

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 10th January 2018.

PRESENT: Councillor A. Griffiths (Chairman)

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor B. T. Doleman

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood (Clerk), Inspector A. Griffiths, PCSO T. Davies (North Wales Police Authority) and Mr. Neil Hickie (Streetscene Supervisor).

98. POLICING MATTER

The Chairman welcomed both Inspector Andrew Griffiths, North Flintshire Division and PCSO Tiffany Davies to the meeting.

A member of the public said he has rang the Police five times regarding people entering the Old British Legion development site and causing damage as there is no security at the site. Inspector Griffiths said discussions are on going with the Builders regarding this situation.

Councillor C. Shorten said she is aware from social media that a number of residents from Manor Road have had break in's and there has also been an assault. Residents are asking if there could be more of a Police presence in that area.

Inspector Griffiths said they want to prevent these crimes and are aware of the recent incidents. Police are in a difficult situation, in times of austerity, the number of Officers have been reduced, however we will continue to be as present and as visible as possible and we do have patrol plans in place.

Inspector Griffiths said North Flintshire has are the best performing district in North Wales, our increase in crime is less than anyone else. If we continue to react accordingly to crime and investigate appropriately, we will see a further reduction in crime.

The Chairman, on behalf of Councillor B. T. Doleman, who was unable to attend the meeting due to illness, wanted to ask the Police a number of questions. What are the top law enforcement priorities for North Wales Police Force?

Inspector Griffiths said the Police and Crime Commissioner's priorities are: Modern Day Slavery; Child Sexual Exploitation; Safer Neighbourhood; Domestic Abuse. We have individual action plans and objectives for staff we work towards all of these priorities.

What is the expected response time for violent and non-violent crime?

The National agreed targets are, for a crime in action, an urgent response is within 20 minutes and a less urgent response, is 1 hour. As a force, for the 20 minute target, we are meeting 99% of these calls.

What is the Police Force doing to reduce or control anti-social behaviour within our community?

Inspector Griffiths said the Police have control plans in place and Officers should be at these locations and said PSCO Davies has figures relating to issues in this area. PSCO Davies said she is aware of the issues in the village and we did have Officers in the area every evening. In October, 10 calls were received, 6 regarding youths, then in November and December, this reduced to 2 calls regarding youths and so far, this month, the only calls received related to the building site issue. PSCO Chatham has been present in the village and talking to residents.

A member of public said he has attended previous Council meetings and has spoken to PSCO Chatham advising that Police are required weekends and school holidays but this has not continued to happen and slowly the problems are starting again. Both drug dealing and drug/drink driving is taking place, residents are concerned, we do need more police presence in the village.

Inspector Griffiths said the cuts have affected this and this is not unique to this area, however the Police and Crime Commissioner has allocated more in the budget and we have recruited more Officers. I will take what is being said here tonight and look to dedicate Officers to this area. Regarding the drug dealing and drug/drink driving, these crimes need to be reported for us to act.

A member of public reported he visited Flint Police Station to report suspected drug crimes and the general problems we have in the village but no action was taken. The Inspector explained with drug crimes, once enough information has been reported to the Police, we can obtain a warrant from the Magistrates, therefore he urges residents to report information.

A member of public suggested a camera in the village would be a benefit. The Inspector advised the Community Council to take this proposal to Flintshire County Council as they own CCTV. Other Town and Community Councils have purchased their own camera's and these are proving invaluable. On occasions funding can be available. The Inspector will email information to the Clerk.

Councillor M. A. Reece reported drug issues in the New Brighton Cemetery and requested for the Police to control the area.

Councillor K. Rush asked if Police patrols will be on foot or in cars and also said, we do not see many Police Officers in the village, however, the Police percept is increasing therefore we are paying more but getting less once again. Are the Police providing Bagillt with the same resources as they provide to other towns and villages within the area. Bagillt does have a high crime rate including anti-social behaviour, therefore we need to have more Police presence in the village to prevent the crimes, not wait till after the crime has been committed. The telephone number 101, no one answers.

The Inspector said the percept is decided by Police and Crime Commissioner, Chief Constables and Politicians, it is likely the percept will increase but this could fund more Officers, then we can dedicate resources to areas. We will have Patrol Officers in cars and

will also have PCSO's who will be on foot and we hope you will see an increase Police presence in the village.

Councillor T. Shorten reported speeding on the dual carriageway, the Inspector said he will organise a speed check survey to be done.

Councillor C. P. Owens said our village does not have a low level of anti-social behaviour, the village has issues most evenings. We have problems around the Library, with youths climbing on the roof, littering the area with alcohol cans/bottles and papers used for drugs, residents nearby have found gas canisters. The Inspector asked if these issues are being reported, as if the Police receive increased reports of crime or anti-social behaviour, more resources will be given.

Councillor C. R. Williams responded that every Council Meeting that the PCSO attends, they are given details and information regarding the anti-social behaviour. Our village does not have enough Police presence.

The Chairman thanked both Inspector Griffiths and PCSO Davies for attending the meeting.

99. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There was no declaration of interests recorded.

100. STREETSCENE

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Neil Hickie, Streetscene Supervisor to the meeting.

Councillor J. Nicholas reported that she had been informed Flintshire County Council had run out of food waste bags. Mr. Hickie confirmed this was not the case and these can be collected from Connect Offices or Skip sites.

Councillor C. R. Williams referred to the original resurfacing of the High Street and said that the water is holding in the channel, against the kerb in various locations and stated, in my opinion, the surfacing contractor who carried out the works should return free of charge to carry out the remedial works. Mr. Hickie responded that with Councillor M. A. Reece, they marked out the most visible areas and employed a contractor who has since completed the works, but due to the flatness and levels of the High Street, it is difficult to shed the water as it just moves location. However, it was previously agreed with Councillor M. A. Reece to revisit the areas and will endeavour to address Councillor C. R. Williams' concerns.

Councillor K. Rush reported blocked drains in Merllyn Lane. Mr. Hickie will investigate this.

Councillor T. Shorten reported a faulty street light as you turn into Highfield off Merllyn Lane. Mr. Hickie will report this.

Councillor C. P. Owens reported problems with food waste collections, frequently we are getting 2 or 3 weekly collections and has concerns with this attracting rats. Mr. Hickie said the next collection is due this weekend, if it is missed again, please report this to your County Councillor.

Councillor C. P. Owens reported that the road closure at the Lyons Den is causing issues and that residents were not made aware of the closure. The contractors said that leaflets advising residents of the road closure had been sent out but no local residents had received this leaflet. Mr. Hickie said he was also informed just before Christmas that notices and letters would be sent out.

Councillor C. P. Owens also shared residents' concerns regarding the buses, they do not know where the buses will stop due to the road closure. Mr. Hickie said bus companies were informed of the road closure but he will check with Mrs. K. Wilby, Flintshire Transportation and Logistics Manager.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Hickie for attending the meeting.

101. MINUTES

The following comments were made on the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 8th November.

a. Minute No. 84 – Bagillt Bowling Club

Councillor M. A. Reece updated the Council that the Bowling Club had folded due to lack of members and support and that he is attending Meeting with Mr. A. Roberts, Flintshire Public Open Space Manager to discuss the pass over of the club to Flintshire County Council.

b. Minute No. 94 – Members Items

Councillor C. P. Owens raised the ongoing issue of footpath 10 in the village which is blocked and asked if any progress had been made since the last meeting when it was agreed if Flintshire County Council will not act on this, we should as a Community Council should seek legal advice regarding starting proceeding against the Authority. The Clerk advised that she was perusing this but to date no full response/advise had been received from either the Society of Local Community Clerks (SLCC) or fellow clerks as to where the Council can seek legal advice from.

Councillor M. A. Reece said he has spoken to Mrs. C. Higgins, Flintshire Legal Officer and advised Ms B. Jones, a new colleague within the Legal department is taking steps to seek further advice as to how this matter may be resolved and will respond within the month. Councillor M. A. Reece asked if a member of the public who was present could speak.

The member of public said in approximately the mid 1990's, the Local Authorities Legal department made a decision on where the footpath was to divert and after a site meeting the Council put up posts and a stile, which on 2 separate occasions and the owners took these down and the Council did not act on this. The block wall was already built when the property was bought, if the Council had any concerns regarding the path route then they would have been raised prior to the erection of the posts and stile, not some 20 years later. In 2006, notices were issued to the land owners, I have copies of the letters that the Council sent to the land owners asking them to remove the obstruction on footpath 10, but the Council have never enforced this. At no time has any order been issued or any decision been made against my property regarding a footpath within our boundary.

Councillor C. P. Owens said there has been a complete lack of action made by Flintshire County Council therefore if they are not going to act to resolve this matter, we as a Community Council should take action against them. We need to seek legal advice.

The Chairman suggested that we write to Mrs. C. Higgins, Flintshire Legal Officer again to ask for an update on footpath 10 and request action is taken now.

Councillor M. A. Reece updated the meeting regarding the damaged wall on footpath 91, approximately 18 months ago, Flintshire County Council obtained a price to re-build the wall, but to date no work has been carried out, so Mr. T. Woodall, Flintshire Countryside Services Officer has now had to request a new up to date quotation and will need to agree this before works can commence.

Councillor M. A. Reece also updated the meeting regarding the Cenotaph not being lit last year. Flintshire County Council said the cenotaph has not been lit by uplighters for many years, however, they can provide a quotation for this if the Council request.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Mrs. C. Higgins, Flintshire Legal Officer regarding footpath 10 and that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held 8th November 2017 and the Special meeting of the Council held on 15th November 2017, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

102. PLANNING

a. Applications Determined – On-Line Consultation Period

| App No | Location | Detail |
|--------|--|---|
| 057606 | The Garage, High Street, Bagillt, CH6 6ED | Change of use to builder's storage yard and associated office |
| 057793 | Land within the curtilage of P&O Lloyd Coaches, Rhydwen Garage, Walwen, Bagillt, CH6 6JJ | Use of land as hardstanding to provide additional staff car parking |
| 057873 | 6 Whitefield Paddock, Bagillt | Fell 1no. Sycamore |

The Clerk reported that due to the recess period the above Planning Applications were considered by the Chairman, County Councillor and West Ward Members, the Council supported the above applications, however on application number 057793, the support was on the proviso that the land was only used for staff car park and not buses.

RESOLVED: That it was noted that the applications were supported.

b. Applications for Consideration

| App No | Location | Detail |
|--------|---|--|
| 057027 | Royal British Legion (Former) Gadlys Lane, Bagillt, CH6 6EH | Notice under Article 12 – Amendments to submitted application – proposed construction of 10 dwellings (4 already constructed under planning permission ref: 049273 |

The Chairman circulated the amended plans to the meeting.

A member of the public spoke on this planning application, he said the amended plans made no difference to the views of the local's residents, they were still totally against the development. The planning permission is invalid, the houses were constructed unlawfully and they remain 7.6 metres too close to the existing properties.

The Planning Officers through negligence, have failed their legal duty and the local residents want this development taken down.

The trench drains which are on the amended plans, will not stop the on-going drainage issues and flooding will continue, my own property has been flooded eight times. There will also issues with the sewerage.

Councillor K. Rush proposed the Council reject the amended plans.

Councillor C. Shorten said the Building Company have gone into liquidation and the owners are currently looking for a new Builder.

The member of the public is attending the next Flintshire County Council Planning Committee. Councillor M. A. Reece confirmed he has requested another site visit prior to the next Planning Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Flintshire Planning department and unanimously object to the planning application and the amendments, on the ground that the houses are too close to the existing properties.

| App No | Location | Detail |
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| 057823 | 15 Greenacre Drive, Bagillt, CH6 6DY | Proposed rear/side extension part conversion of garage |

The Chairman reported that since the printing of the agenda, the Council had received the above planning application for consideration.

RESOLVED: That the Council support the application and the Clerk will inform Flintshire Planning department accordingly.

c. Application Decisions.

| App No | Location | Detail | Decision |
|--------|---|---|----------------------------|
| 057594 | Gadlys Wood Farm, Gadlys Lane, Bagillt, CH6 6EH | Fell 2 Beeches within Gadlys Conservation Area | No objections raised |
| 057557 | Kelvinlie Bungalow, Bron Y Wern, Bagillt, CH6 6BT | Application for a Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed rear hip to gable roof | Approved |
| 057556 | 43 Highfield Road, Bagillt, CH6 6BN | Erection of two storey extension to dwelling | Approved |
| 057432 | Land off London Road Gadlys Lane, Bagillt, Flintshire | Application for removal of condition no. 4 attached to planning permission ref. 056012 | 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.

103. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

| Voucher No | Name | Expenditure Powers | £ |
|------------|---|-------------------------------|--------|
| 70 | SLCC | Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112) | 115.00 |
| 71 | Ebuyer.com | Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111) | 68.34 |
| 72 | Opus Energy | Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S.19) | 52.64 |
| 73 | Cllr. C. P. Owens | Loc.Govt.(MP)Act 1976(S.19) | 35.99 |
| 74 | Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk | Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112) | 740.42 |
| 75 | HM Revenues & Customs | Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112) | 134.10 |
| 76 | Clwyd Pension Fund | Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112) | 130.18 |
| 77 | Zurich Insurance Plc | Loc.Govt.(MP)Act 1976(S.19) | 378.88 |
| 78 | North & Mid Wales Assoc. of Local Councils | Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111) | 16.00 |

RESOLVED: That the above mentioned accounts be paid.

104. MATACH FUNDING – IMPROVEMENTS TO CHILDREN’S PLAY AREAS 2017/18

The Council considered a letter from Mr. I. Bancroft, Flintshire Chief Officer, Organisational Change, which stated that due to the number of expressions of interest received from Town and Community Councils, and associated sums committed, Flintshire County Council have exceeded the level of funding available therefore the match funding has been reduced by 50% to £5,000.

The Clerk asked the Council if they were still in agreement to contribute £10,000 to the Deans Close Play area improvements as was previously agreed.

RESOLVED: That, the Clerk writes to Mr. I. Bancroft and confirm the Council have agreed to contribute £10,000 to the Deans Close Play area improvements.

105. ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2018/19

The meeting considered a report of the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer on Estimates for 2018/19, with an Appendix containing particular items prepared in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman. As well as suggested levels of expenditure for the next financial year, details were included in relation to probably/actual income and expenditure for 2018/19. Members were reminded of the discussions and decisions made at the November meeting, as well as other factors taken into account in preparing the schedule, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

The report indicated the projected increase in the precept if the proposals, as submitted, were approved.

RESOLVED:

1. That a precept of £42,278.00 be made on Flintshire County Council for 2018/19, which equated to a Band D charge of £28.62, an increase of £0.81 or 2.9% on the last financial year.
2. That the amounts indicated in the previously circulated expenditure heads for estimates purposes for 2018/19, be approved.
3. That the level of funding agreed at the last meeting be formally included in the budget for the next financial year to enable maintenance of the bowling green at the Bagillt Bowling Club should the club continue to operate.
4. That in relation to the Community Centre, the Bagillt Community Association be advised that the Council will once again be making appropriate provision to continue the financial assistance, subject to the previously agreed criteria concerning Accounts and to be advised when meetings were to be held.
5. That the continuation of the Play Schemes programme, with the Council once again providing expenditure to cover four weeks at both sites, be noted and that, whilst appropriate provision had been made for the Play Area Improvements scheme, confirmation of any possible match funding scheme was awaited, with the proviso that if it were to proceed then a decision on the site to be chosen would be made at a later date.

6. That in relation to the provision to assist the Community Library, the Council would once again, be taking responsibility in the next financial year for meeting the insurance and electricity costs.

7. That following information that was included in the Draft Annual Report from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, that Community and Town 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. this sum is included in the budget.

106. INVESTEMENTS STRATEGY 2018/19

The meeting considered a report of the Responsible Financial Officer on Local Government Investments, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members. The Appendix to the report advised that all excess funds were to be held in the Business Money Manager Account.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Investment Strategy for Bagillt Community Council, as prepared by the Responsible Financial Officer and circulated as an Appendix to the report, be adopted for meeting the requirements for this Authority for 2018/19.

107. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Council considered the Budget Monitoring report and Bank reconciliation statement for the third quarter to 31st December 2017, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members.

RESOLVED: That the financial information be noted as circulated and approved.

108. BAGILLT FORESHORE

Councillor C. Renshaw reported this weekend, we will be attending the Bettisfield Colliery to assess the general condition of the Winding house. Scaffolding, Joinery and Fabricator contractors will be providing estimates for the required works and then we can look in into possible grants. Also, in the future there will be a tidying of the whole site, colliery area, winding house, pit head and lamp room. Any salvage of original materials on site will be used in the restoration of the buildings. Then the intention is to hand the buildings over to the village to be used as a museum or visitors centre.

The Chairman asked about the Scrapyard, Councillor C. Renshaw said the building need works carried out to stop the rot, in order to preserve the building.

Councillor C. P. Owens asked if Flintshire County Council are involved, Councillor C. Renshaw confirmed no.

Councillor C. Shorten asked if the buildings are listed and Councillor C. Renshaw confirmed yes.

Councillor K. Rush was in receipt of a copy of a letter which Mr. D. Jones, Flintshire, Operational Manager sent to Ms. H. Blythyn dated 20/12/17 regarding the Dee Coastal Path.

The letter said the completion of the Dee Coastal Path has been an aspiration of the Council's for many years, but unfortunately there are still large sections of the route which have not yet commenced. The letter states that the Council face landownership issues and that the section between Bagillt and Flint has proved difficult to negotiate a suitable outcome due to constraint issues.

Councillor K. Rush proposed a letter was sent to Mr. D. Jones, Flintshire, Operational Manager asking for more information regarding why it has proved difficult to negotiate a suitable outcome due to constraint issues and which Landowners are causing issues.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Mr. D. Jones, Flintshire, Operational Manager asking for more information regarding the Bagillt to Flint Dee Coastal Path.

109. HIGH STREET - TRAFFIC CALMING

The Chairman reported the ballot result from the Public Consultation meeting held in the Community Library on Saturday 9th December. The result was 170 votes for the proposed changes, 9 against and 1 spoilt ballot paper.

Members were advised notices displaying the result had been posted on the village notice boards and on the Council website.

The Clerk informed the Council that an email had been received by Mr. A. Stanford, Flintshire Highway Strategy Manager suggesting the next stage of the process would be to share the proposals with the emergency services as consideration to response times will need to be given. It is important that the emergency services are consulted prior to the formal advertisement of the proposals as this will provide opportunity to address any comments or concerns that may arise.

Mr. Stanford also said it would then be advisable to formally advertise the proposals to ensure that any potential objections are addressed earlier rather than later as this will ensure the Community Council are in the best possible position to obtain Welsh Government slippage funding should the opportunity arise. If the Council would like Flintshire County Council to facilitate the necessary meetings with the emergency services and progress the formal advertisement of the proposals thereafter, this can be done.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk responds to Mr. A. Stanford asking for a meeting with the Emergency Services be arranged and that Bagillt Community Council will send representatives to attend and thereafter the formal advertisement of the proposals start.

110. SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

It was agreed at the November Meeting to include this item on the January agenda to consider once decisions have been made regarding the revised Traffic Calming Scheme.

Councillor M. A. Reece said our village should request the same measures as Holywell Town Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will make enquiries with Holywell Town Council about the measures they are looking to put into place.

111. 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.

Councillor C. Renshaw asked for an addition to the English text, by adding 'Prince of Wales'.

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

112. WAR MEMORIAL

The Council considered the letter that Councillor M. A. Reece had received from Ms. H. Blythyn regarding possible grants to clean the War Memorial in the village.

Councillor M. A. Reece said he had been in contact with the local Women's Institute to ask if they could apply for these grants on behalf of the village and also suggested that the Heritage Society and History Club could enquire if they would be eligible to apply.

Councillor C. Renshaw said he recalls information from the Stone Mason, that we were unable to clean the War Memorial after the coating was applied. Councillor C. P. Owens suggested the Council should seek advice from Blackwell's Stone Mason before any cleaning is carried out.

Councillor M. A. Reece also reported that Councillor B. T. Doleman was pursuing costs for a cover for the War Memorial which could be used in times of inclement weather.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contacts Blackwell's Stone Mason to seek advice on cleaning the War Memorial.

113. AUTHORITY FOR ACTION DURING RECESS PERIOD

RESOLVED: To note the actions of the Chairman and Vice Chairman on agenda item 10 – Accounts and 11 - Estimates of Income and Expenditure 2018/19.

To note the actions of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Ward Members on agenda item 9 – Planning.

114. CORRESPONDENCE & CLERKS REPORT

The following correspondence were received and circulated at the Meeting.

- The Flintshire Public Services Board (PSB) Draft Well-being Plan

a. Christmas Lights

The Clerk reported that over the recess period an email was received from a resident asking why Bagillt did not have Christmas lights within the village.

Councillor M. A. Reece said he had been in discussions with the Church and they are in favour to have Christmas lights and but would need funding to purchase lights. Councillor M. A. Reece has made contact with numerous local businesses who have agreed to help, therefore quotations need to be obtained and then we can progress.

Councillor M. A. Reece also said he had spoken to the Headmasters of both local schools and they were also in favour of having Christmas lights pending donations from businesses to purchase a tree and lights. It was suggested the Library could also have a tree with Christmas lights.

Councillor K. Rush said he proposes, the Council to agree in principal, however we need to wait for businesses to confirmation contributions.

The Chairman said we would also need to consider installing a CCTV camera to try and prevent the lights from being vandalised. The Chairman said he would be able to consider donating money for CCTV from his Chairman's fund.

b. Ysgol Merllyn

The Clerk reported the response from Mrs. C. Homard, Flintshire, Interim Chief Officer Education and Youth regarding the Council requests for a copy of the Programme of Works relating to Ysgol Merllyn. Mrs. Homard said I am not sure that my comments have been accurately communicated. I indicated to the Cabinet Member for Education that I believed that Ysgol Merllyn had approached the Childcare Team regarding the potential for funding for capital works through the pilot for the 30 hour childcare grant and that I would pursue this enquiry.

The Clerk was asked to enquire if the Council's Insurance Policy included Public Liability Insurance. The Clerk contacted Zurich Insurance and it was confirmed the policy includes Public Liability Insurance for up to 150 guests, these events are classed as low risk events.

c. Laptop Back up/Security

The Clerk raised concerns over the Clerk's Office Laptop Back up/Security. Discussions were held with Councillor C. P. Owens, who has a knowledge of I.T. and it was advised the Clerk considered Microsoft One Drive.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's Report is noted and Councillor M. A. Reece will obtain quotations for Christmas lights and will write to local businesses to ask for donations.

115. MEMBERS ITEMS

a. Insulation

Councillor C. Shorten said she had noted in the local newspaper that Flintshire County Council has received a £2.5 million grant for improving insulation and said Bagillt should be considered for a grant.

b. By-Pass Crossing

Councillor C. Renshaw reported he had read an article in the Chronicle newspaper regarding the by-pass crossing and noted a quote from the Flintshire Cabinet Member, that 'Local residents and the 2 schools in the village will also benefit from the crossing as they can safely cross and visit the coastal paths', therefore I am concerned that this will be the one and only crossing to the coastal path from the village. We need another crossing, as children from the Merilyn School will have far too long to walk to access the crossing.

Councillor C. Renshaw added if the Council pursue the reinstating the train station platforms, to have a station back in the area, this would be a good case to put forward for another crossing near Pentre Bach where the station would be, as we are encouraged to use public transport. If we join Holywell to help with the case to reinstate Greenfield's platform as well, together we have a stronger voice to reinstate both platforms.

Councillor C. P. Owens said the Heritage Society obtained a £2,000 grant and have started work on the clearing of the platform and securing the area with a fence, including a gate into the community garden. The Society has also been in talks with Network Rail regarding obtaining a licence to lease the platform, then at that stage we can see if we can restore a service of some kind or run it as a station museum.

Councillor C. R. Williams said stations/platforms are on the agenda of the next North and Mid Wales Town and Community Council Meeting which he is due to attend later this month, so will report any information back to the next Council Meeting.

c. Bus Service

Councillor C. Renshaw raised concerns that the bus service to the Wern has stopped and believes this was due to Flintshire County Council no longer subsidising the service, this is isolating residents within the village. Can a letter be sent to P&O Lloyd to ascertain if the service has ceased and if so, why.

Councillor C. P. Owens added when Flintshire County Council published a report about 2 years ago, stating that if a bus service was not running commercially they would withdraw service, we asked the question, what about Pensioners and the former Cabinet Member's response was taxis could be used.

d. Community Work

Councillor C. Renshaw asked if the Council could approach the local's schools to ask if pupils aged from 10-18 years old would form a group and work together, on for example a Saturday morning for 2 hours and provide help in the village, this could be litter picking, land management. This would

hopefully engage the youth in the community, give them a sense of belonging and to learn to respect the area they live in.

e. Recorded Vote at Flintshire County Council Meeting

The Chairman raised a question to Councillor R. Davies as County Councillor for the East Ward. The Chairman raised concerns regarding information on the Flintshire County Council website, which gave information of a recorded vote that took place in the November Flintshire County Council meeting. The vote related to Flintshire County Council calling upon the Chancellor of the Exchequer to end the UK Government’s policy of austerity in his Budget and the Chairman asked for Councillor R. Davies to respond to why he made a decision to vote against this.

Councillor R. Davies responded that the reason for his vote was explained in the December Flintshire County Council minutes and in a subsequent vote.

Councillor Mrs. S. L. Jones did not feel this was an appropriate question for a Community Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to appropriate persons and pursue information to bring to the next meeting.

ACCORDANCE WITH BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL’S CODE OF CONDUCT

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