

## **BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

**PRESENT :** Councillor K. Rush (Chairman)

**COUNCILLORS:** R. Davies, B.T. Doleman, A. Griffiths, G. Hotchkiss, C.P. Owens, M.A. Reece and C.R. Williams.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor T. Renshaw, Mrs. D. J. Williams, J. Williams.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. L. Wood (Clerk) and Members of the Public

### **110. COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

Councillor. M. A. Reece informed the meeting he was in receipt of the Bagillt Community Library Water Bill. The Council agreed this is not a bill the Community Council pay therefore requested the Clerk passes this bill to the responsible Flintshire County Councillor Officer.

Councillor. C. P. Owens and Councillor B. T. Doleman reminded the Council that no formal agreement has been signed therefore the Council are not the tenants and do not have responsibility to pay this bill.

Councillor. M. A. Reece attended a meeting at Flintshire County Council which was discussing grants for Community Libraries, however Councillor M. A. Reece was informed by Mr. N. Cockerton, Flintshire, Chief Officer, Organisational Change that Bagillt Community Library is not eligible for a grant as the Library was transferred before the Community Asset Transfer.

The Chairman said as we have not signed an agreement, Bagillt Community Library should be considered for a grant.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will pass the bill onto the appropriate department at Flintshire County Council for payment.

**NOTE:** Councillors B. T. Doleman and C. P. Owens declared a personal interest in this item, however remained in the Meeting.

### **111. POLICING MATTERS**

PCSO Hulse was not in attendance. The Council shared their grave disappointment that a Police Representative had not attended the Council Meeting for a couple of months.

Both the Chairman and Councillor. C. R. Williams suggested a letter should be sent to the Police Sargent sharing the Councils' extreme dissatisfaction with the non-attendance at the Council meetings and would like an explanation.

The Council added they are very happy with the work PCSO Hulse does within the village and the regular neighbourhood meeting he holds.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will write to Sargent K. Smith-Williams.

## **112. MINUTES**

The following comments were made on the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> November.

### **a. Minute No. 96 – Streetscene**

The Chairman reported that the litter issue on the pathway between Fron Gron and Merllyn Lane still required attention and this has been reported directly to Mr. Hickie.

Councillor. A. Griffiths reported to Mr. N. Hickie at the January 2017 meeting that the light in Merllyn Lane, opposite Riverside Cottage was faulty. A Member of the public who was in attendance, said it was still in need of repair.

The Clerk will write to Streetscene to request these matters are dealt with.

### **b. Minute No. 98 – Planning - Field to South of Old London Road**

Councillor R. Davies again raised concerns regarding the response received from Flintshire County Council relating to the developer already having started the work before Planning Permission has been granted and also still has concerns regarding the Public footpath which has been blocked.

The Clerk will again write to the Flintshire Planning and Footpath Departments.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council, held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 113. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVE

Councillor C. R. Williams updated the Council on the meeting of the North and Mid Wales Local Association of Local Councils Meeting he attended on 20<sup>th</sup> January in Colwyn Bay.

Councillor C. R. Williams informed the Council that as of 4/8/16, Developers must consult with Councils on developments before submitting planning applications.

### 114. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

<b>Name</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Voucher No</b>	<b>Expenditure Powers</b>
Mrs. L. Wood - February	670.00	83	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
HM Revenues & Customs - February	125.60	84	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
Clwyd Pension Fund - - February	118.86	85	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
Ebuyer	87.74	86	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)
Opus Electricity	50.21	87	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)
Councillor C. R. Williams	28.35	88	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)
Wales Audit Office	163.65	89	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)

**RESOLVED:** That the above mentioned accounts be paid.

### 115. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Council considered a report by the Clerk on Applications for Financial Assistance, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members. The report indicated that, following on from the decisions at the October 2016 meeting, there was a sum of £535,00 remaining in the budget for this financial year. In addition to the information contained in the report on the five applications received, the Chairman informed Members that an additional application had been received from the Bagillt Royal Stars Morris Dancing Group.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That in accordance with Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, the following donations be agreed for this financial year:

<b>Name</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Voucher No</b>
Nightingale House Hospice	100.00	90

Marie Curie Cancer Care	120.00	91
Bagillt Royal Stars Morris Dancing Group	200.00	92

2. That in relation to the applications from Tenovus Cancer Care, Denbighshire & Flintshire Agricultural Show and Macmillan Cancer Support, no donations be made.

## 116. BAGILLT COMMUNITY CENTRE – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

At the January Meeting the Chairman circulated the Community Association Accounts which were sent to the Clerk, however these related to year ending 2015 therefore the Council agreed we needed to see the up to date accounts and also invite a member of the Community Association to attend a Council meeting.

The Clerk circulated the up to date accounts for 2016 and advised the Meeting, a representative was unable to attend.

Councillor B. T. Doleman and Councillor C. P. Owens both shared concerns relating to the accounts and said that more information is required before the Council should commit to the continuing financial support which has been given to the Community Centre for some years. The Council is under both public and audit scrutiny.

Councillor C. P. Owens is a representative on the Community Association and has not been informed of any meetings. They should be holding proper constituted meetings and if they are not meeting, this is a breach of the rules of a registered charity.

Councillor C. R. Williams praised the work of the Community Association.

The Chairman asked if Councillor. C. P. Owens would be able to meet a representative from the Community Association. Councillor. C. P. Owens agreed and will report back to the Meeting so the Council can make a decision regarding the financial support.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will contact the Community Association to arrange a mutually convenient time for them to meet Councillor. C. P. Owens.

## 117. BAGILLT FORESHORE

The Chairman read a letter which the Clerk had received from a local resident regarding financial assistance for purchasing road chippings for the road that leads from Bagillt scrapyard around to the Bagillt Docks as it is in a bad state of repair with pot holes, which are currently water logged.

The Council agreed that Flintshire County Council are responsible for this area therefore the Council cannot assist.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will write to the local resident advising them to contact Flintshire Countryside Services.

### **118. BY PASS CROSSING**

The Chairman read the email from Mr. R. Nursaw, Flintshire Principle Engineer which detailed Flintshire County Council were in the process of formulating a Welsh Government Road Safety Grant bid to address various safety measures on the A5026 from Lloc to the junction with the A548 in Bagillt. The bid submission would have a good case for being awarded funding due to numerous accidents along this route including two serious accidents at the A548 Bagillt junction. The provision of Funding would enable Flintshire County Council to provide a signalised junction and a pedestrian crossing improvement scheme at this location. The junction has been highlighted by North Wales Police as a serious safety issue and have given their full support for this scheme.

Councillor. M. A. Reece informed the Council that he had spoken to Mr. A. Stanford, Flintshire Senior Engineer regarding this matter who said there will be a full consultation with everyone in the area and all car users. Mr. A. Stanford will share the results of the full consultation. Councillor M. A. Reece has also been informed the bid has already been submitted before the Council can consult.

The Chairman reminded the Council the proposed location is not where the Council had originally requested a crossing but understands the need for a safety measure at this location.

Councillor. B. T. Doleman agreed this particular location does need a crossing due to the number of accidents but it should not take away our request for a 'centrally located' crossing

to allow residents and school children access to the Costal Path and the Community Garden,  
the village needs a safe crossing point.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will respond to Mr. R. Nursaw, Flintshire Principle Engineer to express the Council's support however we believe the grant bid has been submitted prior to the Community Council's consultation and also state the Council's preferred site for a crossing still remains in the centre of the village.

### **119. PLAY AREA GRANT SCHEME 2016/2017**

The Chairman read the letter from Mr. I. Bancroft, Chief Officer for Organisational Change regarding Flintshire County Council match funding contribution and advised the meeting that  
Flintshire County Council's recommendation for the grant was 'Bron y Wern' play area.

Councillor. M. A. opposed this suggestion as 'Bron y Wern' is in the East of the village and the last Play Area upgrade was in the East therefore the upgrade is due in the West of the village and he suggested 'Pen Lon'. Councillor M. A. Reece also said the Housing Association should contribute to the costs.

The Clerk advised the Council that should match funding become available again, we can re-apply within the financial year 2017/18.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will write to Flintshire Head of the Play Unit and request that the Play Area Upgrade and Match Funding Grant is given to 'Pen Lon' Play Area in the West of the village.

### **120. SUMMER PLAYScheme PROGRAMME 2017**

The Chairman read the letter from Mr. I. Bancroft, Chief Officer for Organisational Change regarding Partnership funding, which gave costs for both four and five weeks play schemes at two sites in Bagillt.

The Clerk advised the Council that at the January Meeting, the Council agreed a Play scheme programme budget of £4531.00 and explained that as Flintshire County Council are now contributing 31% of the costs, five weeks would cost the Community Council £4038.00.

The Chairman proposed the Council opt to have five weeks at both sites.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will write to Flintshire Play Development Officer and advise the Council agrees to the costs for five weeks at the two sites.

### **121. BAGILLT POLLING STATION**

The Council considered the option of moving the location of the Polling Station to the Community Library as it would be a central location for the village. The Polling station is currently in Beechcroft House, Highfield Road.

The Clerk advised the move was subject to a site visit by the Flintshire Elections Manager to confirm its suitability.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will write to the Flintshire Elections Manager to advise the Council is in agreement to move the location of the Polling Station to the Community Library.

### **122. HOLYWELL LESIURE CENTRE**

It was agreed to defer this matter until the next meeting due to a number of Councillors not in attendance.

### **123. DEE ESTUARY LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME**

The Council considered an email from Mr. M. Varley regarding groups who have an interest in the history and cultural heritage of the Dee Estuary and who would like to be involved in the project.

Councillor. B. T. Doleman said as heritage is in the Council's remit and have a site on the Foreshore, the Council could express an interest and ask for more information.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will write to Mr. Varley showing an expression of interest and ask for updates as and when available.

### **124. JDH BUSINESS SERVICES LTD**

The Clerk requested the Council agree to continuing to use JDH Business Services Ltd for Internal Audit Services.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will write to JDH Business Services Ltd advising them of the Council's decision to continue to use their services.

## **125. CORRESPONDENCE & CLERKS REPORT**

The following correspondence were received and circulated at the Meeting.

- Flintshire County Council Town & Community Council Election Packs
- National Kidney Walk Information

### **a. Bagillt Youth Centre**

The clerk circulated a response from Mr. I. Budd, Flintshire Chief Officer, Education & Youth re: the closure of Bagillt Youth Club.

The Chairman shared his disappointment with the response and was particularly concerned about the statement 'being unable to find local Youth Workers', the previous Youth Workers were local and have now been sent to another Youth Centre outside the village. The Centre was used and by some very vulnerable children, many confided in the Youth Leaders, children now have nowhere to go and will be on the streets.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will respond to Mr. I. Budd, Flintshire Chief Officer, Education & Youth to share the Council's disappointment in the response and again request the Youth Club is re-opened.

## **126. MEMBERS ITEMS**

### **a. Women's Institute Keep Wales Tidy Campaign**

The Chairman informed Members of information that has been sent to the Council from the Women's Institute Keep Wales Tidy Campaign regarding organising a local litter pick. The Chairman asked Members to consider which areas within the village would be best to organise this in and let the Chairman know.

### **b. Cycle Hoops on the Coast Road**

Councillor. A. Griffiths queried the new installed cycle hoops on the Coast Road. The Chairman reminded Councillor A. Griffiths that at the January meeting, Mr. Hickie reported they will also be installing cycle hoops which will slow cyclists down as there has been a number of issues with cyclists coming from Bagillt along the path at a speed.

Councillor. A. Griffiths feels they are too close together and cyclists including children will go around them to avoid the hoops and this could be fatal. Councillors agreed very dangerous.



**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will write to Mr. N. Hickie, Streetscene Supervisor.

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

<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017</b>
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<b>Member</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Minute No. Refers</b>
B. T. Doleman	Community Library	110
C. P. Owens	Community Library	110

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**Chairman**