

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Special meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 21st February 2018.

PRESENT: Councillor A. Griffiths (Chairman)

COUNCILLORS: B. T. Doleman, R. Davies, Mrs. J. Nicholas, C.P. Owens, M.A. Reece, C. Renshaw, K. Rush, T. Shorten, C. Williams and Mrs. D. J. Williams.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs. S.L. Jones, Mrs. C. Shorten and C.R. Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood (Clerk) Sgt. A. Sharp, PCSO D. Chatham, North Wales Police and Member of the Public.

135. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

136. POLICING MATTERS

The Chairman welcomed both Sgt. A. Sharp and PCSO D. Chatham, North Wales Police to the meeting and asked for an update on the recent issues within the village.

Sgt. Sharp reported that PCSO Chatham was now stationed at Flint Police Station in order to provide more support to the village. Sgt. Sharp also circulated a list of North Wales Police Officer contacts details.

It was reported that following the number of incident in Bagillt, patrol plans were put in place and dedicated Officers were doing regular foot patrols both day and night and there has been an improvement within the village.

Regarding the recent issue at the takeaway, the CCTV footage has now been viewed and the investigations are on-going. The Old British Legion development site has now been secured with fencing.

PCSO Chatman reported that images of youngster captured on CCTV have been investigated and after visiting local schools, these youngsters have been identified and home visits were carried out, this does appear to have improved the situation and the takeaway owners have also noted an improvement in behaviour.

Licensees have been reminded of their obligations to not serve alcohol to under age persons and to carry out the challenge 25.

Sgt. Sharp had number of the recent reports received and this has decreased considerable in the last 30 days. The Police ask that all incidents are reported, the Police and Community need work together in order to tackle crime.

Councillor M. A. Reece asked if the Community Surgeries could re-start in the village. Sgt. Sharp said yes, this is an option but they would be reviewed as to how successful the surgeries were proving.

PCSO Chatham is suggesting have a postal box within McColls Newsagents, where by, members of the public can post notes, signed or anonymously, for the Police. This will also assist those who do not use technology.

It was also suggested that the Police and Community Council work together to organise a Public Meeting in the village, the Community Centre would be ideal. It would require approximately two weeks' notice in order to publicise the meeting. PCSO will email suggested dates for a Public Meeting to the Clerk.

Councillor J. Nicholas asked if neighbour watch scheme still existed and if so, could they be invited to the Public Meeting. Sgt. Sharp said yes they do and yes an invite is an option.

Councillor C. Renshaw said the Police Officers on foot patrol within the village is a great benefit as residents can meet them on the street, talk to them. Sgt. Sharp said she was impressed when accompanied PCSO Chatham in Bagillt and residents did know his name, a good relationship with the community is essential to working together.

Councillor C. Williams asked if the anti-social behaviour in the village was caused by youths from Bagillt or outside the area and do the police visit schools regularly. PCSO Chatham said the youths were from Bagillt and Flint and the Police have very good links with the schools.

Sgt. Sharp said she is aware people may have problems contacting 101, this is due to decreasing numbers of Officer but wanted to highlight, you can use the website and complete a reporting form.

Councillor T. Shorten reported the on-going speeding issue on the dual carriageway. Sgt. Sharp said she will pass the information on to her Traffic colleagues and ask for a survey to be undertaken.

137. CCTV CAMERA'S

PCSO Chatham reported that he had not received a response from the company regarding purchasing CCTV Camera's, however was able to share costing from 2017, the cost was £3,000 for two camera's and a lap top. Also there would be additional costs from Flintshire County Council to adapt lamp posts in order for the camera to operate, this would be approximately £200 per lamp post.

The laptop would be kept at Flint Police Station and would be used only for the cameras within Bagillt. If and when the Police needed to investigate an incident, they would take the laptop to within 80 metres of the lamp post and could view the footage.

Councillor C. Williams asked if the footage would be clear in the dark, PCSO Chatham said consideration would need to given when locating the camera's, ensuring sufficient lighting is in the area.

The Chairman asked who would decide the location, PCSO Chatham said it would be the Community Council's decision. Camera's came be moved, as Flint Town Council have had several lamp post adapted but only have two camera's which they can move according to where the hop spots are. As previously stated, there is a cost of £200 per lamp post and an additional cost of £147, payable to Flintshire County Council to move the cameras from location to location.

PCSO Chatham said he will send quotations from two different companies to the Council for consideration but also suggested the Council do research as they may be able to source a CCTV camera at a better price but to ask for test images to view the quality.

Sgt. Sharp added on occasions, it has been possible to source match funding but cannot guarantee this.

The Chairman thanked both Sgt. A. Sharp and PSCO D. Chatham for attending.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will await information from PCSO Chatham and also make enquiries with other Town & Community Councils who have purchased their own CCTV Cameras.

138. HIGH STREET - TRAFFIC CALMING

The Chairman referred to the email from Mr. A. Stanford, 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. At the last Council Meeting it was agreed Councillors T. Shorten and C. R. Williams would attend a meeting with both Mr. A. Stanford and Mr. D. Charlton, Operational Manager, Streetscene to discuss the next stages of the process and the associated costs.

Councillor T. Shorten reported that Mr. Stanford and Mr. Charlton explained that the formal advertisement is a statutory requirement, in order to allow anyone in the Country to share objections if they wish. Flintshire County Council cannot pay the fee, therefore until the Council pays this amount, Flintshire County Council cannot proceed.

Councillor C. P. Owens is concerned that as Bagillt Community Council is not a delegated Highway Authority, we may not have the powers to pay this money to Flintshire County Council and said this should be clarified before any decisions are made.

Councillor K. Rush asked if this money was paid and was not successful with the Welsh Government Grant this year, would this fee need to be paid again. Councillor T. Shorten was unsure therefore we would need to clarify this with Flintshire County Council.

The Council agreed in principal to progress the formal advertisement, however the Chairman requested a small delegation of Councillors met with Mr. D. Charlton to discuss the issues raised before authorising the payment.

The Chairman asked which Councillors would attend meeting and it was agreed Councillors R. Davies, B. T. Doleman, A. Griffiths, T. Shorten, K. Rush, C. P. Owens, M. A. Reece would attend.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will contact Mr. D. Charlton and arrange a meeting as soon as possible with the agreed delegation of Councillors.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Date of Council Meeting	Wednesday 21st February 2018
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Member	Item	Minute No. Refers
There were no Declarations of personal interest		

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