

## **BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in YSGOL GLAN ABER, Bagillt, on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

**PRESENT : Councillor B.T. Doleman (Chairman)**

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

**APOLOGIES :** Councillors R. Davies, A. Griffiths, Mrs. N.M. Jones and C.R. Williams.

**IN ATTENDANCE :** Mr. G. Roberts (Clerk) and PC. Price (minute No. 88)

### **88. POLICING MATTERS**

PC Price was in attendance and made reference to crime figures and the Police Surgeries taking place at the Community Centre, and that the intention was these would continue in the New Year. The Officer confirmed that he would be present on Sunday for the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial in Bagillt.

Reference was made by Councillor R.K. Jones to incidents of car scratching in the Bryntirion area during the past few weeks, and was advised by the Officer that he was not aware of any reports being received concerning this matter.

The Chairman thanked the Officer for attending the meeting.

### **89. MINUTES**

The following comments were made on the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

#### **a. Minute No. 84(a) – Springhill Quarry, High Street - Flooding**

The Clerk informed Councillor M.A. Reece that, as yet, he had not received any response from the County Council and that he would send a reminder accordingly. Councillor R.K. Jones queried whether the Quarry was responsible for the increase of flooding in the High Street, whilst the Chairman and Councillor C.P. Owens expressed views to the contrary, including that of the drains silting up due to sand and gravel being washed down. Reference was made by Councillor M.A. Reece to the situation at Greenpark Lake and to the approaches he had made concerning the need for attention to assist the flow away of water. Councillor R.K. Jones commented upon the possible clearance of a ditch which goes across the A548 in order to help the situation.

**b. Minute No. 84(b) – State of Highway – Poplars**

The Clerk informed Councillor C.P. Owens that he had, as yet, received no response from the County Council, and he would send a reminder accordingly.

**c. Minute No. 84(d) – High Street Development - Access**

The Clerk reported on a response from Flintshire County Council concerning the planning conditions relating to the vehicular access from the apartments development on land to the side of Mayfair House. It was noted that several complaints had been received by the Council from residents regarding the access and that Planning Enforcement had been notified with a request that appropriate action was taken.

**RESOLVED :**

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**90. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman advised Members that Councillor A. Griffiths had had his operation in hospital and was now recovering, but it would take many months to regain his mobility. It was agreed that a letter be forwarded from the Council expressing best wishes.

**91. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES**

**a. Wrexham/Flintshire Area Committee – One Voice Wales**

The meeting noted a previously circulated report prepared by the Clerk, who had attended a meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012 in Wrexham. The principle item had concerned an address by representatives of the Betsi Cadwallader Health Board and on their current consultation on health in North Wales. There had also been reference made to training courses offered by One Voice Wales, the position with Charters in the Wrexham and Flintshire areas, and a short update on membership and recruitment.

**b. Flintshire County Forum**

The meeting noted a report by the Clerk, who had attended the meeting held at Buckley on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2012. With regard to the Charter update, it was noted that there was now a website link, with details given of the information which could be obtained. Presentations were made to the meeting in relation to the Flintshire Archives Service, the changing

face of Flintshire, due to the effect of incomers on services, and an update on the Streetscene Winter services and there was an opportunity with each to raise issues. There had also been items relating to Town and Community Council news and County Council news, as detailed in the report which had been previously circulated to Members.

**c. Bagillt Heritage Society**

The Chairman reported that the Society had been successful in obtaining grant aid of £9,800 lottery funding in relation to the Industrial Heritage Trail. It had involved a detailed submission, on which he had been assisted by Councillor C.P. Owens. The grant of the money was required to be used within a twelve month period, although it was possible that in certain circumstances an extension would be granted. There were various conditions which had to be adhered to, including those concerned with making public presentations and, on this aspect, Councillor C.P. Owens made reference to the important role of involving the two Schools in the Village. There would also be a formal launch and the Council would be kept informed of progress.

**92. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

<b>No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Detail</b>
050078	Coetia Llwyd, Northop Road, Milwr	Alterations to demolish part and reinstate in amended form

It was noted that the proposal had been supported.

**b. Applications for Consideration**

The Clerk reported that no applications had been received since the agenda was printed.

### 93. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

#### RESOLVED :

That the following accounts be paid :-

Name	£	Cheque No.	Expenditure Powers
Mr. G. Roberts	783.90	101511	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
H.M. Revenue & Customs	151.42	101512	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
Bagillt Bowling Club	480.00	101513	Loc.Govt.(MP)Act 1976 (S.19)
Flintshire County Council	750.00	101514	Loc.Govt.(MP)Act 1976 (S.19)
Huws Gray Ltd.	15.89	101515	Parish Councils Act 1957
Councillor R.K. Jones	18.00	101516	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
Delyn Press	100.00	101517	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)
Getmapping Plc.	48.00	101518	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)
Mr. G. Roberts	777.20	101523	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
H.M. Revenue & Customs	151.41	101520	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
Flintshire County Council	3,150.00	101521	Loc.Govt.(MP)Act 1953/ Parish Councils Act 1957
Bagillt Community Association	276.86	101522	Loc.Govt.Act.(MP)Act 1972 (S.19)

### 94. INITIAL ESTIMATES CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2013/14

The meeting considered a report by 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 estimates issues at the November meeting. This was to allow Members to give a view on possible new items, or to remove others, as well as give an indication of particular amounts of expenditure, prior to the report prepared in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman in the Recess, and that would be considered at the January meeting. This would enable the budget and precept to be agreed for the next financial year.

#### a. Band D - Council Tax Payers

Members were reminded of information they had been given at the October meeting concerning a likely reduction in the Band D equivalent numbers for the community due to Welfare Rights changes. On this

aspect Councillor R.K. Jones made reference to the expected fall in the collection rate, and to the fact that the County Council were awaiting the budget statement from the Government, which was not due until December.

**RESOLVED :**

That the information be noted,

**b. Bagillt Bowling Club Maintenance**

Members were reminded that the Council had been meeting the cost of maintenance to the Bowling Green for the past two years. The cost had been greatly reduced for this year through the Club using the Probation Service, under their supervision, and they had been pleased with the standard of work. Financial details had been received from the Club and these were reported. The Probation Service had also offered to undertake maintenance in 2013 at the same price as for this year.

Councillor M.A. Reece made reference to discussions which were ongoing with the Legal Department at Flintshire County Council. These were regarding an area of land which could be utilised for parking purposes and that, to date, neither the Recreation nor Housing Departments had indicated ownership of the County Council Land.

**RESOLVED :**

That the Bowling Club be advised that the Council supports the continued use of the Probation Service for Green maintenance for 2013, and would be prepared to make a grant available of £1,920 to meet the costs, provision for which would be included in the estimates report for the January meeting.

**c. Bagillt Community Centre**

At the October meeting it had been agreed to continue funding the cost of water/sewerage and insurance cover for the Centre, following a report from a meeting held with the Community Association. In relation to the water meter aspect, the Association were carefully checking their Title Deeds to ensure that they were not responsible for the Church yard standpipe before approaching the Church Authorities. In relation to insurance, the Clerk indicated he had made contact with the Council's new Insurers for an alternative quotation, and whilst they could not do themselves, due to it not being owned by the Council, they had given an alternative and, once the requested details of the building had been received from the Association, an approach would be made accordingly, which should hopefully reduce the amount paid.

**RESOLVED :**

That the report be noted.

**d. Christmas Lighting**

Members were reminded that at the meeting held in May it had been agreed in principle to re-introduce Christmas lighting in the Village, with further consideration being given to building up a fund when estimates were next considered in January 2013. The Clerk advised it would help preparation if Members would give an indication of how much should be set aside to commence the fund.

**RESOLVED :**

That a sum of £5,000 be included in estimates for commencing the Christmas lighting fund, and that further consideration be given to the matter at the January meeting when estimates for the next financial year were determined.

**e. Community Caretaker**

The Clerk reminded Members that they had been receiving regular reports on the duties undertaken in recent months, in addition to those of a regular nature, such as litter picking, maintaining street furniture and assisting the Community Centre and adjacent parking area. Councillor M.A. Reece in particular reminded the meeting of the assistance being given by the Community Caretaker and that continuance of the service should be supported.

**RESOLVED :**

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

**f. Heraldic Shields**

The Clerk reminded the meeting that there was only one left from the stock purchase in July 2010, due to increased usage, such as Community Awards for the two Schools and other purposes, as well as using them for a memento to Chairmen after their year in Office. Members who had been past Chairmen, as well as the current, expressed the view whether continuing with Heraldic Shields as a memento of their year of Office was still appropriate, whilst retaining them for other purposes. Councillor T. Renshaw advised that at Flint Town Council they give past Mayors a

badge and other Members present felt that this would be worthwhile exploring to enable further information at the January meeting.

**RESOLVED :**

That for the purpose of the January report, provision be made for re-stocking Heraldic Shields and that the Clerk also make enquiries regarding badges for past Chairmen and make reference in the report accordingly.

**g. Play Area Improvements 2013/14**

The Clerk reported that, since preparation of the report, he had received a letter from Flintshire County Council advising that they were proposing to make budget provision for 2013/14 for improvements to children's play areas. As in previous years they wished to work in partnership with Town and Community Councils on a match funding basis in order to secure improvements to play areas. In this way local communities would actually be engaged in identifying where improvement works would take place, and the benefit of the limited fund would be spread further across the County. The Council were being invited to nominate a play area and an agreed level of contribution to a maximum of £10,000 per location. The information was being requested by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 and a decision on the outcome would be reported back to Town and Community Councils in February. Having regard to the fact that the play area improved in 2011 was in the West Ward, Members felt that it would be appropriate for the one in the East Ward to be updated this time. Councillor R.K. Jones suggested that the Trebor Avenue play area be put forward in view of the fact that limited funding could make a significant improvement to this area.

**RESOLVED :**

That the County Council be advised that this Authority wished to put forward the Trebor Avenue play area for improvement, and would make available a sum of £5,000 in the next financial year, and that it be noted that if similar match funding arrangement was offered for 2014/15 that the preferred choice would be Bron Haul play area.

**h. Playschemes**

Since the preparation of the report the Clerk indicated he had received information regarding the Summer activities for children between 11 and 18, which were principally based around the Youth Centre and this information was reported to the meeting.

**RESOLVED :**

That provision be made in estimates to continue funding for the two Playschemes for younger children in the Village, as well as Summer activities for older children, as for this and previous years.

**i. Twinning Arrangements**

The Clerk reminded Members that at the September meeting the principle of entering a Twinning arrangement had been agreed with the Village of Laxey in the Isle of Man and that in due course he would present a report on the appropriate resolution and procedure. Members were asked to consider whether they wished to make any provision in estimates for the next financial year. Councillor J. Williams indicated that he would be opposed to the Council making funding available for Twinning and was supported by Councillor C.P. Owens. Given that there could be a visit next year from Laxey to Bagillt, which could involve the Chairman of the Council, Councillor T. Renshaw suggested that at the estimates meeting consideration could be given to increasing the Chairman's allowance.

**RESOLVED :**

That no provision be made in estimates for Twinning and that further consideration be given to the level of the Chairman's allowance at the January meeting.

**j. Digital Mapping**

The Clerk reminded the meeting of the current expenditure on website and digital mapping and that there was a need to consider an increase in the prepaid maintenance hours for the IT Sector to accommodate enhancement of the digital mapping. Councillor C.P. Owens advised that he had been endeavouring to speak to his contact with IT Sector to get some clear idea and that it was likely for the next financial year the number of prepaid hours would, at the minimum, have to be double the present four, but by the time of the estimates meeting he should have a clearer picture.

**RESOLVED :**

That a figure be included in estimates for the next financial year to allow for an increase in prepaid hours with IT Sector and that further consideration of the matter be given at the January meeting when more information was available.

**95. BAGILLT FORESHORE**

Councillor R.K. Jones made reference to the erosion situation and the effect on the pathway. There had been discussions with the Environment Agency, which he outlined to the meeting, and a resultant e-mail detailed their responsibility in the matter, notwithstanding the details contained in the Flood Protection Plan. Reference was made by the Chairman to the meeting of the Friends of the Bagillt Foreshore he had attended together with Councillor J. Williams regarding information concerning the footpath, and the possible further erosion situation arising out of the next Spring tides. Councillor M.A. Reece made reference to a possible different route available for the pathway.

In relation to the Winding House at Bettisfield, Councillor M.A. Reece advised that the Friends of the Bagillt Foreshore did not wish to take on board this aspect and that there were difficulties concerning the ownership which would preclude grant application. Councillor M.A. Reece also made reference to the rough area available close to the viewing point and to discussions he held with Mike Taylor from the Countryside Service regarding possible work being done after Coastal Path funding finished in February, subject to the fishermen agreeing to look after it in the future.

**96. CODE OF CONDUCT**

It was noted that Flintshire County Council had advised of a further training session to be hosted by Saltney Town Council on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2012, to be conducted by the Monitoring Officer, and that all Town and Community Councils in the County could be represented. Councillors R. Davies and S. Moore had attended one of the previous training sessions on Code of Conduct given by Flintshire earlier in the year.

**97. PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES REVIEW – WALES**

The revised Proposals were published by the Boundary Commission on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2012, following on from their consideration of the comments received to the initial proposals and the details for the Flintshire area had been previously circulated to Members together with the further consultation period.

**RESOLVED :**

That the matter be noted.

**98. 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 for planning applications) acting as a Sub-Committee, be given powers to act where Local Member involvement would be helpful during the recess period.

#### **99. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

It was noted that the usual Service would take place at the War Memorial, High Street, at 12 noon on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2012, when the Chairman would lay a wreath on behalf of the Council. As reported earlier in the meeting, P.C. Price would be present and he had made arrangements to control traffic along the High Street, during the Service.

#### **100. RELEASE OF BALOONS AND CHINESE LANTERNS**

The meeting considered an e-mail received from Keep Wales Tidy, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members. Although the petition to the National Assembly was now closed, Keep Wales Tidy were asking schools, business groups and Town and Community Councils to take voluntary action. The pledge scheme would allow the Council to show its commitment to responsible behaviour given the potential for balloons and lanterns to cause litter, affect the welfare of animals, cause fire damage to crops and property, stress to livestock and may be mistaken as distress flares by the public.

#### **RESOLVED :**

That the campaign be supported and the Clerk forward the e-mail of support accordingly to Keep Wales Tidy.

#### **101. MEMBERS' ITEMS**

##### **a. Double Yellow Lines – High Street**

Councillor M.A. Reece indicated that, following further discussions with the Highways Department at the County Council, there did not appear to be any prospect of the previous request for a Zebra Crossing to be successful and therefore he had raised the matter of extending the double yellow lines on both sides of the road up to the chemist shop on one side and the convenience store on the other. Although it would not be possible for such work to be undertaken this year, there was a possibility in the future, and he was looking for Council support.

In relation to the issue of on-street parking, Councillor T. Renshaw made reference to the reluctance of the County Council to take on board the de-criminalisation of this issue and take responsibility instead of it being in the hands of the Police. If they did so then any fines received would be retained by the Authority for improving services such as off-street car parking and public transport. They had been considering this request for a long time and he indicated that Flint Town Council had recently agreed to press them to make a decision and take over responsibility and he was requesting this Authority to do likewise. Councillor R.K. Jones advised that there was to be a meeting shortly on the issue of car parking when it was possible that this issue may also be addressed.

**RESOLVED :**

1. That representation be made to Flintshire County Council in support of Councillor M.A. Reece regarding the extension of double yellow lines along the High Street.
2. That representations be made to Flintshire County Council concerning the taking on board the powers and responsibility for on-street parking in lieu of the Police.

**b. Flooding/Drainage – High Street**

Councillor R.K. Jones made reference to work which would shortly be undertaken by Flintshire County Council to improve drainage capacity in two areas of the High Street.

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

<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2012</b>
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<b>Member</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Minute No. Refers</b>
There were no Declarations of Interest.		

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**Chairman**