. Doleman, R.K. Jones, Mrs. D.J. Williams and T.M. Withington.

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

132. PUBLIC INQUIRY ITEM

There was one member of the public present but he indicated that he did not wish to speak at this meeting.

133. POLICING ISSUES

Councillor Mrs. S.L. Jones submitted apologies on behalf of P.C. Byron. She indicated that he had requested the issue of quad bikes on the foreshore to be raised and, although he had been made aware of complaints, he had received no information and requested Members to let him know of any incidents. In addition, he had also made reference to the problems occurring at Ysgol Merllyn and that he would be examining the CCTV footage to see if this would assist.

134. MINUTES

The following comments were made on the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 12th February 2010.

a. Minute No. 121 – Planning – Dollar Park, Bagillt Road

The Clerk read out to the meeting a letter received from the Bagillt West Action Committee on Dollar Park, Bagillt Road that had been sent to Flintshire County Council.

b. Minute No. 124 – Bagillt Community Centre

The Clerk indicated that the Community Association would taking up the large increase in the sewerage/water costs at the Community Centre with Welsh Water and in relation to financial assistance for 2011/12 the need to provide financial details to the Council had been noted..

c. Minute No. 126 – Flintshire County Council Electoral Arrangements

The Clerk read out to the meeting a letter received from Flintshire County Council indicating the objections they had made to the Boundary Commission concerning the Draft Electoral arrangements for the County. In addition, a copy of the representations made by this Authority had been forwarded to Flintshire County Council for their information.

d. Minute No. 130 - Bagillt Community Centre – Changing Rooms

The Clerk advised that the Community Association were suggesting representatives of this Authority make arrangements to visit these premises to assess the condition, as it had been a number of years since they had been used. The Clerk advised he would make the necessary arrangements in consultation with Councillor M.A. Reece, who had raised the issue initially.

e. Minute No. 131(a) – Bagillt Community Centre – Car Park

The Clerk advised that he had received an acknowledgement from the Vicar of Bagillt, who was making enquiries with the Church Authorities and would advise accordingly in due course. The Community Association had indicated that they would not wish to be involved with future responsibility or maintenance if the area was brought back into use for car parking purposes. Councillor T. Renshaw, who had initially raised the issue, felt that there was merit in the car park for the community being brought back in to use so as to avoid having to use the High Street when there were events at the Community Centre or the Church.

f. Minute No. 131 (b) - Beechcroft Car Park

The Clerk advised Councillor M.A. Reece that he was still awaiting a response from Flintshire County Council.

g. Minute No. 131 (c) - High Street – State of Highway

The Clerk advised that he had received a response from Flintshire County Council. It was being recommended that a section of the High Street was included on a list of roads that required resurfacing works in the future and it was noted that roads on the list would be prioritised based on the level of deterioration and a decision on the programme of works once the budget provision for 2010/11 was known.

h. Minute No. 131 (d) - Ysgol Glan Aber – School Crossing Officer

The Clerk advised that there was an error in the minutes and that the School Crossing Officer was known as Jean Hurst and not Jean Frost, as shown, and indicated that he had been in contact with the lady and confirmed arrangements for the presentation to be made prior to the April meeting of the Council at Ysgol Glan Aber.

RESOLVED :

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 12th February 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

135. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman advised that a letter had been received from Ysgol Merllyn about fire evacuation policy following on from a Governor's meeting and a recent inspection by North Wales Fire and Rescue Service. A copy of the Policy had been forwarded to the Council as they had a regular booking for meetings and two particular aspects were drawn to Members' attention.

In the event of a letting the Fire Marshall was the person in charge and for Council purposes this would be the Chairman. It was pointed out that the fire extinguishers should not be used except by trained personnel as it was important to be aware that using the incorrect extinguisher could be fatal.

136. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES

The Chairman advised that he would be attending the next meeting of the Wrexham/Flintshire Area Committee of One Voice Wales on Monday 15th March 2010 and the next Flintshire County Forum to be held on the 17th March 2010, to be held at the Town Hall, Flint, when he would be accompanied by the Clerk.

A report on these two meetings would be made at the next Council meeting.

137. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk advised that details relating to application 046995 concerning Roadrunner Waste, and on which the Council had received a report from a Flintshire Officer at the last meeting, had still not been received.

In addition, there were no further applications for consideration at this meeting.

138. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED :

That the following accounts be paid :-

Name	£	Cheque No.	Expenditure Powers
AON Ltd.	992.08	101321	Loc.Govt (MP) Act 1976 (S.19)
C.M. Scott	28.70	101322	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.5)
Clwyd Alyn Housing Assoc.	125.00	101323	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.144)
Mr. G. Roberts	826.29	101324	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
H.M. Revenue & Customs	205.13	101325	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
Alpha Business Centre	269.70	101326	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)
One Voice Wales	430.00	101327	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)

139. WEBSITE UPGRADE/IMPROVEMENT

Further to the discussion at the last meeting, the Clerk advised on a revised quotation received from EMDS to now include a further page for the dynamic content. Councillor C.P. Owens made a presentation using a laptop and showed some of the existing information on the current website and a suggested contact page. It would be his intention to discuss aspects with the company to see if they had any suggested improvements which could be included.

Councillor C. Williams made reference to the possibility of having a Forum aspect on the website which could receive information from the public and he was advised of the security aspect needed for the site so that the Council could control what was placed on. Councillor C.P. Owens indicated that it was possible however to download some free software which could enable someone on behalf of the Council to act as moderator. In addition, he also made reference to the possibility of the new website including a Newsletter facility given that the Council would no longer be producing its own printed and published version. If any Member had any thoughts on any additional facility he would welcome receiving them. He also felt there would be merit in seeing if EMDS would also be interested in some form of retainer so as to help with future improvements or assistance to the Clerk in the future.

RESOLVED :

1. That the revised quotation of EMDS of Manchester in the sum of £500 be accepted.

2. That the points covered during the presentation by Councillor C.P. Owens be supported and that he be authorised to negotiate the layout with EMDS on behalf of the Council.

140. DICATION EQUIPMENT/STATIONERY

The Clerk reported to the meeting on a quotation from Alpha Business Centre of Colwyn Bay for a replacement mini cassette dictating machine and cassettes together with a supply of envelopes.

RESOLVED :

That the quotation received from Alpha Business Services as indicated below be accepted.

Phillips pocket memo LFH388 at £127.25 plus VAT
Phillips dictation cassettes LFH007 at £76.30 plus VAT
Initiative C5 envelopes at £13.99 plus VAT
Initiative C4 envelopes at £11.99 plus VAT

141. COUNCIL LOGO SHIELDS

The Clerk reported that the Logo Shields were last ordered in 2005 and due to the fact that they were now being used for other purposes than a presentation to the outgoing Chairman at the Annual meeting, he now only had one in stock and requested authority to order a supply of ten.

Members were reminded that they had previously agreed to provide a Community Award in conjunction with the two Schools by way of the 25th Anniversary of the Council and the Clerk suggested that a suitably engraved logo shield could possibly be used as an alternative to the more usual engraved trophy.

RESOLVED :

1. That the Clerk be authorised to order a supply of ten Logo Shields from Saw & Sons Ltd.
2. That in relation to the Community Award, the Clerk approach the two Schools to see what type of trophy they would like to see awarded to include possible use of suitably engraved Logo Shields.

142. ONE VOICE WALES MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The meeting considered a letter received from One Voice Wales concerning renewal of membership, copies of which had been previously circulated. The Chairman and the Clerk recommended that membership be renewed.

RESOLVED :

That membership of One Voice Wales be renewed for 2010/11 at a cost of £430 after the 1st April 2010.

143. MEMBERS' ITEMS

a. Dog Bin – Beechcroft Close

Councillor M.A. Reece requested support for the provision of a dog bin at Beechcroft Close, following representations he had received.

RESOLVED :

That the request be supported and that the precise location be left to Councillor M.A. Reece to pass on to Flintshire County Council.

b. Welsh Water/Dw'r Cymru – Advance Warning

Councillor C.P. Owens referred to a letter he had received, along with other residents, about work to be carried out by Welsh Water/Dw'r Cymru to maintain high standards of water quality and water mains in the area. Although the letter was dated 5th March the content indicated that the work would commence at the beginning of the month and continue for approximately two months and that it was possible a temporary loss of supply or low water pressure may be encountered. He suggested that it would be more appropriate if notice were given prior to work commencing.

RESOLVED :

That representations be made to Welsh Water/Dw'r Cymru concerning the lack of due notice.

c. Football Facilities

Councillor C.P. Owens reported to the meeting on contact he had received regarding the formation of a new Football Team in the Village, who were looking to use the playing facility at Ysgol Merllyn. The Council had in the past given financial assistance to local football teams but there had been no applications received for a number of years, and it may well be appropriate for the new team to submit a request for assistance with their insurance requirement if they can make the necessary progress with their formation and obtaining a playing facility. Councillor C.P. Owens

indicated that he would discuss the procedure with their contact and it would be a matter for them to approach the Council when they were ready at some time in the future.

d. Street Lighting

The Chairman was advised by the Clerk that all street lighting within Bagillt on adopted highways was the responsibility of Flintshire County Council for provision and maintenance. The Chairman indicated that a repair was required to a street light at Manor Industrial Estate following damage by a grass mowing machine. Although it seemed this area was not adopted by the highway authority it was suggested the information be forwarded by the Clerk to Flintshire County Council accordingly.

e. Play Area, High Street

The Chairman made reference to the development immediately opposite The Blossoms, and to the fact that the play area had still not been completed.

RESOLVED :

That the Clerk make representations to Flintshire County Council accordingly.

f. Litter Bin – Manor Estate

Councillor C. Williams made reference to the need for a litter bin at the Manor Park Industrial Estate, which had subsequently been refused by Flintshire due to it not being an adopted highway. As there was a need for such a provision in this area he suggested that further discussions be held with that Authority to see if the Community Council could install such a provision.

RESOLVED :

That the Clerk make further representations to Flintshire County Council concerning a litter bin facility required at Manor Industrial Estate to see if they can assist by installing on a re-chargeable basis.

g. Land Adjacent to Talbot Terrace

The Chairman made reference to the land adjacent to Talbot Terrace, which had been the subject of previous correspondence with County Council when their ownership had been confirmed. The area was once again being used by youths and was causing a problem for local

residents and it was agreed the matter be pursued again with Flintshire County Council and also reported to the Community Policeman.

144. PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 77 – BAGILLT FORESHORE

The Clerk reported that confirmation had been received from Flintshire County Council that the Order modifying the above footpath, which had previously been supported by this Authority, had become effective as from 9th March 2010.

RESOLVED :

That the report be noted.

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

Date of Council Meeting	Friday 12th March 2010
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Member	Item	Minute No. Refers
There were no declarations of personal interest.		

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Chairman