

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in YSGOL MERLLYN, Bagillt, on Friday 9TH March 2012.

PRESENT : Councillor R.K. Jones (Chairman)

COUNCILLORS : B.T. Doleman, A. Griffiths, Mrs. N.M. Jones, Mrs. S.L. Jones, C.P. Owens, M.A. Reece, T. Renshaw, C. Williams, C.R. Williams, Mrs. D.J. Williams, J. Williams and T.M. Withington

APOLOGIES : Councillor S.M. Manfredi

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

145. PUBLIC INQUIRY ITEM

There were two members of the public present, one of whom indicated that he wished to speak to the meeting. This concerned a statement that had been read out at a quiz held on the 14th February 2012 in support of St. Mary's Parish Church and related to the service given to generations of Bagillt people by the Church since it was consecrated in 1839. Reference was also made to the role played by St. Peter's Church, Boot End. It had been indicated that there were plans to sell St. Peter's Church and also to remove all, or a considerable amount, of the pews from St. Mary's Church. If this was the case then there should be discussion with the community at large beforehand so their opinions could be taken into account. He was requesting that this issue be taken up with the appropriate Church Authorities by the Community Council so as to determine what the intentions are, particularly given that the current Vicar will be leaving her post at the end of this month.

Councillors C. Williams and Mrs. S.L. Jones commented upon the role of the current Vicar in particular. It was agreed that the Clerk should make representations to the appropriate Church Authorities to ascertain their plans concerning the Churches of St. Mary's and St. Peter's, Bagillt and that the Clerk keep the member of the public who had raised this issue informed.

146. PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES WALES

Councillor T. Renshaw read out to the meeting an alternative proposal to put to the Boundary Commission. This would entail the retention of the existing Delyn Parliamentary Constituency and, in order to bring it to the numbers required, it should include from the Vale of Clwyd the Prestatyn Wards and those from Dyserth, Tremerechion and Llandyrnog. This would create an electorate of approximately 74,000, which was above the minimum indicated by the Boundary Commission and allow for population growth, unlike the present proposals for the

Alyn & Deeside and Dee Estuary Constituencies, which were the largest in Wales and only just below the top of the statutory range.

Reference was also made to the inaccuracies in the Boundary Commission report concerning the area covered by the former Alyn & Deeside District Council, particularly in relation to Mold and the surrounding areas. In addition, from 1983 to 1997, the Delyn Constituency then included the Prestatyn and Meliden Wards, and Prestatyn was also linked to the Mold area in the former West Flintshire Constituency which ran until 1983. These historical links in relation to Prestatyn and the Delyn Constituency were strengthened by the use of their High Schools by feeder schools from the Delyn area. The proposals were unanimously agreed by all Members present.

RESOLVED :

That representations be made to the Boundary Commission supporting the alternative proposal put forward by Councillor T. Renshaw.

147. POLICING MATTERS

Since the last meeting Members had been advised of the contact made by the Clerk with Sergeant Williams concerning Police resources, attendance at Council meetings by a CPSO and the additional CPSO's to be available for Flintshire. As there had been no request from Members concerning Policing issues, he had not asked for a CPSO attendance at this meeting. It was noted that, with effect from 20th February 2012, Chief Inspector Dave Roome had taken over the role of Chief Inspector Darren Wareing, who had a new role in the Force.

Reference was made by Councillor A. Griffiths to the fact that he had been made aware of a CPSO in the village earlier in the week who had spent a number of hours patrolling and in particular addressing the issue of dog fouling. The Clerk advised that the possibility of one of the new CPSO's being allocated particularly for the Bagillt area, as indicated by Sergeant Williams, would not be determined until after the commencement of the new financial year next month.

RESOLVED :

That the report be noted.

148. MINUTES

The following comments were made on the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 10th February 2012.

a. Apologies for Absence

Subject to noting that Councillors A. Griffiths and T.M. Withington also submitted apologies for absence for this meeting.

b. Minute No. 128 – Public Inquiry Item – Website Information

The Clerk advised that the minutes from September 2011 and January 2012 had been loaded onto the website. Prior to the meeting he had had a discussion with Councillor C.P. Owens and it was recommended that no further minutes be loaded onto the website until after the elections in May as there would need to be an update of other information. It would be more cost effective to do everything at the same time using the pre-paid hours with the IT company who had upgraded the system, and this was accordingly agreed.

c. Minute No. 130(d) – Pedestrian Crossing, High Street

Councillor M.A. Reece indicated that on two occasions he had been promised a costing of the full scheme from L&R Roadlines but, this was still awaited. In relation to the alternatives of double yellow lines offered by Flintshire County Council, the Chemist shop had indicated that this would not be an issue, but the manager of the McColl's Convenience Store had indicated his objection and that if this came to fruition he would recommend closure to his Company.

d. Minute No. 143(a) – Waste Collection

The Clerk advised the meeting that, to date, there had been no reply from Flintshire County Council, therefore he would forward a reminder.

e. Minute No. 143(b) – Dog Bin

The Clerk advised he had received an acknowledgement from Flintshire County Council and that they would be forwarding a map to indicate the precise position, which he would pass on to Councillor M.A. Reece.

RESOLVED :

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 10th February 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

149. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES

a. Launch of Flintshire Streescene

The Clerk reported to the meeting on the attendance by the Chairman and himself at the County Council Depot, Alltami on 5th March 2012 for the launch of the Streetscene, together with Councillor M.A. Reece, who had been there as a County Member. It had been an opportunity to advise that the single contact call centre based at County Hall, Mold (01352 701234) would commence operation from that day and to explain the services covered and the areas into which the County had been divided, each with his own supervisor and team. The new system would become operable from 1st April 2012, with a flexibility aspect between services and areas being introduced gradually as the workforce became used to different operating systems. The changes had all been agreed with the Unions and meant the service would operate over a six day period, thereby enabling better use of expensive vehicles which could be reduced in numbers.

The services included parks and open spaces, highways, waste collection, recycling, street cleansing and fleet services. There were twelve areas indicated and copies of the maps were circulated at the meeting, and it was noted that the two Bagillt Wards would be in area No. 4, together with Halkyn and part of Brynford, with John Williams as Supervisor. It was intended that there would be a visit to each Town and Community Council to introduce the Supervisor and explain how the service would work.

The Chairman advised that, whilst the changes did have some laudable elements, he did have concerns, particularly relating to the time period of up to 18 months for all the workforce to become familiar with the various services which would be encompassed in the new scheme. In addition what would happen to a service such as waste collection at times of bad winter weather when the workforce would be diverted to essential snow clearing.

b. Bagillt Heritage Society

Councillor B.T. Doleman indicated that, as well as the lectern to be located at the car park, which he had referred to at a previous meeting, agreement had also now been reached with the Countryside Service concerning another informative lectern for location on the foreshore. In relation to the War Memorial, which had been the

subject of an upgrading undertaken by the Heritage Society, two of the lighting bulbs illuminating the area had ceased to function and required replacement. The Chairman suggested that, initially the Heritage Society write to Flintshire County Council requesting a replacement, which could be supported by this Authority, and in the event of this not being successful then the Council could consider the matter further, and this was accordingly agreed.

150. PLANNING

a. Applications Determined – On-Line Consultation Period

No.	Location	Detail	
049355	Gadlys Farm, Gadlys	Listed buil	

It was noted that this proposal had been supported.

b. Applications

No.	Location	Detail
		049472
		049447

RESOLVED :

1. That application 049472 be supported.
2. That application 049447 be neither supported or objected to and that it be left to the Planning Authority to determine.

c. Application Before Planning Committee

The Clerk reported he had received notification from Flintshire County Council that application 049273, for the erection of 10 dwellings with associate ancillary works on the former Royal British Legion site at Gadlys Lane, was to be considered by the Planning and Development Control Committee on 14th March 2012, and the Council were being offered the opportunity of speaking at the meeting. Councillor M.A. Reece indicated that a site meeting had been held at which he had been present, together with County Council Officers, the developer and local residents, when it had been established that the height of the buildings would not be any greater than previously proposed, with the

siting and layout being amended, which would give provision for an access path and these proposals had satisfied local concerns. There would be a site meeting for Planning Committee Members at which he would also be present.

RESOLVED :

That the information, as now reported by the Local County Member, and the views now being expressed by local residents, be noted.

151. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED :

That the following accounts be paid :-

Name	£	Cheque No.	Expenditure
Powers			
Welsh Water/Dwr Cymru	270.68	101466	Loc.Govt.(MP)Act 1972 (S.19)
Mr. G. Roberts (S.112)	851.91	101467	Loc.Govt.Act 1972
H.M. Revenue & Customs	156.38	101468	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
AON Insurance 1976	1,156.07	101469	Loc.Govt.(MP)Act (S.19)

152. ADDRESS BY FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Members were advised that the Chief Executive of Flintshire County Council was unable to attend the offered alternative meeting of the Council for this month and had suggested that his visit be left until after the May elections.

RESOLVED :

That the Chief Executive of Flintshire County Council be offered alternative dates of the scheduled Council meetings to be held in June and July.

153. BAGILLT FORESHORE

It was noted that the Countryside Events Programme 2012 included two which took place on the foreshore. These were on Sunday 8th April 2012, when there was a great egg hunt at Bettisfield from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the Bagillt Kite Festival, which takes place on Sunday 22nd July 2012, at Bettisfield from 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Reference was made by Councillor C.P. Owens to the access way past the pumping station at Boot End, which had now had a new vehicular access gate installed, which was locked, and the adjacent open area used by pedestrians had a metal barrier, which had been concreted in and had to be climbed to gain access. Councillor M.A. Reece indicated that the ownership of the areas in question had been transferred from Welsh Water to United Utilities, and whilst in the past there had been keys issued to enable vehicle access this did not appear to be the case at present. In addition that pedestrian access had been possible for the last 50-60 years and needed to be taken up with the Company as a matter of urgency. It was understood that the Delyn MP was also involved in the matter and was contacting United Utilities.

The Clerk reported to the meeting that he had received a request from the Head Ranger, Countryside Services, Mike Taylor, to attend a future meeting of the Council to explain issues relating to the foreshore, and had offered to come to the next one if invited.

RESOLVED :

1. That the Clerk make representations to United Utilities concerning the blocking off of the accesses and also to Flintshire County Council regarding the pedestrian access.
2. That Mike Taylor of the Countryside Services at Flintshire County Council, be invited to attend the next meeting to address Members on foreshore issues.

154. COUNCIL INSURANCE

The Clerk reported that the Council had received quotation options from Zurich Insurance, offering significant savings to the Council when compared with the existing insurer, AON. Even when compared to the price paid in May last year there was a significant saving of more than £300, particularly if the Council were prepared to undertake the long term agreement of three years, whereby the price now being quoted would be adhered to for this period, subject to any changes due to insurance tax or if there was a change in value of Council assets which were upgraded annually. The Clerk suggested that the Council could agree in principle to accept the three year agreement with Zurich at the price now being quoted, subject to confirmation after the renewal was received from AON so that up to date prices could be compared.

RESOLVED :

That the recommendation of the Clerk concerning future insurance arrangements be agreed.

155. RIVERBANK BUS SHELTER

Further to the report at the January meeting, the Clerk advised Members that the Deed of Assignment relating to the Bus Shelter Tenancy Agreement had now been signed by the new owners and it was noted a copy had been forwarded to the Council.

156. COLLABORATION BETWEEN FLINTSHIRE ACCESS FORUM AND TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The meeting considered information from the Flintshire Local Access Forum, copies of which had been previously circulated. Arising out of the meetings which had been held with representatives of Town and Community Councils, views were being sought on three issues, and these concerned publicity, volunteering and obstruction free walks.

In relation to publicity, it was noted that many communities had prepared leaflets or booklets describing the local history and/or interesting walks for visitors to enjoy, which also included this Authority. As the Bagillt Heritage Society were undertaking the Industrial Heritage Trail, and given the offer of Councillor B.T. Doleman in the past to participate as the Council's contact for the Forum, it might be beneficial if they were advised of this accordingly. Councillor B.T. Doleman indicated that he would be prepared to be the contact in relation to this particular issue. In relation to the other matters raised in the documentation, it may be that the Council would wish to become involved at some time in the future. The readiness of the County Council to have their expenditure shared by Match Funding or supplemented by Town and Community Councils would need to be fully considered should this become an issue in relation to this service also.

RESOLVED :

That the Local Access Forum be advised that Councillor B.T. Doleman would be the community contact in relation to the publicity project.

157. APRIL AND MAY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The scheduled meeting next month was due to be held on Friday 13th April at Ysgol Glan Aber which, like other schools, was closed for the Easter break. Following a report to the January meeting on audit date changes, the Council had confirmed the need for this meeting to go ahead on the scheduled date. Arrangements to use the Community Centre had been agreed if necessary but the Clerk was able to report confirmation from the Head Teacher and School Caretaker that Ysgol Glan Aber could be used for the 13th April 2012 meeting.

With regard to the May meeting, this was the Annual one for the Council and as it followed main elections it was required to be held within a specified statutory

period. Confirmation had been received from One Voice Wales, following legal advice that the Annual meeting following the elections in May 2012 could be held up to and including 22nd May 2012. In the event of the two Bagillt Wards being contested, then the names of the elected Members would not be determined until Friday 4th May 2012. This could make it difficult to give the usual period of notice prior to the normal scheduled date, which would be on the 10th May 2012. The Clerk advised that by the April meeting of the Council the decision regarding nominations would be clarified which would enable the Council to decide accordingly.

RESOLVED :

1. That the next meeting of the Council, due to be held on Friday 13th April 2012, be held as normal at Ysgol Glan Aber.
2. That the Clerk report to the next meeting concerning the position on nominations for the two Council Wards to enable a decision to be made regarding the date for the Annual meeting in May.

158. MEMBERS' ITEMS

Petrolheads Café – Race Nights

Reference was made by Councillor C.P. Owens to the problems being caused at weekends concerning the Race Nights at this Café, which was located on the A548, Boot End. These nights occurred regularly on Fridays and Saturdays but it was the latter that was giving particular concern, both in relation to noise emanating and speeding being undertaken along the A548 Coast Road. He had taken the matter up with Flintshire County Council in relation to the noise aspect, but they had merely requested details be kept of when these events occur, whilst there had been no action from the Police who had similarly been requested to take action, both in terms of public order and safety.

RESOLVED :

That the Clerk make representations to Flintshire County Council and the local Police accordingly in relation to the issues raised by the Member.

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

Date of Council Meeting	Friday 9th March 2012	
Member	Item	Minute No. Refers

There were no declarations of personal interest

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Chairman