

## **BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in YSGOL GLAN ABER, Bagillt, on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

**PRESENT : Councillor B.T. Doleman (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)**

**COUNCILLORS :** Mrs. S.L. Jones, C.P. Owens, M.A. Reece, T. Renshaw, Mrs. D.J. Williams, J. Williams and T.M. Withington.

**APOLOGIES :** Councillor A. Griffiths, R.K. Jones, S.M. Manfredi, C. Williams and C.R. Williams.

**IN ATTENDANCE :** Mr. G. Roberts (Clerk), PCSO M. Griffiths (minute No. 90) and Mr. A. Robb, North Wales Fire and Rescue Service (minute No. 91).

### **89. PUBLIC INQUIRY ITEM**

There was one member of the public present. He advised that on this occasion he did not wish to make particular comments on agenda items but was attending to learn how the Council worked. He indicated he was having difficulty understanding the Ward arrangement and the role of a Councillor in relation to the whole area. In addition, he had been in prior contact with the Clerk on this matter to also request details regarding elections which had been held to fill Community Council vacancies.

### **90. POLICING**

PCSO Mathew Griffiths was in attendance and indicated that whilst he was particularly allocated to the Flint area he did on occasions also assist with Bagillt. He indicated the progress in relation to the investigation regarding thefts in the village and noted that a request had been made by Councillor M.A. Reece for the mobile camera system to be located at the Stag Inn car park. The Officer also advised that Bagillt was now within the North Flintshire Division of the new Police Force arrangements. In response to Councillor J. Williams he indicated that P.C. Jenny Salisbury was still involved in neighbourhood policing within the Bagillt area. Whilst Police Officers tended to cover larger areas, as necessary, PCSO's were more usually confined to a particular Ward. Reference was made by Councillor T. Renshaw to the role played by Matthew as a PCSO and to the fact that North Wales Police had received funding from the Welsh Assembly Government for eleven new PCSO's for 2012.

PCSO Griffiths advised that contact details in relation to any particular area could be obtained by going onto the North Wales Police website.

The Chairman thanked the Officer for attending the meeting.

## **91. FIRE SAFETY**

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Andy Robb to the meeting. Mr. Robb indicated that he was the County Partnership Manager for both the Wrexham and Flintshire areas and was endeavouring to attend as many Town and Community Councils as possible throughout the area to comment on home fire safety and to request assistance, particularly with contacting vulnerable people regarding a fire safety check. In the past twelve months 57 people in North Wales had been killed in fires, and only last night there had been two more fatalities, which he had attended.

In relation to risk factors the Officer circulated a check list, these covered items such as ; taking medication, property not owned by the resident, no smoke detectors, living alone, not all ground floor doors in position, smoking/alcohol or substance abuse, disability, electrical safety, and not having the property undergo a fire safety check. He circulated photographs showing the damage fire could cause in a very short space of time and indicated that the principle problem was with smoke inhalation. Examples were shown at the meeting of the fire detectors, which the Fire Service would give out free and even erect for residents, and also good and bad examples of multi-plug arrangements. Also circulated at the meeting were examples of fire safety check request forms to be returned to the Fire Service, and he was requesting the assistance of Members in circulating them to particularly vulnerable people. The Fire Service were flexible in relation to when they would carry out fire safety checks at the request of residents, and if they wished to have someone else present whilst one of their Officers was in attendance that was welcomed. In response to Councillor T. Withington, the Officer again confirmed that no costs for the residents were involved for the fire safety check, provision and installation of fire alarm and providing appropriate multi-plug arrangement. When compared with the costs of a fatality as a result of fire, the costs incurred were minimal. He circulated some forms at the meeting, but indicated that he would send a copy by e-mail to the Clerk, who would then circulate some more among Members.

The Chairman thanked the Officer for attending the meeting and giving out very useful information.

## **92. MINUTES**

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

### **a. Minute No. 77(c) – Flintshire Unitary Development Plan - Adoption**

The Clerk reported that, together with Councillor C. Williams, he had checked the situation with Flintshire County Council and confirmed the developments at Victoria Park and Beddol had been removed, and that the information given at the last meeting was incorrect.

**b. Minute No. 82 – Winter Preparations**

The Clerk advised that Councillor M.A. Reece had been in contact with the Head of Street Scene, and it had been confirmed that volunteers were not covered by Flintshire County Council insurance in relation to snow clearing, but if they undertook work at the request of particular residents then there should be no come back in the event of an accident.

**c. Minute No. 86 – Proposal for Industrial Trail – Bagillt Heritage Society**

Councillor C.P. Owens indicated that Ysgol Merllyn had made representations and the Clerk advised he would contact Councillor R.K. Jones concerning the position of Ysgol Glan Aber.

**d. Minute No. 87 - Community Council Elections 2012**

In relation to the loss of a Polling Station by the closure of the Library, the Clerk advised that Flintshire County Council were to consider a report next Tuesday which would show the Community Centre as the proposed change. There also be would be further consideration given to the possibility of a temporary arrangement, which had been requested by Councillor M.A. Reece. The Clerk advised that the use of a temporary arrangement, such as a portakabin, could be a more expensive option as it required at least a three day hire and there were also the consideration of power connection and the use of toilet facilities, the latter having been offered by the Stag Inn.

Councillor M.A. Reece felt that perhaps the better option would be for the County Council to look at the possibility of utilising Beechcroft, Highfield Road, which was within their ownership and ideally located within the area for electors presently using the Library as a Polling Station. It was agreed that the Clerk forward an e-mail to the Electoral Officer with these views before Flintshire County Council meet to consider the report.

**RESOLVED :**

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

**93. REPORT BY REPRESENTATIVES**

**Flintshire County Forum**

At the meeting held in Pantasaph on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011, the Council had been represented by Councillors R.K. Jones and C.P. Owens. The principal business at the meeting had been to receive presentations. Flintshire Connects, which was a development of a new way of delivering services in the County by way of using

community hubs in key strategic locations, from the Betws Cadwallader University Health Board, in relation to their five year plan for all Health Services across North Wales, from North Wales Police on their priorities for the next five years and a planning question and answer session covering the aspects of Section 106 Agreements, e-consultations, cost of appeals and enforcement.

It was also reported that there would be a Community Ward Boundary Review undertaken by the County Council, which would start in the New Year and last for twelve months. Information would be sent out to Town and Community Councils before the end of the calendar year so that they could contribute. It was also confirmed the Boundary Commission for Wales' review of principal boundaries had been deferred. There had been a short update in relation to the County Council budget reductions and pressures and a review of progress on the Charter Action Plan.

In relation to the digital mapping it was noted there had unfortunately been insufficient time for Councillor C.P. Owens to give an update and this would be included in the agenda for the next meeting.

**94. PLANNING**

**a. Applications Determined – On-Line Consultation Period**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Detail</b>
049106	Land side of Valpariso permission for one Sandy Lane	Renewal of outline dwelling

It was noted that there had been no objection to the proposal.

049108	Canton Depot temporary buildings and Bagillt Road storage/distribution	Demolition of change of use to
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The proposal was supported.

049100	Land adj. petrol filling industrial workshop station, Coast Road access/parking	Construction of four units with
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An objection was made, only to the access arrangements, given the accidents in the area.

**b. Applications**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Detail</b>
049144	32 Pen y Glyn	Ere

049160 River View, Lawful  
Development Certificate for use  
49 Tyn Twll Lane

048808 Fairview, Amendment  
to extension arrangements  
Foel Gron

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**RESOLVED :**

1. That in relation to application 049144, the proposal be supported.
2. That in relation to application 049160, the County Council be advised that the Council has no information which could be useful in the determination of this matter.
3. That in relation to application 048808, the proposal neither be supported nor objected to.

**95. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**RESOLVED :**

That the following accounts be paid :

<b>Name</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Expenditure Powers</b>
Clr. R.K.Jones (S.112)	16.50	101444	Loc.Govt.Act 1972
Flintshire County Council	750.00	101445	Loc.Govt.(MP)Act 1976 (S.19)
Delyn Press	69.60	101446	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)
Mr. G. Roberts (S.112)	860.41	101447	Loc.Govt.Act 1972
H.M. Revenue & (S.112) Customs	156.38	101448	Loc.Govt.Act 1972
Bagillt Bowling Club	650.00	101449	Loc.Govt.(MP)Act 1976 (S.19)
C.M. Scott	16.50	101450	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.5)
Flintshire County Council	2,500.00	101451	Loc.Govt.(MP)Act 1976
Delyn Press (S.111)	100.00	101452	Loc.Govt.Act 1972
Mr. G. Roberts (S.112)	815.90	101453	Loc.Govt.Act 1972

H.M. Revenue & (S.112)	156.39	101454	Loc.Govt.Act 1972
Customs			
Getspatial LLP	72.00	101455	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)

**96. INITIAL ESTIMATES CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2012/13**

The meeting considered a report of the Clerk, which had been prepared in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members.

The Clerk reminded Members that it had been the practice to give initial consideration to an Estimates issue in the November meeting. This was to allow Members to give a review of possible new items, or to remove others, prior to the report prepared in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman in the Recess that would be considered at the January meeting, and to enable the budget and precept to be agreed for the next financial year. The purpose of this report was to highlight particular expenditure issues and to enable Members to indicate their views to assist in preparing the information for the January meeting.

**a. Balances Reduction 2011/12**

This was due to the unbudgeted expenditure on keeping the Bagillt Library open for a six month period from June to November, and the report indicated the possible effect, based on the invoice which had been received for the first three month period. It also gave an indication of the likely effect on increases on Band D equivalent properties for one, two and three year periods. Members were advised that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were recommending that the three year option should be the basis for the report to the January meeting, when the Council would make the final decision.

**RESOLVED :**

That the recommendation of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman that a three year option should be used for the basis of the January report, be agreed.

**b. Bagillt Bowling Green Maintenance**

Members were reminded that for the present financial a budget of £2,600 had been allocated for Bowling Green maintenance by a private contractor, paid in four equal instalments, with the Club having to meet the cost of the VAT. A letter had been received from the Club thanking the Council for their assistance and the fact that the arrangement with the private contractor had worked well. In addition, they pointed out that the Club also received some assistance from the Probation Service and that organisation were now able to offer a Green Maintenance service on a paid basis, details of which had been forwarded by the Club. The cost of

this arrangement for the next financial year would be £1,920, which was a reduction of £680 in what the Council made available this year, and there was also the fact that the Club would not have to pay VAT from using the Probation Service.

**RESOLVED :**

That the Bowling Club be advised that the Council supports the use of the Probation Service the Green Maintenance in 2012, and would be prepared to make available a grant of £1,920 to meet the cost, provision for which would be included in the Estimates report for the January meeting.

**c. Bagillt Community Centre**

Members were reminded that since the mid 1990's the Council had met the cost of the water/ sewerage in two six monthly bills and the insurance cover. The Centre was run by a registered charity, which gave them certain advantages but, in the event of them folding then the building responsibility would pass over to this Authority. Financial details had been received from the Community Centre and the Clerk reported on their balance sheet for the financial year ending September 2010, and also on their latest Bank statement.

In relation to the income generated, Councillor C.P. Owens expressed the view that they should be required to send an updated balance sheet for the financial year ending September 2011, in order that the Council would be in a better position to understand their financial position, and in relation to the bank balance whether they had another Bank account in addition to the one reported at the meeting. Notwithstanding the need for the Council to support local Organisations, which he favoured, Councillor T. Renshaw indicated that the receipt of further financial details, as now being suggested, was needed.

**RESOLVED :**

That the Clerk advise the Community Centre Treasurer that the latest balance sheet was required, and to clarify the Bank statement position for report to the January meeting and appropriate funding, as previous, be included for consideration in the light of additional information to be reported.

**d. Community Caretaker**

Members were reminded of the arrangements with Flintshire County Council, which had existed since 2001/2, and to the of activities that the Community Caretaker undertook during his one week per month on Community Council duties, spread over a two week period. In addition to looking after street furniture, examples of which were included in the report, and dealing with litter and graffiti, reference was also made to the

assistance he had given, with the consent of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to repairing vandalised plumbing at the Community Centre, and also ensuring that the adjacent car park area in the ownership of the Church was kept under weed control following the clearance carried out by the Probation Service. The unknown factor remained the awaited Council Housing Ballot due to take place early in the New Year and whether a new landlord would agree to continue with the present arrangement.

**RESOLVED :**

That for the purposes of the January report, provision be included for continuing Community Caretaker service in the next financial year on the presently agreed arrangement.

**e. Community Council Elections**

The Clerk reminded Members of the information they were given at the last meeting on the probable cost of contest elections, which were taking place in May 2012.

**RESOLVED :**

That the suggestion of the Clerk that a sum of £3,000 be included in the January report to cover the costs of both Wards being contested, be agreed.

**f. Play Area Improvements**

The Clerk reported that he had now received a letter from Flintshire County Council inviting bids and monies from Town and Community Councils for play area improvements in the County, on a match funding basis.

Last year the Council had put in £2,500, which was matched by Flintshire County Council, and then both were matched by another organisation, making a worthwhile scheme possible at Riverbank. Even if a scheme request was made there was less likelihood of Bagillt being successful again given the numbers likely to be made. Members felt that it would be inappropriate to make a bid for the next financial year, but reconsider the matter in twelve months time should Flintshire still have a match funding scheme.

It was also felt that representations should be made to the County Council indicating that they should let this Authority know when they are contemplating removing equipment in a timescale that would enable a repair possibility to be fully investigated, given that in many cases this Council had contributed to the cost of the play equipment. Councillor C.P.

Owens supported this view and indicated that the digital mapping, which was being investigated, could assist in not only highlighting where all the equipment was but details in relation to its probable life expectancy so that plans could be made regarding replacement over a period of time.

**RESOLVED :**

That no bid be made to Flintshire County Council in connection with the match funding Play Area Improvement Scheme for 2012/13 and that representations be made, as indicated, in respect of the Community Council being kept informed when it was being contemplated that play equipment was to be removed to enable the possibilities of any repairs being fully investigated.

**g. Play Schemes**

The Council have for many years been in partnership with Flintshire County Council to provide two playschemes in the Village during the Summer for younger children and Summer activities for older ones. Members received a report in relation to Play Schemes at the last meeting and agreed that it should be funded again in the next financial year. Later on in the agenda there was a report on the Summer activities for older children.

**RESOLVED :**

That Flintshire County Council be advised that the Council would continue to support the Summer activities for older children, at a cost of £750, and that provision be made in the Estimates report for January accordingly.

**97. SUMMER ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME 2011**

The meeting considered information received from Flintshire County Council concerning the Summer Activities Programme in Bagillt for older children over a four week period.

**RESOLVED :**

That the information be noted.

**98. BAGILLT FORESHORE**

Councillor M.A. Reece indicated that both Schools had agreed to provide a time capsule to be placed in the Dragon plinth on the foreshore. He also advised that

in the vicinity of the Scrap Yard a pathway had been tarmaced to assist with disabled access, but it could not be utilised for vehicles. There had also been an opening ceremony in the vicinity of the Holy, and reference was also made to the official opening undertaken by an Assembly Member at Greenfield Docks on 17<sup>th</sup> November.

**RESOLVED :**

That the information be noted.

**99. ATTENDANCE BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

The meeting noted that the Chief Executive to Flintshire County Council would attend the meeting due to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2012. A request had been made to advise him of any particular items on which the Council would be seeking clarification to enable him to respond accordingly at the meeting. The Clerk suggested that, given the process which had occurred in relation to the closure of the Bagillt Library, perhaps clarification could be sought in relation to other County owned premises within the Village, such as the Schools and the Youth Centre, and whether any changes were pending so as to enable a meaningful consultation. In addition, perhaps there could be a report by the Chief Executive in relation to the budget situation facing Flintshire for the next financial year.

Councillor T. Renshaw referred to the problems occurring in relation to waste collection in terms of the change over in arrangements, the number of bins residents were now being expected to use and the problems which had occurred regarding collection arrangements. Councillor C.P. Owens supported this point and made reference to the pamphlet which had been issued and to the inaccuracies it contained when comparing the English and Welsh version, and also the fact that notified collections had been missed, and that it had been extremely difficult to make contact. Whilst this issue may well have settled down by the time the Chief Executive attends the meeting in January, it was a matter which should be raised.

It was also felt that an update on the Council Housing Ballot might be appropriate as well as being made aware of the Council's concerns regarding play area provision equipment being removed without consultation.

**RESOLVED :**

That the suggestions of Members be noted for passing on to the Chief Executive and that the Clerk also contact the Chairman for his views, as he was not able to be present at the meeting.

**100. AUTHORITY FOR ACTION DURING THE RECESS PERIOD**

**RESOLVED :**

1. That in accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, acting as a Sub-Committee, be given powers to act on matters of an urgent nature during the recess period.
2. That in accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, together with a Local Member (other than planning applications), acting as a Sub-Committee, be given powers to act where Local Member involvement would be helpful during the Recess period.

**101. QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE BEACONS – GUIDE TO TAKING PART**

The meeting considered information received, copies of which had been previously circulated.

**RESOLVED :**

That no action be taken in the matter.

**102. FLINTSHIRE COMMUNITY TENSION MONITORING**

The meeting considered information received from the Flintshire Community Safety Partnership, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members.

**RESOLVED :**

That the matter be noted and left to individual Members to decide on attendance.

**103. BAGILLT LIBRARY**

The meeting noted the response received from Flintshire County Council relating to the decision taken at the last meeting to cease funding from this month. In relation to the Mobile Library Service for the Village, it would commence on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at the Library car park from 9.30 am to 12 noon, and at the Boot and Ship car park from 12.10 to 12.30 pm. and then again on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012, and every three weeks afterwards. The Clerk advised that this information would be displayed on the Council Notice Boards and also on the website.

The Chairman read out to the meeting a letter he had received from Flintshire Library Service to the Save The Bagillt Library Group, which was similar in content to that received by the Community Council. He advised that the Group were formerly constituted and their intention was to take over the building for use as a community library and other possible uses. Reference was made by Councillor C.P. Owens to the fact that the enhanced mobile service would be

using a Thursday, which the County had previously notified was the poorest day for usage at the Library building.

Members noted that the presentation to Ann Partridge by the Chairman of an engraved shield, in recognition of her 28 years service, would take place at the Library on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 at 2.15 pm. It was hoped that there would be a press photographer and also the Flintshire official photographer present to record this occasion.

**RESOLVED :**

That the information be noted.

**104. NORTH WALES RESIDUAL WASTE TREATMENT PROJECT**

The meeting considered a response received from Flintshire County Council, following the request for information agreed at the last meeting, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members. It was noted that Connah's Quay Town Council had organised a public meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 relating to this project.

**RESOLVED :**

That the information be noted.

**105. ALLT CELYN – LIGHTING COLUMN**

Councillor M.A. Reece requested support for representations he had made to Flintshire County Council concerning the fact that the development at Allt Celyn had not been completed by way of a lighting column, and therefore the section of highway covering these properties within the development had not been adopted. He had also made representations to the Delyn MP for support in this matter.

**RESOLVED :**

That representations be made accordingly to Flintshire County Council in support of the comments made by Councillor M.A. Reece.

**106. CAR PARK, HIGH STREET**

The Clerk read out to the meeting a letter received from the landlord of The Stag public house on behalf of himself and residents who used the adjacent car park, owned by Flintshire County Council. A request was being made for a security camera to cover the car park area, due to inappropriate activities taking place which were reported and he indicated that in his capacity as landlord he was

willing to help raise funds towards its provision to prevent this from continuing to happen.

Members were reminded that earlier in the meeting, when the Police had been present, Councillor M.A. Reece had made a request for the mobile camera to be located at this venue. As the car park was within the ownership of the County Council the Clerk suggested that this could also be an item to be raised with the Chief Executive when he attends the January Council meeting.

**RESOLVED :**

That the request be noted and that the issue be raised with the Chief Executive of Flintshire County Council when he attends the January Council meeting.

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

<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011</b>
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<b>Member</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Minute No. Refers</b>
There were no declarations of personal interest		

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**Chairman**