

## **BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in YSGOL GLAN ABER, Bagillt, on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

**PRESENT : Councillor C.P. Owens (Chairman)**

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

**APOLOGIES** : Councillors M.A. Reece and J. Williams.

**IN ATTENDANCE** : Mr. G. Roberts (Clerk), P.C. Sue Carrington and C.P.S.O. Martin Rowlands (minute No. 119).

### **119. POLICING**

In the absence of P.C. Jennifer Salisbury, her colleagues P.C. Sue Carrington and C.P.S.O. Martin Rowlands attended the meeting. C.P.S.O. Rowlands referred to information he had received from the Bagillt Officer regarding Communities First and in particular to the lack of attendance at meetings by local residents, a feature which also applied to some of the other communities within the Holywell neighbourhoods area. In an endeavour to encourage more contact they were arranging for a stand at the Tesco store in Holywell. Reference was also made to the "Balance the Bobbies" initiative, which enabled the public to comment and let the Police know about their problems and priorities for local policing, which had also been referred to at the last Council meeting. The Anti-Social Behaviour Initiative was referred to, this was on-going at present and information in relation to particular areas was awaited.

Reference was made by Councillor Mrs. D.J. Williams to an incident reported by a resident to the Police Station at Holywell, which had then been dismissed even though it had a crime number, and the Officers indicated that if she got in contact they would look into the matter. Councillor T. Renshaw referred to the Initiative concerning people living beyond their means, with the slogan "Too Much Bling Give us a Ring" and to an instance where this had been particularly successful following Police investigation.

The Officers indicated that the Police were holding 999 days at Flint and Holywell in July and August respectively, following on from the success last year. They were looking at initiatives to involve others, encourage even better attendance and were open to ideas.

The Chairman thanked the two Officers for attending the meeting on behalf of their colleague.

## 120. MINUTES

The following comments were made on the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

### a. Minute No. 101(b) – Dollar Park Caravan Site - Appeal

The Clerk advised that he had received an e-mail via Councillor M.A. Reece concerning the decision taken by the Inspector. The appeal had been allowed for a temporary period of five years subject to the conditions set out in the schedule forming part of this decision. The Clerk advised that he would forward a copy to Members by e-mail, which also included the reasons for the decision. The e-mail received had also referred to the arrival of a semi-permanent building which may be a breach of the conditions set out in the Inspector's decision.

### b. Minute No. 105 – Estimates – Bagillt Bowling Club

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Bowling Club thanking the Council for the support to be given in the next financial year in relation to green maintenance. They had also forwarded a copy of the letter from the contractor confirming the agreed arrangements.

### c. Minute No. 118 – Off Street Parking Scheme – Maes Walwen

It was indicated by Councillor T. Withington that the consultation to be held with residents had not been completed and that he had made direct contact and had been advised of the decision to arrange for six parking bays. He referred to the need for some form of bollard arrangement to prevent occasional inappropriate vehicle access to the green area, whilst still allowing access for Flintshire County Council to mow the playingfield. Councillor A. Griffiths referred to the abuse to an officer by some residents which may be the reason for the curtailment of the consultation. It was agreed that the Clerk approach Flintshire County Council regarding precise details for the scheme at Maes Walwen and advise the Member accordingly.

### RESOLVED :

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2011 be confirmed as correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 121. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman advised that he had agreed to put his name forward for a ballot organised by One Voice Wales for the North Wales Region in relation to an invitation to a Royal Garden Party in the summer.

## 122. PLANNING

### a. Applications Determined –Planning On-Line Consultation Period

No.	Location	Detail
047980/1	Porch Cottage,	Replace corrugated lean-to kitchen with Gadlys Wood brick structure, sky light, doorway, window.

It was noted that the amended proposal was neither supported nor objected to and left to Planning.

### b. Applications

No.	Location	Detail
048155	Land adj. Grosvenor House, Sandy Lane for disabled person one f/t staff.	Class C2 residential with quarters for

#### RESOLVED :

That the application be supported.

(Note : Councillor T. Renshaw declared a personal interest in this item and left the meeting whilst it was being discussed.)

### c. Roadrunner Waste, Dee Bank Industrial Estate

The Clerk reported that applications 046953, for continuation to use land for storage of skips, product and equipment, 042245, to extend waste recycling operations and regularisation of existing waste management operations, and 046995, for waste management application to allow for the storage, processing and onward transfer of inert waste, had been withdrawn. Councillor R.K. Jones referred to the previous permissions relating to Roadrunner and the need for enquiries to be made to ensure that their conditions would be complied with in view of these withdrawals. This was a view that was shared by the Chairman, who also referred to previous requests for enforcement action.

#### RESOLVED :

That the Clerk make enquiries with Flintshire County Council concerning adherence to existing permissions in relation to Roadrunner in view of the withdrawals now reported.

**123. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

That the following accounts be paid :-

<b>Name</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Expenditure Powers</b>
Dwr Cymru Cyf 1976(S.19)	475.68	101384	Loc.Govt.(MP)Act
Mr. G. Roberts	768.36	101385	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
H.M. Revenue & Customs	205.14	101386	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
Huws Gray Ltd.	83.71	101387	Parish Councils Act 1957
Soc. of Local Council Clerks	48.00	101390	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)

**124. BAGILLT FORESHORE**

On behalf of the Bagillt Heritage Society, Councillor B.T. Doleman made reference to discussions with Mr. Mike Taylor of the Flintshire Countryside Services concerning proposals for the Industrial Heritage/Rope Walk Trail, to be carried out in conjunction with the Coastal Footpath. It was intended to erect 20 small plaques along the route, which would start at Foresters Hall, High Street and, by working with the Countryside Services, it was expected that the Society would be able to access grant aid, at least for the sections on the foreshore. Mr. Taylor was aware of the previous initiatives successfully completed by the Society and wished to make progress after the constant delays from endeavouring to co-operate with the Friends of the Bagillt Foreshore Group.

The Chairman indicated he had agreed that an application from the Society for financial assistance towards the purchase and erection of an interpretation lectern, to be sited in the vicinity of the Community Council Notice Board on the High Street car park, could be considered during consideration of the report on the next item on the agenda. The purpose of the lectern would be to advise residents, tourists and visitors of the route for the Industrial Heritage/Rope Walk Trail. Councillor B.T. Doleman advised that he had received consent from Clwyd Alyn Housing Association to erect one of the plaques on the side of Foresters Hall but had been informed that contact should also be made with the Planning Authority as it was a Listed Building.

**RESOLVED :**

1. That the report on the Industrial Heritage/Rope Walk Trail by the Bagillt Heritage Society be noted and supported.

2. That the Clerk make enquiries with the Planning Authority on behalf of the Heritage Society concerning the erection of a plaque on Foresters Hall due to its Listed Building status and advise Councillor B.T. Doleman accordingly.

**125. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

The meeting considered a report of the Clerk on applications for financial assistance, copies of which had been previously circulated. The report outlined the current policy which had been adopted from February 2008, the budget allocation, the remainder available for this financial year and details of the nine applications which had been received. In addition, the Clerk reported verbally on a further application from Bagillt Heritage Society for a donation towards the purchase and erection of an interpretation lectern to advise of the route of Industrial Heritage/Rope Walk Trail, and to be erected in the vicinity of the Council Notice Board at the High Street car park.

**RESOLVED :**

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

<b>Society Cheque No.</b>	<b>£</b>
Bagillt Playgroup and Toddlers 101388	200.00
Bagillt Heritage Society 101389	500.00

2. That no financial assistance be given in respect of the applications received from :-

Flintshire Youth Exchange Committee  
 Friends of the Bagillt Foreshore Community Group  
 Flintshire Forum for Learning Disabilities  
 Wrexham and District National Eisteddfod 2011  
 Llangollen International Eisteddfod 2011  
 Victim Support Cymru  
 Wales Air Ambulance  
 Bobaith Children's Therapy Centre

**126. HOUSING BALLOT PROJECT**

Further to the discussion at the last meeting, it was noted that Mr. Richard Lovelace, Project Director, would address the meeting to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> March

2011 on the ballot process. Information recently received on the project had been previously circulated to Members.

**127. PROPOSED CLOSURE OF BAGILLT BRANCH LIBRARY**

Members had been circulated previously with the response received from Flintshire County Council, together with the public consultation that was taking place on Libraries, including Bagillt. Further information from the Head of Libraries concerning particular issues in relation to the Bagillt Library was also circulated at the meeting

Councillor R.K. Jones indicated that there was a need for more detailed information before the Council could make an appropriate response, including the future if the Library in Bagillt were to close, and indicated that he was awaiting a response from the Chief Executive for Flintshire to particular issues he had raised. Councillor T. Renshaw made reference to the initial information given concerning staff costs, and the total shown in relation to the limited hours that the Library was presently open, which it was hoped would be clarified when the further response referred to by the previous Member had been received.

**RESOLVED :**

That the information from Flintshire County Council to date be noted, and that as further details were awaited this item be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

**128. BORROWING BY TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS 2011/12**

The Clerk advised that, as requested at the last meeting, he had circulated to Members previously a copy of the Guidance on Borrowing by Town and Community Councils in the next financial year, which related to monies for capital purposes with a formal consent being required from the Welsh Assembly Government. The Clerk indicated that one source of borrowing was the PWLB, on which he had received information concerning interest rates, dependent upon the number of years for which the loan was to be repaid, which he had shared with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. However, it was a requirement of the approvals process that enquiries also had to be made from other borrowing sources and he indicated he would be seeking advice on this issue from One Voice Wales, which were part of the process referred to in the Guidance. In addition, he would also be seeking clarification in relation to the precise definition of the term 'capital' which he would report back on.

**RESOLVED :**

That as with minute No. 127, this item also be included on the agenda for the next meeting to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

**129. FLOOD PLAN**

Further to the discussion at the last meeting, the Clerk advised that Councillor R.K. Jones had volunteered to be Chief Flood Warden, and the Environment Agency informed accordingly, who had requested the Council to also consider a volunteer Deputy Flood Warden(s). To assist in this the Clerk had circulated to Members previously information from the Agency in relation to the role of a Flood Warden. Councillors A. Griffiths and T. Withington indicated that they would be prepared to be nominated as Deputy Flood Wardens, which meant that, along with Councillor R.K. Jones, both ends and the middle of the Village were covered.

Councillor R.K. Jones made reference to discussions with the Agency, who had recently been in the Mostyn area, and would shortly be in Bagillt visiting properties in the high risk area to pass on information to residents. The Clerk advised that notice of the impending visits were displayed on the Council Notice Boards and also in the information section on the Council website.

**RESOLVED :**

That the update on the flood awareness be noted and that the names of Councillors A. Griffiths and T. Withington, as Deputy Flood Wardens, be conveyed to the Environment Agency.

**130. GREAT POPPY PARTY WEEKEND – 10/12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2011**

The meeting consider information received from The Royal British Legion, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members.

**RESOLVED :**

That the matter be noted.

**131. CLERK**

The Clerk advised of discussions with both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman concerning a personal matter, which he now wished to report to the Council. He advised that In April he would reach the age of 65, which was the normal retirement age under current legislation and which would be changing shortly, but he wished to continue as Clerk for the foreseeable future and for the Council to endorse this accordingly. In addition, anyone who continued working after reaching the retirement age was no longer eligible for payment of employees National Insurance but the Council, as employer, needed confirmation, such as a birth certificate, which had been shown to and confirmed by the Chairman.

**RESOLVED :**

1. That the continuation of the Clerk beyond the current retirement age be agreed, subject to the other conditions of employment, as included in the contract of employment.

2. That confirmation of proof regarding the necessity to no longer deduct employees National Insurance from the Clerk's salary from mid-April be noted and implemented accordingly.

**132. SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS – WALES REGIONAL CONFERENCE – LLANDRINDOD WELLS – 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2011-02-16**

**RESOLVED :**

That the Clerk be authorised to attend the Wales Regional Conference of the Society of Local Council Clerks at a cost of £65.00 plus VAT.

**133. WALES TRAINING BURSERY**

The Clerk advised that for Councils with a precept of less than £40,000, it was possible to claim up to 50% of training, up to a maximum of £100 in each case, but that this funding, which was provided by Welsh Assembly Government, had to be applied for by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011. He advised that the Joint Branch Conference, to be held in March, and the Wales Regional Conference to be held in June organised by the Society of Local Council Clerks, would both qualify for a 50% rebate of the course fee.

**RESOLVED :**

That applications be made under the Wales Training Bursary, as reported, and that they be signed by the Chairman and Clerk accordingly.

**134. MEMBERS' ITEMS**

**a. Dog Fouling**

Councillor T. Withington made reference to a problem of dog fouling at Walwen Playingfield. This problem had increased since the bad weather had eased and use of the area by owners with dogs was particularly prevalent in the early morning and evening. Councillor R.K. Jones advised that this issue was one which was covered by the Enforcement Officers at Flintshire County Council.

**RESOLVED :**

That the matter be reported to Flintshire County Council for attention accordingly.

**b. Dog Bin – Sandy Lane**

On behalf of Councillor M.A. Reece, who was unable to be present, the Clerk advised that the Member was seeking support for the location of a dog bin at a site in Sandy Lane on which he had reached agreement with local residents.

**RESOLVED :**

That a letter of support be sent to Flintshire County Council for an additional dog bin to be located in Sandy Lane, with the precise site to be agreed with Councillor M.A. Reece.

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

<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011</b>	
<b>Member</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Minute No. Refers</b>
Councillor T. Renshaw	Planning application 048155	122(b)

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**Chairman**