

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 13th February 2019.

PRESENT: Councillor B. T. Doleman (Vice - Chairman)

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

* Councillor C. P. Owens (attended after the start of the meeting and agreed to the Vice remaining in the Chair)

APOLOGIES: Councillors M.A. Reece, K. Rush and C. Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE: IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood (Clerk), Mr. G. Roberts (Flintshire Streetscene Officer), Mr. M. Holt (Flintshire Senior Youth Worker) and Members of the Public.

130. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There was no declaration of interests recorded.

131. PUBLIC INQUIRY ITEM

A member of the Bagillt WI was in attendance and handed each Councillor a letter from the WI asking if the Council could write to the WI confirming the Council's role in maintaining and managing trees within the community.

The Vice Chairman said that as Flintshire County Council are currently working with the Council on tree and wild flower planting in the village, we will respond once we have further details.

Councillor C. Renshaw suggested once we have the suggested plans back from Flintshire County Council, the Council should invite a WI representative to attend the meeting.

A member of the public reported a work sign outside her property on the High Street is positioned dangerously and also the children are playing with it and have broken it. Mr. G. Roberts, Flintshire Streetscene Officer who was in attendance responded and said it is there due to leaking gas pipe works and the sign belongs to the contractors not Flintshire but he would investigate this.

A member of the public asked the Council why the village has no Christmas lights and said many residents are criticising the Council for this. Comments have been made why neighbouring communities have lights but Bagillt doesn't.

The Vice Chairman said the village did have lights approximately 6 years ago and these were vandalised and were also very costly to put up, taken down which has to be carried out by professionals and then stored. The Council agreed in order to maintain the lights, the council precept would need to increase, which would increase the rates therefore the Council reluctantly agreed not to replace the lights. However, the Council are now committed to reviewing the situation again and will be discussing options and we hope to have lights this Christmas.

Councillor C. R. Williams said the larger towns that have lights receive funding from local businesses as they cost thousands. Also as Bagillt is split into two wards, we would need to have lights in both, which is only fair and correct.

132. POLICING MATTERS

The Vice Chairman informed the meeting that PCSO D. Chatham was unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments.

Councillor A. Griffiths said it is a disgrace that no Officer is in attendance again.

The Vice Chairman read the response from Inspector G. Cust following a letter that the Council had sent in January sharing concerns over Policing in the village.

Inspector G. Cust explained due to shift patterns it is not always possible for PCSO D. Chatham to attend the meetings but is contactable via email or the post box in the library. Failing that messages can be passed via 101. The village surgeries have stopped due to low attendance.

Inspector G. Cust believed the comments relating to the increase of anti-social behaviour may be perception based as Patrols have not decreased and the Patrol Officers are encouraged to Patrol the village. I have last week sent out a further communication to Officers. We are introducing an Anti-social behaviour car in the District this spring which will include Bagillt being placed on a more structured programme for patrols.

Regarding the CCTV cameras, Inspector G. Cust said he had recommended and offered to assist the Council with developing a subcommittee to look at CCTV usage by the Council.

Councillor C. R. Williams commented that trying to contact the PCSO is very difficult.

Councillors agreed Inspector G. Cust should be invited to the meeting to discuss these issues further.

The Clerk shared that PCSO C. Chatham was looking for volunteers to assist with the Community Speed Gun.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will invite Inspector G. Cust to the next Council meeting to address the issues.

133. STREETSCENE BAGILLT

The Vice Chairman welcomed Mr. G. Roberts, Streetscene Supervisor to the meeting.

Mr. Roberts updated the council on issues reported from the last meeting, all have been resolved, with exception of the re-surfacing on the High Street, this is on-going and the works on the by-pass, signage and the grass cutting were delayed due to the snow.

Councillor A. Griffiths asked why the directional road sign in the middle reservation of the by-pass which had been knocked over and could be very dangerous, is still not repaired. Mr. G. Roberts said the works were delayed due the snow. In order to carry out the repair, it is

necessary for safety reasons to close a lane. A meeting is being held next week to re-schedule the works.

Councillor Mrs. J. Nicholas asked as they will be replacing the sign, could the sign be positioned so that when you cross the by-pass from the Industrial Estate side, the sign is visible. Mr. G. Roberts said he will look into the sign being moved.

Councillor C. Renshaw reported the road from Merllyn Lane to Gadlys Lane needs clearing as soil and clay from the Old British Legion site is building up. Mr. G. Roberts will contact the builders.

Councillor T. Shorten reported a pot hole near Station Road onto the by-pass. Mr. G. Roberts said it has been temporarily repaired but once he can arrange lane closures all patching work will be carried out. Also, Councillor. T. Shorten reported the light over the road sign for London Road as you go up Merllyn Lane is not working nor is the street light on Highfield Road.

Councillor C. Shorten also reported a pot hole in Merllyn Lane which needs attention.

Mr. G. Roberts asked the Council where they would like the village road sign, currently by the Manor Estate moved to. The Council agreed to re-locate the sign on the slip road opposite Reynolds Road.

Mr. G. Roberts will investigate all issues and report back to the Council.

The Vice Chairman thanked Mr. G. Roberts for attending the meeting.

134. BAGILLT YOUTH PROVISION

The Vice Chairman welcomed Mr. M. Holt, Senior Area Youth Worker to the meeting.

Mr. M. Holt explained he had visited the hut on Riverbank to inspect on 11th December, 2018 as this was suggested by the Council as a base for a youth provision in the village. However, although the building was structurally sound, the building is not suitable due to the size, the useable space is very small. The main room has large hot water tanks which would need removing, as this was a changing room with showers.

Mr. M. Holt said it had since been suggested the bowling green may be a suitable venue and asked the Council for comments.

The Vice Chairman said he had no objections for this being a venue as the club is closed. Some months ago an application was made to re-open the club but this has not been pursued.

Councillor Mrs. J. Nicholas said as the bowling green is very close to Older Peoples bungalows, she would be concerned that the pensioners may object and may not like groups of youths congregating in the area. Mr. M. Holt the Youth Service cannot provide policing of the outside area. It is your area, your decision.

Mr. M. Holt said the Council could take over the building under community asset transfer, but the Council would have to maintain and insure the building. The Youth Service no longer has the funds

to provide a building and will not provide building management services but will provide a youth service. The Vice-Chairman said as a Council we have an obligation to provide a youth service and enhance the community.

Councillor C. Renshaw asked what size of building is required and suggested the Community Library as a venue. Mr. M. Holt said it's not ideal but it is a possibility.

Councillor C. P. Owens said he would like to see the Community Library used more but has concerns over supervision of children in the building should it be used for a youth club. The Library has internet provision, however it does not have kitchen facilities.

Councillor Mrs. S. L. Jones said when the club was open in riverbank between 2014 and 2012, they had approximately 54 young people aged 8-25 years old attending.

Mr. M. Holt said the youth service are only insured to run a club for young people aged 11 – 25 years and confirmed the numbers attending the youth club when it was at the school were considerable low.

Mr. M. Holt suggested a member of the Council and himself could visit the bowling club for a site inspection. The Vice Chairman said he would attend and would confirm a date with Mr. M. Holt once he had the keys to the bowling club. The Vice Chairman asked the Council for another Councillor to attend, Councillor A. Griffiths said he would also attend.

The Vice Chairman thanked Mr. M. Holt for attending the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Vice Chairman and Councillor A. Griffiths will attend a site inspection of Bagillt Bowling Green as a possible location for a youth club and will report back to Council.

135. MINUTES

The following comments were made on the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 9th January 2019.

a. Minute No. 111 – Defibrillator

Councillor C. P. Owens reported that the defibrillator training will take place on Tuesday 26th February at 7pm in the Community Library.

b. Minute No. 126 – Community Broadband

Councillor C. P. Owens reported that he had some responses from residents and businesses and had communication from BT Openreach. Residents who are interested need to make contact and a leaflet drop has been done with information about this scheme.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council, held on 9th January 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

136. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Vice Chairman read out a letter from the Bagillt Road residents, which offered thanks to the Council for their support, approach and advice given regarding their concerns and complaints to the P&O Lloyd Planning Application.

137. 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 Friday 18th January 2019, Rhos on Sea.

The newly refurbished trains should be in service by 2021 and will reduce the travel time from Chester to Bangor by six minutes. Wrexham platform is having a refurbishment.

Councillor T. Shorten added that all refurbishment and alteration plans are displayed in Flint train station.

138. PLANNING

Applications for Consideration

App No	Location	Detail
059346	Dee View, Coleshill Fechan, Bagillt, CH6 6DH	Construction of 18m x 36m ménage for private use only.

The Chairman circulated the plans to the meeting. Councillors agreed to neither support nor object to this application, but leave the decision to the Flintshire Planning Department.

RESOLVED: That the decision was noted.

139. HIGH STREET - TRAFFIC CALMING

The Vice Chairman brought this item forward as a discussion was required prior to authorising the accounts for payments.

Councillor R. Davies reported that himself and Councillor M. A. Reece attended a meeting with the Mr. A. Stanford, Flintshire Highway Strategy Manager to discuss the funding submission to Welsh Government which was not successful.

Mr. A. Stanford suggested that the Council may want to invite Ms. N. Cummings, Welsh Government to a meeting in order to provide feedback on the application and likelihood of acquiring funding in the future.

The Councillors also spoke to Mr. A. Stanford regarding the invoice from Flintshire County Council for the formal advertisement. Mr. A. Stanford said the Council did approve to pay this and the formal advertisement had to be done prior to any funding applications being sent to Welsh Government.

Although the funding application was unsuccessful, the Council can apply again and will not need to carry out another formal advertisement, this is a one off payment. Councillors agreed to pay this invoice.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Ms. N. Cummings, Welsh Government to arrange a meeting to discuss the application.

140. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Voucher No	Name	Expenditure Powers	£
73	Flintshire CC Chairman's Acc	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)	20.00
74	Zurich Insurance Plc	Loc.Govt.(MP)Act 1976(S.19)	383.45
75	Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	670.17
76	HM Revenues & Customs	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	210.72
77	Clwyd Pension Fund	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)	137.00
78	Opus Energy	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)	147.81
79	Flintshire County Council	Highways Act 1980, s.274A	607.50
80	Flintshire County Council	Road Traffic Reg Act 1984 s.72 Loc Govt Rating Act 1997 (S.31)	2160.00

The Council had previously agreed to hold the payment to Flintshire County Council for the Erection of Signs & CCTV Sockets as the works were incomplete, however these matters are in the process of being resolved and the Councillor agreed to pay.

RESOLVED: That the above-mentioned accounts be paid.

141. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Council considered an application for financial assistance, a copy of the letter was circulated to the Members. Following on from the decisions at the October 2017 meeting, there was a sum of £860.00 remaining in the budget for this financial year.

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

Voucher No	Name	£
81	50+ Action Group - Flintshire	50.00

142. BAGILLT FORESHORE

A member of the public informed the meeting, that that Dragon will be lit on Friday 1st March, 2019 between 6.30pm – 7.30pm, weather permitting.

143. WAR MEMORIAL

Councillor C. Renshaw informed the Clerk that he was still waiting for an address to which a letter should be sent to invite the Royal Welsh Regiment to attend the Remembrance Service 2019.

The Vice Chairman reported that he had sought legal advice relating to the lighting issue at the War Memorial. The advice is to wait, as the lights which Flintshire County Council did temporarily fix are still working and when they stop working, the Community Council can approach Flintshire Council again. If Flintshire refuse, the Council may need to take matters further.

The Clerk informed the Council of an on-going issue of a name on war memorial which has an incorrect middle initial. The local stone masons have been unable to rectify this issue to date and a family member has contacted Mr. D. Hanson's office for assistance. The Clerk asked the meeting for advice of an alternative stone masons that may be able to help.

The Vice Chairman said he will make contact with Blackwell's and report back to Mr. D. Hanson's office.

144. CCTV CAMERA'S

Councillor A. Griffiths requested this item as he would like an additional camera in the village. The Council supported this.

The Vice Chairman reported that himself, the Chairman, PCSO D. Chatham and a Flintshire Streetscene Officer are meeting on Friday 15th February to view the live footage and re-position the CCTV Camera by the Library as well as viewing the footage of the CCTV Camera on the High Street therefore asked, we move this item to the March agenda for discussion.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will include this item on the next agenda.

145. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Vice Chairman said as this was discussed under the public enquiry item, he suggested that we arrange a sub meeting to discuss this and suggested the Council write to all local businesses in the village to ask if they would contribute towards the purchasing of Christmas lights for the village.

Councillor Mrs. J. Nicholas will provide the Clerk with a list of the local businesses.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to all local businesses to request financial assistance.

146. STREET FURNITURE INSPECTION

The Clerk reported that in previous years Councillor M. A. Reece and Councillor R. Davies have completed the Street Furniture Inspection on behalf of the Council. However, it has been suggested for future years, the inspection is carried out on a rota basis. Councillors agreed.

Councillor M. A. Reece and Councillor R. Davies will carry out the annual inspection this year.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will add an item to the January agenda to agree which Councillors will carry about the inspection.

147. FLINTSHIRE PLAY SUFFICIENCY 2019

The Councillors considered the document, which had been previously circulated but Councillors felt the document was too complicated and request a simplified version in order for comments to be provided.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Mrs. J. Roberts, Play Development Manager with the Council's comments.

148. SUMMER PLAYScheme PROGRAMME 2019

The Council considered a letter from Mrs. C. Homard, Flintshire Interim Chief Officer, Education & Youth. See Appendix A.

The Clerk reminded Councillors at the January meeting, the Council agreed a budget of £6,412.00 for the play scheme provision, which is sufficient to cover the maximum number of weeks at both sites.

Councillors agreed to provide a play scheme for 6 weeks at both sites in the village.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will write Mrs. J. Roberts, Flintshire Play Development Officer to advise the Council will opt for the Local Authority to organise the play scheme on the Community Council's behalf and request 6 weeks at 2 sites within the village.

149. 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.

150. CORRESPONDENCE & CLERKS REPORT

a. The following correspondence were received and circulated.

- Bagillt Playscheme’s 2018 Report from Flintshire County Council.
- Engagement Invitation for Local Toilets Strategy from Mr. B. Wilkinson, Flintshire Highway Network Manager.
- Financial Management and Governance – Town and Community Councils 2017-18 and Internal Audit arrangements at Town and Community Councils in Wales from the Auditor General
- Standards Committee visits to Town/Community Councils from Mr. G. Owens, Flintshire Chief Officer Governance.
- Police And Crime Plan 2017-21 - An email was sent from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner with a copy of the plan.
- Chwarae Teg – Leader Ship programme from Ms. H, Blythyn, AM
- County Forum Meeting 14th February 2019 Agenda

RESOLVED: That the Correspondence and Clerk’s Report were noted.

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