

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

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

APOLOGIES : Councillors B.T. Doleman, Mrs. N.M. Jones, R.K. Jones and C.P. Owens.

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

70. CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor A. Griffiths was appointed to Chair the meeting.

(Councillor A. Griffiths in the Chair).

71. POLICING MATTERS

The Chairman welcomed P.C. Salisbury to her first meeting in her role as Community Officer for Bagillt. Reference was made by Councillor C.R. Williams to the problem of speeding vehicles in the Village, particularly along the High Street, and he was supported in these views by Councillor T. Renshaw. The Officer indicated she had also seen examples of this herself whilst on foot patrol and would speak to her colleagues in the Traffic Police to see if a check could be undertaken. On the subject of speeding traffic, Councillor M.A. Reece also made reference to instances along Pen y Maes Road.

P.C. Salisbury indicated that she had been on leave since the last meeting and that the requested posters concerning the 101 system for contacting the Police were on order and would shortly be forwarded to the Clerk. Councillor Mrs. D.J. Williams referred to the problem of large vehicles, including lorries using Tyddyn Messham as a short cut when it was only intended for access purposes, a view that was also shared by Councillor C. Williams.

The Chairman thanked the Officer for attending her first meeting and invited her to stay for the remainder, which she agreed.

72. MINUTES

The following comments were made on the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 10th September 2010.

a. Minute No. 60(d) – Community Centre

The Clerk advised Members that he had today received financial details from the Bagillt Community Association. This would enable consideration of the financial assistance to be given to the Community Centre to be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

b. Minute No. 64(c) – Play Area, High Street

The Clerk advised that the delay in having the play area opposite The Blossoms being brought up to standard by the developer and adopted was still being pursued by the Legal and Planning Enforcement Sections at Flintshire County Council.

c. Minute No. 67 – Review of Electoral Arrangements for Flintshire

The Clerk confirmed that once the report had been received he had circulated copies of the relevant pages to all Members and forwarded the comments agreed at the last meeting, which had been acknowledged by the Commission.

RESOLVED :

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 10th September 2010 be confirmed as correct record and signed by the Chairman.

73. PLANNING

a. Applications Determined – Planning On-line Consultation Period

No.	Location	Detail
047893	Land side of 24 Wern Avenue	Variation of planning period of caravan from one to two years.

It was noted the proposal was not supported or objected to, but if granted it should only be for six months.

(Note: Councillor T. Renshaw declared a personal interest in this item and took no part in the discussion).

b. Applications

The Clerk reported there were no applications received for consideration since the agenda was printed.

c. Dollar Park Caravan Site – Appeal

The Clerk reported there had as yet been no response from Flintshire County Council on the request for the legal reason the previous Inspector's decision was not implemented. It was noted that a reminder would be forwarded to the County Council for this information.

74. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED :

That the following accounts be paid :-

Name	£	Cheque No.	Expenditure Powers
Mr. G. Roberts	783.77	101356	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
H.M. Revenue & Customs	205.14	101357	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)

75. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2010/11

The meeting considered a report by the Clerk on applications for financial assistance, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members. Members were advised that this was the third year of the new Policy adopted in February 2008, to only consider applications for financial assistance or donations at the October and, finances permitting, the February Council meeting. All applications were required to have up to date financial information by way of a balance sheet or bank statement(s), apart from the agreed organisation. At the estimates meeting in January 2010, a sum of £2,000 was allocated for Section 137 expenditure, which allowed the Council to expend monies for the benefit of all or some of the community where there was no other expressed legislative power. The Clerk reminded Members that in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted in May 2008, it meant that it was not necessary to declare a personal interest in financial assistance applications to community or voluntary organisations up to a maximum of £500.

In addition to the applications listed in the report the Clerk advised that, after consultation with the Chairman, it had been agreed that consideration would also be given to one from Busy Rascals After School Club, on which the Clerk would verbally report to the meeting.

RESOLVED :

1. That in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the following donations be agreed :

Society	£	Cheque No.
New Brighton Chapel Action Group	100	101358
Bagillt Open Door Club	100	101359
Ysgol Merllyn	300	101360
Ysgol Glan Aber	300	101361
Cym Deithas Thomas Pennant	50	101362
Nightingale House Hospice	100	101363
Busy Rascals After School Club	100	101364

2. That no financial assistance be given in respect of the applications received from Flintshire Diabetes Voluntary Group, NSPCC Cymru Wales, Denbigh and Flint Agricultural Show and Shelter Cymru.
3. That as no financial details were received from the Flintshire Youth Exchange Committee, that application stands referred to the February meeting, providing this information was received in time.
4. That the application from Bagillt Bowling Club be deferred until later in the Agenda when there was to be a discussion on assistance required for green maintenance in the future.

76. BAGILLT FORESHORE

The Clerk reminded Members that it had previously been agreed this should be a standing item on each Agenda for the time being. Councillor M.A. Reece informed the meeting that the legal aspects concerning the footpath were nearing completion and also referred to the issue of access rights concerning landowners. Reference was made by Councillor J. Williams to the recent meeting of the Friends of the Bagillt Foreshore and, in response to his comments concerning the future responsibilities of Veiola, he was advised that whilst Flintshire County Council had a lease for the area the Company still retained liabilities concerning the former landfill site.

Councillor M.A. Reece, T. Renshaw and J. Williams indicated that it would be helpful if more Community Councillors could attend meetings of the Friends of the Bagillt Foreshore, which were on the first Tuesday in the month at The Feathers Inn, notwithstanding the comments that were made at the conception of this organisation regarding the role of Community Councillors.

RESOLVED :

That the information as now reported be noted.

77. MATCH FUNDING SCHEME – PLAY AREAS IMPROVEMENTS 2011/12

The meeting considered a letter received from Flintshire County Council regarding an offer to work in partnership with Town and Community Councils on a match funding basis, for which they had provision of £55,000 for the next financial year. The County Council wished to have an agreed works programme in place by January 2011 to enable Town and Community Councils to make appropriate budget provision when setting the precept. If the Council wished to participate in the next financial year then this had to be conveyed to Flintshire County Council by the 15th October 2010, to include the agreed contribution amount and the proposed site to be improved.

The Clerk reminded Members that with regard to the current financial year, the Council had decided it did not wish to participate. Councillor Mrs. S.L. Jones indicated that there was an opportunity of a community group securing funding in the sum of £5,000 to improve the play area at Walwen but this would require a similar amount to be raised from other sources. She suggested a bid could be made to the match funding scheme being offered by Flintshire County Council, with the Community Council required to raise £2,500 if it was successful. Members felt that this view should be supported and an application made accordingly to Flintshire County Council.

RESOLVED :

1. That Flintshire County Council be advised that the Council would be prepared to make a sum of £2,500 available for match funding in the next financial year for the Walwen play area, with the intention that it would also secure further external funding, as reported.
2. That in the event of the bid being successful that a sum of £2,500 be placed in estimates when these would be considered at the January 2011 meeting.

78. BAGILLT BOWLING CLUB – GREEN MAINTENANCE

Further to discussion at the last meeting, Members had previously been circulated with information received from the Secretary to the Bowling Club concerning the assistance being sought for green maintenance. Councillor M.A. Reece reported on the meeting held with Flintshire County Council when it had been indicated that, using that Authority's current contractor, the type of assistance being sought would cost in the region of £3,700 but that this could be reduced by up to £1,000 to include Bowling Club income and them undertaking certain of the tasks. The Clerk reminded Members that earlier in the meeting it

had been decided to defer consideration of financial assistance to the Bowling Club for this financial year due to this further item.

Whilst the Community Council were mindful to financially assist the Bowling Club to ensure this facility was retained in the Village, they were not seeking to take over responsibility. The Clerk therefore suggested this discussion be deferred to the next meeting and that the Bowling Club be invited to send a representative(s) to enable detailed discussion that would assist the Council in making a decision when estimates were being considered at the January 2011 meeting.

RESOLVED :

1. That the information reported to the meeting be noted.
2. That representatives of the Bowling Club be invited to attend the next Council meeting to discuss this matter in detail, with particular regard to the role of the Community Council should it decide to make a more significant financial contribution to ensure the future of this facility.
3. That the application for financial assistance from the Bowling Club for this financial year be deferred pending the outcome of further discussions at the next Council meeting.

79. COMMUNITIES FIRST HOLYWELL NEIGHBOURHOODS

The Clerk advised that the annual meeting of the Partnership Board was to be held on 22nd October 2010 and Members were asked to consider whether they wished to make a nomination for the statutory sector.

RESOLVED :

That the matter be noted.

80. MEMBERS' ITEMS

a. Bulb Planting

Councillor M.A. Reece advised that, in his role as a County Councillor, he had been given sacks of bulbs by the Countryside Service for planting within his area. He had already made contact with Ysgol Glan Aber, and some could also be utilised at the War Memorial. He would also make some available for the New Brighton Chapel Action Group and the Clerk indicated he would advise this organisation accordingly.

RESOLVED :

That the report be noted.

b. Derelict Property, High Street

Councillor M.A. Reece referred to the old Shirt Factory which had had the roofing material removed by the owner and expressed concern regarding its present condition, a view which was shared by Councillor T. Renshaw and PC Salisbury. He had made approaches to the Flintshire County Council Planning Section and the Health and Safety Executive, but they were of the view that the building was not considered to be dangerous. However, there was concern that it was not fenced off to deter access and that in the event of high winds there could be problems. It seemed that if no action were taken then this situation could be apparent for a lengthy time.

RESOLVED :

That the Clerk make representations to the appropriate Section at Flintshire County Council and the Health and Safety Executive expressing concern regarding the condition of the building indicated by the Member.

c. Salt Bin – Victoria Road

Councillor J. Williams made reference to the need for a salt bin to be reinstated at Victoria Road and circulated at the meeting an advertisement indicating that they could be purchased for £159. Councillor T. Renshaw advised that at a recent meeting of Flint Town Council they had agreed to purchase a number of salt bins for their area through the Highways Department at Flintshire County Council and suggested that Bagillt may wish to do the same for the area indicated.

RESOLVED :

1. That representations be made to the Highways Department at Flintshire County Council requesting the provision of a salt bin at Victoria Road, and that the Council would be prepared to meet the cost.
2. That Flintshire County Council also be requested to advise when salt bins would be refilled for the winter and an assurance that this would apply also in respect of any new bin to be provided at Victoria Road.

d. Victoria Road – Use by Heavy Goods Vehicles

Councillor M.A. Reece indicated that, possibly due to satellite navigation, lorries were using Victoria Road to gain access from the A5026

to the A548 and suggested that representations be made to the Highway Authority to support signage being erected to indicate that this route was considered unsuitable for such vehicles.

RESOLVED :

That the Clerk make representations to Flintshire County Council accordingly.

e. Overgrown Area, High Street

Councillor M.A. Reece made reference to the work to be undertaken in the near future by the Probation Service Offenders Team clearing up the car park at the Community Centre, and indicated that there was a nearby area in the High Street which would also benefit from being cleared of overgrowth.

RESOLVED :

That the Clerk make contact with the Member concerning the particular site and then representations to the Probation Service to see if it could also be included.

81. STANDARDS COMMITTEE – MEETING WITH MEMBERS

Members noted the letter which had been received from Flintshire County Council, a copy of which had previously been circulated, and that it was intended that the Council would be represented at the first meeting with Members to the Standards Committee in Connah's Quay next Monday by the Chairman and Clerk.

82. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Bank reconciliation and information on income/expenditure for the second quarter to 30th September 2010, as previously circulated at the meeting, was noted.

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

Date of Council Meeting	Friday 8th October 2010
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Member	Item	Minute No. Refers
Councillor T. Renshaw	Planning Application 047893	73(a)

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Chairman