

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of Extraordinary meeting of BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 22nd February 2024.

PRESENT: Councillor A. Locker (Chairwoman)

COUNCILLORS: R. Davies, B. T. Doleman, A. Griffiths, J. Humphreys, S. L. Jones, C. P. Owens, W. Owens, K. Rush, Y. Rush, T. Strong, D. J. Williams and C. Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk.

131. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM

There were no Members of the Public present.

132. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor C. P. Owens declared an interest on Minute Number 133 (Community Library).

Councillor B. T. Doleman declared an interest on Minute Number 133 (Community Library).

Councillor C. Williams declared an interest on Minute Number 133 (Community Library).

RESOLVED: That the declaration of interests are noted and the register is updated.

133. COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Councillor C. P. Owens proposed that the Council agrees to continue to pay the Community Library Insurance for which a better policy has been sourced which offers more cover; that the Council agrees to continue to pay the Community Library Electricity bills as agreed in November 2016 and that the bills are paid directly by the Community Council as agreed in October 2016; that the Community Library moves to another Electricity Supplier to achieve better value; that the Council will review the Electricity contract annually, however, currently it appears the minimum contract period with any commercial provider are for three years but we can be informed and prepared when contract expires.

Councillor R. Davies referenced the Policy agreement that had been referred to at the previous Council meeting. Councillor C. P. Owens said there is no policy but we have resolutions in the minutes.

Councillor T. Strong asked for a recorded vote.

A recorded vote took place.

Councillor R. Davies	Against
Councillor B.T. Doleman	For
Councillor A. Griffiths	For
Councillor J. Humphreys	Against
Councillor Mrs S. L. Jones	For

Councillor Ms. A. Locker	For
Councillor C.P. Owens	For
Councillor Mrs. W. Owens	For
Councillor K. Rush	For
Councillor Mrs. Y. Rush	For
Councillor Miss. T. Strong	Against
Councillor C. Williams	For
Councillor Mrs. D.J. Williams	For

RESOLVED: That the Council will continue to pay the Community Library Insurance and Electricity bills; that the bills will continue to be paid directly by the Community Council; that the Community Library will move to another Electricity Supplier to achieve better value; that the Council will review the Electricity contract annually.

Councillor K. Rush proposed that at the Annual Meeting in May, we select two members of our Council to become representatives on the Bagillt Library Committee and they can attend all future meetings and also proposed that Council re affirms that all future Council meetings remain in the Community Library as this occurs no cost to the Council, whereas, other establishments within the village would charge.

At this point, Councillors B. T. Doleman, C. P. Owens and C. Williams declared an interest.

Councillor T. Strong asked for a recorded vote.

A recorded vote took place.

Councillor R. Davies	For
Councillor B.T. Doleman	Abstain
Councillor A. Griffiths	For
Councillor J. Humphreys	For
Councillor Mrs S. L. Jones	For
Councillor Ms. A. Locker	For
Councillor C.P. Owens	Abstain
Councillor Mrs. W. Owens	For
Councillor K. Rush	For
Councillor Mrs. Y. Rush	For
Councillor Miss. T. Strong	For
Councillor C. Williams	Abstain
Councillor Mrs. D.J. Williams	For

Note: Councillor B. Gittins joined the meeting

Councillor S. Jones asked Council to confirm when the electricity supplier will be changed in order to achieve better values for money and will the name of the account remain as Bagillt Community Council.

Councillor C. P. Owens said this needs to be done as soon as possible and said as per a Council resolution in

November 2016 and this evening, the name will on the account will remain as Bagillt Community Council, however, he said he has noted his name is currently included on the bills and is not sure why.

The Clerk reminded Councillor C. P. Owens this was because some months ago the current supplier wanted to discuss tariffs, smart meters etc and as the Council do not own the building, it was mutually agreed, Councillor C. P. Owens would speak to the supplier as a trustee of the Community Library and also, more recently, full access to the account was given to Councillor C. P Owens in order for him to submit metre readings and view bills.

Councillor B. T. Doleman reminded Council that the building still belongs to Flintshire County Council as the Community Asset Transfer is still ongoing and has been for the past 8 years.

Councillor K. Rush proposed that a group of Councillors could meet as soon as possible to look at the current Electricity contract and consider other suppliers and options and for Council to give authority to ask the Clerk to sign the necessary paperwork to move supplier. Councillor K. Rush offered that he would be willing to attend this meeting and also suggested Councillor C. P. Owens and the Chairwoman, Councillor A. Locker along with another Councillors who wish to attend. All information will then be reported back to the next meeting.

Councillor W. Owens added as the Library now has a charitable status, they may have better deals available to them and also asked that if Councillor K. Rush’s proposal is agreed, that there are no personal come backs on any Councillors.

Councillor T. Strong asked for a recorded vote.

Note: Councillors B. T. Doleman, C. P. Owens and C. Williams did not vote

A recorded vote took place.

Councillor R. Davies	Abstain
Councillor B. Gittins	Abstain
Councillor A. Griffiths	For
Councillor J. Humphreys	Abstain
Councillor Mrs S. L. Jones	For
Councillor Ms. A. Locker	For
Councillor Mrs. W. Owens	For
Councillor K. Rush	For
Councillor Mrs. Y. Rush	For
Councillor Miss. T. Strong	Abstain
Councillor Mrs. D.J. Williams	For

RESOLVED: That Councillors C. P. Owens, A. Locker (Chairwomen) and K. Rush will meet on Monday 26th February to review the current Electricity contract and look to move supplier in order to achieve better value and that the Clerk has been given authority to sign any necessary paperwork.

Date of Council Meeting	Wednesday 22nd February, 2024
..... Chairwoman	