

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 14th February 2018.

PRESENT: Councillor A. Griffiths (Chairman)

COUNCILLORS: R. Davies, B. T. Doleman Mrs. S.L. Jones, Mrs. J. Nicholas, M.A. Reece, C. Renshaw, Mrs. C. Shorten, T. Shorten, C.R. Williams and Mrs. D. J. Williams.

APOLOGIES: Councillor C.P. Owens, K. Rush and C. Williams.

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

116. CHAIRMANS ACCOUNMENT

The Chairman Informed Members of the sad death of former Community Councillor J. Williams and asked all to stand for a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

117. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor B. T. Doleman declared a personal interest in the application from Bagillt Heritage Society for a financial donation.

118. FOOTPATH NUMBER 10

This item was brought forward by the Chairman as a Member of the Public was in attendance and wished to speak on this matter.

The Member of the Public said this issue has been going on for over 25 years and reported that she had written to the Chief Executive of Flintshire County Council back in October and spoke to Mr. N. Cockerton, Chief Officer but to date, no response had been received.

It was reported that the wall which is the boundary line was already built when the property was purchased and it has now been mentioned that the wall maybe knocked down which will narrow the driveway. The definite map defines where public footpaths are, this is the law and nothing is being done about the obstruction.

Councillor M. A. Reece said Mrs. C. Higgins, Flintshire Legal Officer said there are two issues relating to this footpath and they will deal with one at a time. The Clerk added, Ms. B. Jones, Flintshire Legal Officer has said the matter is in hand and information will be passed to the Council as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: The Chairman said we will await further information from Flintshire County Council.

119. POLICING MATTERS

The Clerk informed the meeting that PCSO Darren Chatham was unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said only last month, Inspector Griffiths attended to discuss all the on-going issues in the village and said they would be addressed. This evening, again no Police Officer in attendance. Councillor B. T. Doleman proposed the Council write to Police Commissioner regarding the issues and non-attendance.

Councillor M. A. Reece reported that following incident at the local takeaway, the Police were informed that CCTV footage showing a clear image of the offenders was available and to date, two weeks after the incident, no Police Officers have been to view the footage.

Councillor T. Shorten said nothing has been done regarding the speeding on the dual carriageway which had been reported to the Inspector.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Police Commissioner to report all the on-going issues in the village and the non-attendance of Police Officers at the Council Meetings.

120. MINUTES

The following comments were made on the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 10th January 2018.

a. Minute No. 104 – Planning

Councillor C. Renshaw referred to Planning Application 057793, use of land as hardstanding to provide additional staff car parking at P&O Lloyd Coaches. The land is being used for coaches and all the cars are still being parked on the roadside.

Councillor M. A. Reece said a new application has been submitted for another car park.

b. Minute No. 104 – Planning

Councillor M. A. Reece referred to Planning Application 057027, Amendments to submitted application, Royal British Legion site. Builders are digging drains and not just working on Number 20 as they should be. Planning Enforcement have been contacted.

Councillor T. Shorten said the builders have spoken to him as a local resident and informed him that they have been given permission to continue with the works.

c. Minute No. 112 – War Memorial

Councillor C. Renshaw said this year is the 100th year of the signing of the Armistice. It had been previously suggested that local members of the Army Cadets and Air Cadets could be involved in the Remembrance Sunday, a Guard of Honour. It has become apparent no locals from the village are members of Army or Air Cadets but contact has been made with the Territorial Army and they will look into the possibility of a Guard of Honour and will report back.

d. Minute No. 114 – Christmas Lights

Councillor M. A. Reece reported he has been in contact with the local Rotary Club to ask for a donation towards lights and also asked for amendment to the minutes in relation to he had only spoken to the Headmaster at Ysgol Glan Aber and not the Headmaster from Ysgol Merllyn.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council, held on 10th January 2018 be confirmed as a correct record subject to the amendment from Councillor M. A. Reece and signed by the Chairman.

121. 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 20th January in Colwyn Bay.

Reference was made to the proposed changes in the remuneration of Members of Town and Community Councils that stated councils must make a payment to each of their members of £150 per year for costs incurred in respect of telephone usage, information technology, consumables etc. The secretary is to meet with the Independent Review Panel for Wales to pass on the concerns of the Association.

Councillor C. R. Williams said he was given information on Welsh councils which are likely to be cut from 22 to 11 Councils, if any members wish to see it.

In relation to CCTV, in a conversation held after the meeting, it was suggested we write to Colwyn Bay Town Council for information/advise as they have recently had CCTV installed.

The meeting also discussed train stations put forward for opening or re-opening: Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, Deeside Industrial Park, Wrexham North and South, Llangefni. Holywell and Greenfield were also referred to.

The Chairman said that he along with the Clerk are due to attend the West Flintshire Town & Community Councils working group and train stations are on the agenda therefore will report any information back to the next meeting.

Councillor C. Renshaw asked can we put our train station forward for consideration.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said the Greenfield station suggestion is favourably as they already have lines in place.

122. PLANNING

a. Applications for Consideration

App No	Location	Detail
057914	Land side of Dee Bank Caravan Park, High Street, Bagillt, CH6 6HE	Change of use to a residential site for 6 gypsy pitches and a transit site for 4 gypsy pitches

The Chairman circulated the plans to the meeting.

Councillor C. R. Williams shared concerns relating to the access to the site, this will create more traffic in and out and the access will become more of a hazard. Councillor C. R. Williams proposed the Council objects to this planning application.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said previously other planning applications have been rejected due to this access. This is a Flintshire County Council issue.

Councillor M. A. Reece has requested the Flintshire Planning Committee have a site visit.

Councillor C. Renshaw reported after reading the survey that was attached to the planning application, the survey omits to detail two shafts, a main shaft and an emergency shaft, which belong to Dee Bank Colliery which closed just before Bettisfield started in operation. This is a concern.

The applicant who was in attendance said he is not aware of any shafts so will enquire about this but does not understand the concerns with access. The planning application has two entrances and exits.

Councillor C. R. Williams raised the issue with a static caravan and a small caravan which is occupied that has no planning permission. Also, a parked van for sale which is near the entrance, the member of the public will speak to neighbours to enquire who owns the van.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Flintshire Planning department and unanimously object to the planning application due to issues with the access.

App No	Location	Detail
057968	Sunnyside, Fron Deg, Bagillt, CH6 6HU	Proposed detached property on land associated with Sunnyside

The Chairman circulated the plans to the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Flintshire Planning department and support the planning application.

c. Application Decisions.

App No	Location	Detail	Decision
057873	6 Whitefield Paddock, Bagillt	Fell 1 no. Sycamore	Approved

The Clerk informed the Council of the above planning applications decisions that were received from Flintshire County Council.

RESOLVED: That the Application decisions were noted.

123. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Voucher No	Name	Expenditure Powers	£
79	Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	690.74
80	HM Revenues & Customs	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	133.90
81	Clwyd Pension Fund	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	130.18

RESOLVED: That the above mentioned accounts be paid.

124. 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 2017 meeting, there was a sum of £1,200 remaining in the budget for this financial year. In addition to the information contained in the report, the Chairman informed Members that an additional application had been received from Cruse Bereavement Service.

NOTE: Councillor B. T. Doleman declared a personal interest in the application from Bagillt Heritage Society and whilst staying in the meeting, Councillor. B. T. Doleman did not vote thereon.

RESOLVED:

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

Voucher No	Name	£
82	Bagillt Heritage Society	500.00

2. That in relation to the application from Bagillt Community Library, this is deferred until the next meeting in order for a detailed quotation for the painting of the exterior is provided.

3. That in relation to the applications from Cruse Bereavement Service, no donations be made.

125. BAGILLT FORESHORE

Councillor B. T. Doleman reported that the friends of Bagillt Foreshore were working with a local fabricator to construct a monument to remember the Colliers who worked at the Bettisfield Colliery, which will hopefully be erected adjacent to the scrapyards in the near future.

Councillor C. Renshaw reported at the Bettisfield Colliery site, both a scaffolding and fabricator Contractor visited the site, but they could not access the building. A major assessment needs to be carried out. Scaffolding will be erected, roof works carried out, reinstatement of window and weather

proofing of the building.

126. CCTV CAMERA'S

The Clerk reported that unfortunately the information from Inspector A. Griffiths had not been received. However, PCSO Chatham had said that he will be speaking to local businesses to see if they would be able to contribute to the costs of CCTV and he will also look at Community Chest Grants.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said this should be included in the letter we write to Police Commissioner and asking if they are aware of grants that may be available to our village.

The Chairman asked if Councillor agree the village needs CCTV due the increased crime within the village. All were in agreement.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will again write to Inspector A. Griffiths and PCSO Chatham to request information so we can move forward and install CCTV cameras within the village and write to the Police Commissioner.

127. HIGH STREET - TRAFFIC CALMING

Councillor M. A. Reece reported that he attended a meeting with the Emergency Services to discuss the proposed changes to the traffic calming scheme. The Ambulance Service were unable to attend. The Fire Service and Police have no concerns with the proposed changes.

The Chairman reported that an email had been received from Mr. A. Stanford, Flintshire Highway Strategy Manager advising that the next stage of the process would be the formal advertisement which would incur costs of approximately of £1,000, which the Community Council would be liable to pay. As the Council had not previously been informed of this amount, a meeting has been convened with Mr. Stanford and Mr. D. Charlton, Operational Manager, Streetscene where Council representative can attend to discuss the next stage and the costings.

Councillor B. T. Doleman proposed a letter is sent to Ms. J, Stevens, Road Safety Senior Policy Advisor and Ms. H. Blythyn, AM to seek advice and share concerns that we may not be in a position to apply for the Welsh Government 'Slippage Fund' Grant before the year end due to further processes we have to complete.

RESOLVED: The Council agreed Councillor T. Shorten and Councillor C. R. Williams will attend the meeting at Flintshire County Council and that the Clerk will write to Ms. J, Stevens, Road Safety Senior Policy Advisor and Ms. H. Blythyn, AM to seek advice regarding the grant application.

128. VILLAGE ROAD SIGNS

The Clerk shared the revised design of the proposed 'Birth Place of a Prince' and 'Twinned with Laxey' village road sign received from Flintshire County Council for the Council to consider.

RESOLVED: That the Council agree and authorise the design and quotation from Flintshire County Council and request works commence and 3 signs to be erected within the village.

129. WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk reported information received from Mr. S. Blackwell, Blackwell Stone Mason regarding the cleaning of the War Memorial, it can be professionally cleaned and this will not affect any previous works/coatings that have been applied.

Councillor M. A. Reece said the Council need to request a quotation from Blackwell Stone Mason's for the cleaning of the War Memorial and then local groups could look into possible grants. Councillor M. A. Reece has been in contact with the local Women's Institute to ask if they could apply for a grant for the cleaning.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Blackwell Stone Mason to ask for a quotation.

130. SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

It was agreed at the January Meeting that the Council would write to Holywell Town Council to ask what measures they were putting in place and that our village should consider the same.

Councillor M. A. Reece said our Council should enquire as to who the Council needs to make the request to in order to be considered for Speed Reduction measures in the village and suggested the following: Average speed cameras/signs, Fixed speed cameras, Footpath provision, Traffic lights.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will contact Holywell Town Council to ask for the name contact person/organisation, we should make our request too.

131. SUMMER PLAYScheme PROGRAMME 2018

The Council considered a letter from Mrs. C. Homard, Flintshire Interim Chief Officer, Education & Youth which advised that there will be no element of matched funding for summer play schemes across the County in the summer of 2018. This means that the County would be reliant on local Town and Community councils to fund the schemes and are looking for ways in which to work with you to achieve some continuity of this much valued provision.

Estimated costs for next year's scheme would be in the region of £1,309, this is the basic costs for a standard 3 week scheme (5 x 2 hours AM or PM) per setting. There is also the potential to extend the scheme for a fourth and fifth week for an additional £355 per week.

However, Flintshire County Council has just received notification of a small amount of funding through the Welsh Government's Play Opportunities Grant (£31k) which we are proposing to pass onto Town and Community Councils for the sole purpose of making a contribution to the provision of the play schemes, either through the commissioned arrangement with the LA or to contribute to the costs of running their own play scheme. The amount per council would be £911 for those councils who make a commitment to provide a play scheme in the summer. This money would then be transferred to councils in February.

The Clerk advised in order for the Council to provide the usual 4 weeks at 2 sites within the village, it would cost £3328.00 less the £911 grant, therefore cost to the Council would be £2417.00 and reminder Councillors at the January meeting, the Council agreed a budget of £3238 for the

play scheme provision.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will write Mrs. C. Homard, Flintshire Interim Chief Officer, Education & Youth to advise the Council will opt for the Local Authority to organise the play scheme on the Community Council's behalf and request 4 weeks at 2 sites within the village.

132. 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.

133. CORRESPONDENCE & CLERKS REPORT

a. The following correspondence were received and circulated at the Meeting.

- Letter from Flintshire Tourism Manager Mr Richard Jones.

b. Community Gardening Project

The Clerk circulated a letter received from Care & Repair North East Wales regarding a local resident who was seeking support for his community gardening project.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said the gentleman would be more than welcome to visit and volunteer at the village's community garden.

c. Notice Board, Stag Car Park

The Clerk reported that following the Community Council notice board being vandalised the previous weekend, quotes had been obtained from 3 suppliers to replace the glass. These quotes were shared with the meeting.

The Clerk also advised that the Council's insurers were informed and the excess for a claim would be £100.

It was agreed to proceed with the quote from Flintshire Glass Company at the cost of £18.00 inclusive of VAT to supply and fit the glass and it was also agreed not to proceed via the Council's insurers due to the excess costs.

d. Review of Community and Town Council Sector in Wales

The Clerk reminded Councillors that in November, the Council discussed their responses to an Independent Review Panel which had been set up to consider the future role of Community and Town Councils.

It was agreed, that the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and also after seeking advice from fellow Clerks, would prepare a response on behalf of the Council.

Before submitting the response to the Independent Review Panel, the Clerk circulated the response to all Councillors. The Councillors were in agreement.

RESOLVED:

- a. That the letter is noted and received.
- b. The Clerk will respond to Care & Repair North East Wales advising them should the local resident require information about the community garden, he can contact the Community Council.
- c. That the Clerk will contact Flintshire Glass Company to accept the quotation.
- d. That the Clerk will email the Council's response regarding the Review of Community and Town Council Sector in Wales to the Independent Review Panel.

134. MEMBERS ITEMS

a. Double Yellow Lines

Councillor M. A. Reece reported he has asked Flintshire County Council several times for double yellow lines outside Ysgol Glan Aber. Flintshire County Council said the request has go via Matirx. Other Town and Community Councils have had to pay for the yellow road signs themselves so this may have to be considered. Councillor M. A. Reece asked for this to be on next months agenda for further discussion.

b. Sewerage Issues

Councillor M. A. Reece shared concerns regarding sewerage coming out of the wall on Gadlys Lane. Environmental Health are stating it is fresh water. The water is grey/black in colour. If the Community Council request the water is tested, it could cost £75. The matter has been referred to Mr. A. Farrow Flintshire Chief Officer, Planning.

c. Community Work

Councillor C. Renshaw shared his disappointment at the response received from Flintshire County Council regarding the local children forming a group to work together to provide help in the village, this could be litter picking, land management etc.

Councillor J. Nicholas said she will make enquiries with Keep Wales tidy as they organise similar groups.

- d. Councillor C. Renshaw also shared disappointment that Wern Bus Service has ceased to operate due to Flintshire County Council withdrawing it's funding to P&O Lloyd Ltd.

RESOLVED: That the above is noted.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

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Member	Item	Minute No. Refers
B. T. Doleman	Financial Assistance - Bagillt Heritage Society	124

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Chairman