

## **BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

**PRESENT : Councillor C.R. Williams (Chairman)**

**COUNCILLORS :** R. Davies, B.T. Doleman, A. Griffiths, C.P. Owens, M.A. Reece, T. Renshaw, K. Rush and J. Williams

**APOLOGIES :** Councillors G. Hotchkiss, R.K. Jones, Mrs. S.L. Jones, C. Williams and Mrs. D.J. Williams

**IN ATTENDANCE :** Mr. G. Roberts (Clerk), PC Gray and Mr. J. Williams, Flintshire County Council (minute No. 38)

### **36. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM**

The Clerk advised Members that earlier today he had received an e-mail from a member of the public, who in the past had often attended meetings and taken the opportunity to raise issues under this item. The message indicated that he would no longer attend any further meetings, or require copies of the minutes, and the reasons for taking this decision were outlined.

### **37. POLICING**

The Chairman welcomed PC Tony Gray to the meeting, who made reference to a recent road traffic accident in Merlyn Lane, and advised that the driver of one of the vehicles had been arrested and was being prosecuted for drunk driving. Councillor A. Griffiths made reference to this incident, and to the actions taken after the crash by the driver responsible, which he had reported to the Police who had been present along with other emergency services. The Member also referred to the fact that a contributing factor was the problems with overgrown vegetation, which restricted the width of the highway and the opportunity to see other vehicles approaching on the bend. The Officer indicated that if Members became aware that the person concerned was driving another vehicle, which he could do until the Court case was determined, then they were asked to contact him with any details for investigation.

Reference was made by the Chairman to the noise problem being caused in the evening by quad bikes along the High Street, in the vicinity of the Feathers public house. He was advised by PC Gray that if he or anybody else could give details as to the persons driving, or registrations, then this would assist, but he had noted the times mentioned.

PC Gray indicated that he would on this occasion remain for the rest of the meeting. In doing so, he raised two further issues later in the evening. He requested the

assistance of Members to report any concerns they had regarding inappropriate behaviour in relation to the two Schools once the summer holidays started. In addition, he reported that a replacement PCSO for the Bagillt area had been appointed and was currently in training, with the intention that duties would commence sometime next month. It was his intention to bring the new PCSO to the September meeting of the Council to introduce him to Members.

The Chairman thanked PC Gray for attending and offering to stay for the rest of the meeting, which was gratefully accepted.

### **38. STREETSCENE SUPERVISER FOR BAGILLT AREA**

The Chairman welcomed Mr. John Williams, Area Supervisor for Streetscene, to the meeting for his quarterly visit. The Clerk indicated that the issues raised at the last meeting by Members had been notified to him. Mr. Williams advised of the work done to bedded areas including at the car park in the High Street since the last meeting.

Councillor A. Griffiths gave further details regarding his concerns in respect of strimming by Streetscene staff, particularly in relation to a shrubbed area. In respect of Merllyn Lane, action was needed by the County Council in the area for which they were responsible at the edge of the highway, having particular regard to the recent serious accident, which had visibility as a contributing factor, and which had been referred to in the previous minute. In response, Mr. Williams indicated that some work had already been carried out at Merllyn Lane but, unfortunately, Bagillt was not regarded as one of the A-standard areas, such as the nearby towns, which meant they received priority and when required drew in staff from other areas, such as his and on occasions he also had to provide cover for particular a service such as refuse collection when there were staff shortages. In relation to Merllyn Lane, vegetation was also hanging over from properties which was the responsibility of the owner. However, he would endeavour to complete the clearance of vegetation on the edge of the highway for the remainder of Merllyn Lane, which was a problem, as soon as possible and had noted the concerns expressed regarding the shrubbed area, which he would take up with the personnel concerned. In relation to Members comments about weeds on highway edges reference was made to the treatment by weed killer and that the areas mentioned would be drawn to the attention of the quad bike sprayer when next in the area.

Reference was made by Councillor T. Renshaw to the issue of the uncompleted dropped kerbs at a flat development in the High Street, and the Officer commenced on progress accordingly. In addition, Councillor T. Renshaw made reference to the bond situation and requested details concerning the progress in this matter. Councillor J. Williams referred to the issue he had to raise previously regarding standing water at Riverbank, and was advised by the Mr. Williams of the situation concerning the contractor used by Welsh Water in relation to solving this matter. The Chairman and Councillor M.A. Reece referred to the issue of drainage in

relation to the Care Home extension and the on-going effect at Top Hill. Mr. Williams indicated that he understood work on the extension would be completed later this month, then further work could be undertaken concerning highway damage, but the drainage situation would still need to be resolved.

Reference was made by the Chairman to a County Forum meeting attended last month, and to the issue of grass clippings not being removed. The Officer responded that all grass clippings were required to be blown from pavement areas back onto the areas strimmed but were not physically removed from the site. Councillor A. Griffiths referred to the new footpath which had been opened at Merllyn Lane and closed shortly afterwards. He was advised by Councillor M.A. Reece and Mr. Williams that there had been an issue relating to an unsafe wall, which had led to its temporary closure. Despite the monies that had been spent on the footpath area, it may take many months for this issue to be resolved, so that the right of way could be reopened.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Williams for attending the meeting and advised Members that he would next be present for the October Council meeting.

## **39 MINUTES**

The following comments were made on the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

### **a. Minute No. 22 – Public Enquiry Item**

Councillor C.P. Owens advised that the Governors at Ysgol Merllyn had sent a letter to all parents requesting any information they had concerning complaints in relation to the issues raised at the last meeting, and advised that the most recent report from school inspection gave a good outcome.

### **b. Minute No. 24 – Policing**

Councillor T. Renshaw indicated that the name of the PCSO attending the last meeting was Phil Rushby, and not as shown in the minutes.

### **c. Minute No. 31 – Access to Information on Town and Community Councils**

The Clerk advised the meeting that information in relation to Members and other issues, including the minutes, had been updated, and the Register of Members' Interests had been installed and could be accessed by going into the meetings and minutes for reference. There only remained the matter of the audited accounts and agenda aspects to be sorted. Councillor T. Renshaw indicated that Flint Town Council were going to put photographs of Members on their site and suggested that Bagillt may wish to do likewise.

It was agreed that this should be a matter to be discussed at the next Council meeting when more Members would be present.

**d. Minute No. 35(b) – Local Resident Recognition**

Councillor J. Williams indicated that he had become aware of a further resident in the Village who was in his 90's and who had been married for 70 years, and was reporting this issue for information.

**e. Minute No. 35(d) – Traffic Calming – High Street**

The Chairman circulated a copy of a letter he had received from Flintshire County Council regarding traffic calming proposals. A public consultation event, with County Officers in attendance, had been arranged at the Community Centre on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014 between 4pm and 7 pm, at which the draft proposals relating to a proposed scheme would be on display. The exhibition would provide local residents and others with an opportunity to view the proposals. The result of the consultation would be considered and used to inform any future thinking prior to proceeding further with any scheme that may be agreed. The letter had been sent to properties either along the High Street or within the close vicinity, and therefore a number of Members present were not aware of its content.

Councillor C.P. Owens felt that the scheme was inappropriate and not what was required and he was supported in these comments by Councillors B. T. Doleman and J. Williams, who made reference to previous comments regarding a safe pedestrian crossing of the A548 to assist with access to the Foreshore, and what the village of Ffynnongroyw had received. It was therefore agreed that the County Council should be advised that in relation to the consultation exercise, this Authority does not support the proposals for traffic calming in the High Street.

**RESOLVED :**

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**40. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman advised that the engraved Shield, to be presented to Mr. E.A. Davies had been received, and he was making arrangements with Councillor G. Hotchkiss to make the presentation to Mr. Davies at his home. The engraving on the Shield states - "Presented July 2014 to Edward Arthur Davies holder of the Malta George Medal". After consultation with the Vice Chairman and Councillor Hotchkiss, the Chairman recommended the presentation of a bouquet to Mrs. Davies at the same time, at a cost of £25, and this was accordingly agreed.

The Chairman reported that he would be making the Community Awards on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2014 to Ffion Jones at Ysgol Merllyn at 10am and to Logun Roberts at 2pm at Ysgol Glan Aber.

#### **41. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES**

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

The meeting considered a report on the County Forum held at the Town Hall, Flint on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014, and at which the Council had been represented by the Chairman and the Clerk. The principle issue was a presentation on hydraulic fracking and unconventional gas, which was a shortened version of what could be made available. With regard to resources in Flintshire, it had been noted that there was commercial interest along the Dee Estuary along the coastal strip from Gronant to Sealand. Whilst there had been an offer of a more detailed address to Town and Community Councils more likely to be affected by fracking, the preferred option from the Officer concerned was for them to be combined. The Clerk indicated he would contact colleagues at Holywell Town and Mostyn Community Councils with regard to this issue and report back, as Flint Town Council had already received a detailed presentation on this subject.

The Forum had also received presentations on Community Review Update, Local Flood Plans, Community Asset Transfer and Single Integrated Plan of Local Service Board. There had also been updates in relation to Town and Community Council and Flintshire County Council news, as indicated in the report.

#### **42. PLANNING**

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

<b>App. No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Detail</b>
052213	Land side of Rowen, High Street	Consent 045589 variation – extend commence time

It was noted that the application had been supported.

##### **b. Applications**

<b>App. No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Detail</b>
052295	The Old Presbytery, Foel Gron	Condition and variation to extend commence time

**RESOLVED :**

That the application be supported.

**43. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

That the following be approved for payment :-

<b>Name</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Expenditure Powers</b>
Bagillt Bowling Club	480.00	101644	Loc.Govt.(MP)Act 1976(S.19)
C.M. Scott	46.15	101645	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.5)
NAMWALC	14.50	101646	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)
Clr. C.P. Owens	148.69	101647	Loc.Govt.(MP)Act 1976(S.19)
Mr. G. Roberts	848.22	101648	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
H.M. Revenue & Customs	146.08	101649	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
Clr. C.R. Williams	25.00	101651	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
The Gatemaker	425.00	101650	Parish Councils Act 1957
Mr. G. Roberts	749.20	101654	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
H.M. Revenue & Customs	145.98	101655	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)

**RESOLVED :**

That the accounts be paid.

**44. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The Bank reconciliation and information income/expenditure for the first quarter to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 was circulated at the meeting.

**RESOLVED :**

That the report be noted.

**45. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2013/14**

The meeting considered a letter received from the external auditor, Hacker Young, copies of which had been previously circulated. The letter indicated that there were no issues arising that the Council should consider, prior to approving the Annual Return, a copy of the relevant section also having been previously circulated.

**RESOLVED :**

That the annual return be approved and signed by the Chairman in the appropriate section and forwarded to the external auditor, Hacker Young, by the requested date of 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014.

**46. BAGILLT FORESHORE**

Councillor M.A. Reece indicated that he was making arrangements with the Deputy Leader of Flintshire County Council to visit with regard to the entrance aspect from the A548 and also the area around the Dragon. In addition, he indicated that Natterjack Toads had now been introduced to the Foreshore area.

**RESOLVED :**

That the report be noted.

**47. SUMMER PLAYSCHMES 2014**

It was noted that the four weeks would be at Victoria Road from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm from the 21<sup>st</sup> July to 15<sup>th</sup> August, and at Merilyn School from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm from 28<sup>th</sup> July to 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2014 Monday to Friday. Notification would be placed on the Council Notice Boards in due course, and also on the website.

**RESOLVED :**

That the report be noted.

**48. 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 power 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(s) who lived nearest to the issue site, acting as a Sub-Committee, be given power to act on matters where local Member involvement would be helpful during the recess period.

**49. RECYCLING PRESENTATION**

The Clerk reported that at the March meeting it had been agreed to invite the Recycling Officer of Flintshire County Council to address a Council meeting on this

subject. Following a reminder, the Officer had accepted and arrangements were agreed to attend the next Council meeting in September.

Reference was made by Councillor A. Griffiths to a procedure adopted by staff at the Greenfield Recycling Centre, which involved showing exactly what was being deposited in the bags of items brought for recycling. This led to queues and delays and could dissuade members of the public from using the facility and thereby encourage fly-tipping. Councillor C.P. Owens indicated that he had visited the site on a Sunday and there had been no such requirement in operation.

Reference was made by Councillor J. Williams to a recent incident whereby a person was fined concerning the dropping of a used cigarette. In response, Councillor T. Renshaw reminded the Member that any act of littering, if observed by an Enforcement Officer or member of the Police, could lead to such action. The offender was usually given the option to pick the litter up and an opportunity to pay a fixed fine, which increased if not paid within the required time and, if resulting in a Court case, could lead to a much higher penalty.

**RESOLVED :**

That the report be noted.

**50. TOP HILL, BAGILLT**

The meeting considered a further response received from Flintshire County Council which, following the last letter from the Council, was of the view that additional informatory signs appeared unnecessary. However, it would be suggested to the Streetscene service that the street name plate at the bottom of Fron Deg be replaced with a version containing a 'No Through Road' symbol.

**RESOLVED :**

That the matter be noted.

**51. FLINTSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU OUTREACH OFFICE**

The meeting considered a letter received from Buckley Town Council, which was requesting other Town and Community Councils to consider financially supporting this service and to assist had provided details of usage over the past three years for each relevant Community Council area. It was noted that as far as Bagillt was concerned it was extremely low and that there had been nothing for the past year.

**RESOLVED :**

That no action be taken concerning the request for financial assistance.



**52. FIELDS IN TRUST (FIT) – VICTORIA ROAD, RECREATION GROUND**

It was noted that the County Council had advised that the legal documentation between the Council and FIT for dedication of the land had been completed. A commemorative plaque provided by FIT would be installed at the Victoria Road Recreation Ground in a suitable location this month.

**RESOLVED :**

That the report be noted.

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

<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014</b>	
<b>Member</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Minute No. Refers</b>
There were no Declarations of Personal Interest		

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**Chairman**