

## **BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in YSGOL GLAN ABER, Bagillt, on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

### **PRESENT :**

**COUNCILLORS :** Mrs. S.L. Jones, S.M. Manfredi, C.P. Owens, 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 and R.K. Jones.

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

### **127. CHAIRMAN**

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor C.P. Owens was appointed to Chair the meeting.

(Councillor C.P. Owens in the Chair).

### **128. PUBLIC INQUIRY ITEM**

There was one member of the public present, who initially made reference to the topic he had raised at the last meeting concerning the Community Caretaker. He had sent an e-mail to the Clerk earlier this week requesting more information and also suggesting submission of a report. In response the Clerk, indicated that he wished to discuss this matter with the Chairman prior to replying.

On the minutes' issue, the member of the public indicated that further minutes had been loaded onto the website but not September. The Clerk advised he would check the situation and contact Councillor C.P. Owens accordingly. In relation to the other issue previously raised in relation to minutes, the Clerk confirmed that both Flint and Holywell Libraries were willing to receive copies of Council minutes for public perusal and he had commenced this with those for last month.

A final point raised concerned the issue of the budget which had been discussed at the last meeting. He was reminded by the Chairman that there had been initial consideration of particular aspects at the November meeting and that Members had received the detailed report and schedule seven days before the Council had met, which gave the opportunity to consider in detail.

## **129. POLICING MATTERS**

It was noted that there was no CPSO in attendance for this meeting. The Clerk advised that he no longer had an arrangement whereby he could forward a copy of the agenda so as to remind the Police that there was a meeting being held and the venue. When the new system of only having CPSO's in attendance had been made known last year, although the names of the persons had been indicated there were no contact arrangements and, despite forwarding e-mails to the Station Sergeant and the former Community Police Officer, no further information had been forthcoming. Since the new arrangement had been in being there had only been attendance by a CPSO on one occasion.

Reference was made by Councillor T. Renshaw to the notification reported at the last meeting regarding additional CPSO's in a letter from Chief Inspector Wareing. He therefore suggested that a letter of concern should be sent to the Chief Inspector on this issue and also enquiring whether Bagillt would benefit from any of the additional appointments and he was supported in this by Councillor C.R. Williams, who also felt that a copy should be sent to the MP and AM for the Delyn Constituency.

### **RESOLVED :**

That representations be made to the Police accordingly concerning the Policing arrangements for Bagillt, with copies also being forwarded to the Delyn Constituency MP and AM.

## **130. MINUTES**

The following comments were made on the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

### **a. Minute No. 109 – Policing Matters**

The Clerk advised on the response received from the Bagillt Community Association indicating that they would welcome the Police having access to the Community Centre, and had requested that contact be made with the bookings secretary. This would now be taken up with the Police.

### **b. Minute No. 113 - Estimates of Income and Expenditure**

The Clerk advised on a response received from the Bagillt Community Association concerning the issues raised at the last meeting regarding future funding for the Community Centre. They would be holding a meeting on the Community Centre towards the end of March

or beginning of April, and would advise the Council accordingly of the date to enable attendance. In the same letter they had expressed their thanks for the support the Council had given regarding meeting the costs of insurance and water/sewerage, as they would find it difficult to continue run the Centre without this assistance.

**c. Minute No. 125(a) – Merllyn Lane – Manhole**

The Clerk advised on the response received from United Utilities which indicated that they had only been acting as a contractor for Welsh Water and that it was not their responsibility concerning the maintenance of the waste water network in the Bagillt area. In the meantime, the Delyn MP had been in contact with Welsh Water, who had indicated that investigation showed the problem could be due to a build up of silt and, as this also ran along the dual carriageway. They would investigate further with CCTV as to why it was occurring. It was expected that their investigations would be concluded by mid-February. Councillor M.A. Reece indicated that there had been yet another overflow of sewerage from this manhole since the last meeting of the Council.

**d. Minute No. 125(b) – Pedestrian Crossing - High Street**

The Clerk indicated that he had now received a response from Flintshire County Council concerning their estimate of cost for the installation of a Zebra Crossing. It was broken down into Traffic Regulation Order, electrical requirements, road markings, civil engineering works, high friction surfacing and re-surfacing requirements, and was estimated to cost £37,200. Having regard to some of the issues raised in the estimate, Members pointed out that the lowering of the curb would not be necessary and also there could be ducting left from a previous Zebra Crossing in this area, which may assist. The Chairman suggested that it would be useful if Councillor M.A. Reece again approach L & R Roadlines to see what total cost they would come up with for the items listed by the County Council and the Member indicated he would do so accordingly.

**131. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman read out to the meeting a letter received from the Secretary to Condis Community Angling Club. The letter pointed out that an emergency AGM had recently been held regarding the future of the pond, given the water reduction over the last three years, and the investigations into various ways of supplying the pond and repairing it. Flintshire County Council Coastal Rangers had taken over the complete management of the site, and it was felt better for the future of the pond if the Angling Club stepped back and did not interfere.

Accordingly, under their constitution, the Club was dissolved and all monies and equipment was distributed between Bagillt Bowling Club and the Friends of Bagillt Foreshore. They would like to take this opportunity to thank the Council for their on-going support in their endeavours to maintain the pond. It was a sad end to one of Bagillt's prominent features, but the last estimates supplied by Coastal Rangers for the cost of repairing and supplying water to it was £40k.

## **132. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES**

### **a. Flintshire County Forum**

Circulated at the meeting was a note from the Forum proceedings held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at County Hall, Mold, which had been attended by the Clerk as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had been unable to do so.

Among the items considered was the official launch of the Flintshire Charter, which had been signed by those Councils that had been present with the remaining to do so in due course. Presentations were made by Once Voice Wales' Chief Executive on the role of that body, Health Services Locality Plans by the Health Trust and the County Council representatives, as well as on the Approach to Local Development Plans and Changes to Streetscene by the relevant County Council officers.

The Digital Mapping update due from Councillor C.P. Owens had been deferred to the next meeting as he had been unable to attend this one. There had also been brief reference to Boundary Reviews, Flintshire Budget Strategy and County Council news. On the latter point, the Clerk made reference to the elections taking place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012, with the Counts this time being at Deeside College Sports Hall. The verification of both those for the County Council and Town and Community Councils would be on Thursday evening together with the Count for the Flintshire Electoral Divisions, and the Counts for the Town and Community Councils taking place on the Friday morning. It was also noted that the Housing Ballot was proceeding, with the result being known by the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

### **b. Bagillt Heritage Society**

The Chairman advised that the Lectern had now been delivered and that as the consent of the County Council had already been received arrangements would be made in due course for its erection by the car park in the High Street.

**133. PLANNING**

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

<b>No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Detail</b>	
	049243	Hillcrest, Bagillt Road	Lowering c

It was noted that the proposal was neither supported nor objected to, with concerns expressed on surface water drainage and water hydrant.

**b. Applications**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Detail</b>
		049353
		049278
		049330

**RESOLVED :**

That all three applications be supported.

**134. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**RESOLVED :**

That the following accounts be paid :-

<b>Name</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	
<b>Powers</b>					
Mr. G. Roberts (S.112)	771.99	101463		Loc.Govt.Act	1972
H.M. Revenue (S.112) Customs	156.38		101464	Loc.Govt.Act	1972
Greenbarnes Ltd (S.111)	79.39	101465		Loc.Govt.Act	1972

### **135. 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 six applications which had been received.

#### **RESOLVED :**

That no financial assistance be given in respect of the applications received from ;

Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales  
National Eisteddfod Vale of Glamorgan  
Marie Curie Cancer Care (Wrexham and Flintshire)  
Urdd Gobaith Cymru (Flint and Wrexham)  
Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod  
Wales Air Ambulance

### **136. ADDRESS BY FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

It was noted that Mr. Colin Everett, Chief Executive, Flintshire County Council, was unable to attend the scheduled meetings of the Council to be held this evening and on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012. After consultation with the Chairman, he had been offered 16<sup>th</sup> March and 13<sup>th</sup> April 2012, and confirmation of either was awaited. If he were able to attend on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2012, then contact would be made with Ysgol Merllyn to ensure it was possible to use the School on the revised date and then Members would be informed as soon as possible.

#### **RESOLVED :**

That the report be noted.

### **137. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2016 – PROPOSED DATE CHANGE**

The meeting considered a letter from the Minister for Local Government Communications of the Welsh Government, which was seeking views on the proposal to move the date of the Local Government Elections in Wales by one year from May 2016 to May 2017. This was due to the fact that the Parliamentary General Elections would now be held on fixed days every five years, with the first being on May 2015, which was the planned date for the next elections to the National Assembly for Wales. These had accordingly been delayed by one year to May 2016 and the delay would result in them coinciding with the date of the Local Government Elections in Wales in May 2016.

Councillor T. Renshaw indicated that he fully supported moving the date of the Local Government Elections given that National Assembly Elections themselves consisted of two different forms of voting and to add up to two sets of Local Government as well, depending on contests, would be confusing for the public.

**RESOLVED :**

That the proposal to move the date of the Local Government Elections by one year to May 2017 be supported and that One Voice Wales be informed accordingly.

**138. BAGILLT FORESHORE**

Councillor M.A. Reece indicated that fencing was now being provided at the Holy, following consultations with the landowner. In relation to the area by the scrap yard, the present disabled access arrangements had been disrupted as the boulders had been moved to assist with large vehicle access bringing in scrapped vehicles to the site. It was noted that this had been made known to the Countryside Rangers, but it would not receive any attention until after May as they were concentrating efforts elsewhere. Reference was made by Councillors M.A. Reece and J. Williams to alternative options available to the scrap yard owner when the boulders had been replaced. The Friends of The Bagillt Foreshore had also made their views known on this issue to the County Council.

In respect of the previous report regarding erosion at the former tip area affecting the footpath, Councillor C.R. Williams was advised of discussions taking place between the County Council, Environment Agency and Veiola concerning rectifying this matter, which had a financial implication.

**RESOLVED :**

That the report be noted.

**139. PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES**

Further to the report made at the last meeting, Members had previously been circulated with an extract from the Boundary Commission for Wales proposals concerning changes to the two existing Parliamentary Constituency boundaries in Flintshire for the purpose of agreeing a response. Reference was made by Councillor T. Renshaw to the fact that the proposed Alyn & Deeside Constituency, including areas from the present Delyn Constituency and the remainder of that for the Delyn Constituency and Vale of Clwyd, as proposed, were both a significant percentage of electors above the average being sought by the Boundary Commission following the review. He suggested that, given comments could still be made until the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012, it be further deferred to the next

meeting to enable him to bring along suggested proposals which would reduce numbers of electors for both constituencies, thereby leaving more of the Delyn Constituency as it was now.

**RESOLVED :**

That the matter again be deferred to the next meeting and that Councillor T. Renshaw present proposals for consideration accordingly.

**140. FLINTSHIRE PLAY STRATEGY 2011/2014**

**RESOLVED :**

That the invitation to attend the launch of the Play Strategy on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012 be noted.

**141. BRON Y WERN – TEMPORARY CLOSURE TO TRAFFIC**

**RESOLVED :**

That the previously circulated Notice from Flintshire County Council of a Temporary Closure to Traffic to facilitate carriageway reconstruction by that Authority, be noted.

**142. NOTICE BOARDS**

The Clerk referred to the two Notice Boards at the High Street car park and Community Centre and the need for additional keys and magnetic discs to hold up notices. The discs were also used on the other Notice Board at Riverbank. He also indicated the costs as per the quotation received from Greenbarnes Ltd.

**RESOLVED :**

That the Clerk be authorised to order two additional keys and two sets of magnetic discs from Greenbarnes Ltd and that the cost be added to the accounts for payment.

**143. MEMBERS' ITEMS**

**a. Waste Collection**

Councillor Mrs. S.L. Jones made reference to the fact that, whilst residents were expected to have their bins out ready by 7.30 a.m., some areas did not receive their collection until the afternoon. This

caused problems at times of high wind and could result in bins being blown onto the highway, and she questioned where liability would lie in cases like this. In support of these sentiments, the Chairman referred to some occasions where bins had had to be left out for more than the day on which collection was due and indicated that this was an issue which was to be covered by the Chief Executive when he attended a future Council meeting.

Councillor C.R. Williams made reference to problems faced by those people in terraced properties, such as Neston View, and the difficulty some residents had in bringing the bins to the required point, due to age or infirmity. When this had been made known to collection staff no assistance was being offered.

Councillor T. Renshaw expressed the view that the new service was somewhat of a shambles compared to the previous service. Councillor M.A. Reece indicated that he had received a letter from the relevant Department requesting views in relation to the new service. It was a 'tick box' arrangement and he would have copies made and circulated to all Members so that he could forward their views accordingly.

**RESOLVED :**

That representations be made to the Head of Streetscene concerning the issues raised by Members regarding the new waste collection service, notwithstanding that this was an item due to be discussed when the Chief Executive attended a future meeting of this Council.

**b. Dog Bin**

Councillor M.A. Reece indicated that he had received requests for the location of a Dog Bin on Flintshire County Council land, in the vicinity of the former Royal Oak public house. This request was in accordance with the arrangements agreed with the County Council and the member was seeking the formal support of this Authority.

**RESOLVED :**

That representation be made to Flintshire County Council requesting the provision of an additional Dog Bin, with the precise siting being a matter to be agreed with Councillor M.A. Reece.

**c. Replacement of Play Equipment**

Reference was made by Councillor M.A. Reece to a petition he had presented at a recent County Council meeting concerning Bron Haul Play Area and the equipment that had been removed from there without consultation. It had been made clear to him that the only possibility of play equipment being replaced on this or any other site was by the way of the Match Funding Scheme in which the Council had been successful for this financial year in relation to another play area. The Clerk reminded the meeting that during the discussions on the estimates at November meeting, it had been formally decided that no bid would be made for the next financial year and that the successful scheme for this financial year had been possible due to the involvement of a third party organisation.

The Chairman indicated the importance of involving third parties to increase the funds available, whilst Councillors M.A. Reece and T. Renshaw felt the Council needed to be involved in any participation in the future in Match Funding Playschemes for Play Areas otherwise they would just deteriorate and lose their existing equipment. Councillor C. Williams advised on views he had received from some local people that they were against the Council increasing the precept, but this had only been the views of a small number of residents.

The Clerk referred to the County Forum he had attended earlier in the week when reference had been made by the Chief Executive in respect of bids for the next financial year, which had been over subscribed, but that the County Council had made further funds available so that all schemes put forward could proceed. If the County Council were to undertake a similar scheme for 2013/14 then they would be forwarding a letter to all Town and Community Councils later in the year requesting bids, an indication of the Play Area and funds to be made available.

**RESOLVED :**

That the comments made by Members be noted, and that the matter be considered further later in the year when the County Council advise of their Match Funding arrangements on Play Areas 2013/14.

**d. Christmas Lighting**

Councillor M.A. Reece reported on an offer he had been made aware of by Flint Town Council concerning free Christmas lighting, which he felt should be considered by the Council. Other Members made comments regarding previous problems when the Council had undertaken Christmas lighting and also the views expressed by local residents.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that there was no provision in Estimates for this issue and that even if they were to receive some free lighting there would be the matters of storage, erection/dismantling and maintenance to be costed, as well as providing a suitable location. The reason why the Council had ceased to undertake this function some two years previous was due to the problems concerning the properties that could be used, the varying co-operation from owners and that it had not been perceived as value for money, having regard to the costs which had been incurred. The Chairman requested Members to indicate whether they wished a further discussion on this subject later in the year after the elections. If it was then decided to go forward and once again provide this service, then it would allow an appropriate time to address the issues raised to enable provision in Estimates for the 2013/14 financial year.

**RESOLVED :**

That the issue of Christmas lighting be placed on the agenda for the May Council meeting to enable further discussion.

**144. PROPOSED NORTH WALES TREATMENT PLANT**

The Clerk read out to the meeting a letter received from Connah's Quay Town Council referring to recent press reports on the possibility that the Treatment Plant would be based on Deeside. Whilst that Authority recognised and supported the target of recycling of waste by 2012/13, it was campaigning for the Plant to be environmentally friendly, making full use of composting, recycling and green methods of disposal. Although no firm proposals had been agreed, it was thought at present that part of the waste treatment would be by way of incineration to burn household waste from the whole of North Wales. It was felt that such a proposal could have a devastating effect on the environment with the potential for pollution. Accordingly, the Town Council was asking for support opposing the construction of an incinerator at Deeside or anywhere else in Flintshire for that matter.

Councillor T. Renshaw felt that as no decision had yet been made concerning the precise site for the Waste Treatment Plant, let alone the issue of incineration, it was not the appropriate time to express comments, as had been raised in the letter.

**RESOLVED :**

That the letter from Connah's Quay Town Council be noted.

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

<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2012</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**