

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 9th January 2019.

PRESENT: Councillor C. P. Owens (Chairman)

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood (Clerk), Mr. S. Body (Flintshire Forestry Officer), Ms. S. Slater (Flintshire Biodiversity Officer) and Members of the Public.

107. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There was no declaration of interests recorded.

108. POLICING MATTER

The Chairman informed the meeting that PCSO D. Chatham was unable to attend.

Councillor A. Griffiths proposed a letter is sent to the Chief Constable, North Wales Police Authority regarding the lack of Police presence in the village. For a short time, this did improve, however it's now becoming less and less. The village surgeries have also stopped.

A Member of the Public asked if when the Police patrol the coast road, if they could divert off the by-pass and drive through the village, as showing their presence would be beneficial.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to the Chief Constable and share concerns over Policing in the village.

109. STREETSCENCE

The Chairman explained Mr. G. Roberts, Streetscene Supervisor was unable to the meeting due to work commitments.

Councillor K. Rush reported the directional road sign in the middle reservation of the by-pass near the Blossoms pub end of the village has been knocked over and this could be very dangerous, therefore asked this was reported to Flintshire Streetscene.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will report the road sign to Flintshire Streetscene.

110. THE FLINTSHIRE URBAN TREE AND WOODLAND PLAN

The Chairman welcomed Mr. S. Body, Flintshire Forestry Officer and Ms. S. Slater, Flintshire Biodiversity Officer to the meeting.

Mr. S. Body circulated plans and documents to the meeting and explained he was in attendance to discuss possible tree planting sites in the community and to give an overview of the plan. The aim is having a diverse and resilient tree canopy cover throughout Flintshire's towns that is appreciated, managed sustainably, provides multiple benefits to people and the environment and enhances biodiversity.

Ms. S. Slater explained as an authority, under the Environment Act, they have a responsibility and duty to maintain and enhance biodiversity. Ms. S. Slater said they have secured a Welsh Government grant for urban greening which is to introduce natural features to areas. This grant is to be spent before the end of the current financial year. It doesn't have to be just trees, it can be wild flowers.

Mr. S. Body said the aim is to increase the canopy cover in Flintshire's urban areas up to 18%. Mr. S. Body acknowledged the planting in the Wern was not successful and in the future, areas that are susceptible to vandalism, they will plant larger trees protected by cages.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said he would be interested in wild flowers for the Community gardens.

Councillor M. A. Reece said Flintshire County Council had said trees would be planted near the Lyons Den following the new traffic scheme. Mr. S. Body confirmed this was correct and is currently being considered. Councillor M. A. Reece added they are having trees planted on the coastal path which has been arranged by the Coastal Rangers.

Mr. S. Body circulated large map of Bagillt and asked if these could be displayed for both Councillors and the residents to identify areas where they would like trees or wild flowers to be planted. This information is required within the month then the maps will be taken away and the identified areas will be considered.

The Chairman thanked Mr. S. Body and Ms. S. Slater for attending the meeting.

111. MINUTES

The following comments were made on the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 14th November.

a. Minute No. 93 – Defibrillator

Councillor M. A. Reece reported that defibrillator training is being offered for anyone who wished to take part.

b. Minute No. 60 – Review of the Electoral Arrangements

Councillor R. Davies indicated that he had said it could and not would be one Ward.

RESOLVED: That subject to the above correction the Minutes of the Council held on 8th November be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

112. CHAIRMAN COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman reported an email had been received from Groundwork North Wales asking if the Council would like them to attend a council meeting to explain how the project can benefit and support local residents. Councillors agreed this would be beneficial.

The Chairman also reported that in the recess period, an invoice was received by Flintshire County Council for the cost of the village signs and the erection of the CCTV camera's but due to the poor visibility of one of the road signs and the fact that one CCTV camera points to the floor, he did not give authority to pay this until works are completed satisfactorily.

Councillors agreed with this decision.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will invite a Groundwork Officer to a future Council Meeting and the holding of the Flintshire County invoice was noted.

113. PLANNING

a. Applications Determined – On-Line Consultation Period

App No	Location	Detail
059224	Whitefield House, High Street, Bagillt, CH6 6AP	Notification – Fell 3 no, Sycamore

The Clerk reported that due to the recess period the above Planning Application was considered by the Chairman, County Councillor and East Ward Members, the Council supported the above application.

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

b. Applications for Consideration

App No	Location	Detail
059097	Land opposite Britannia House, Bagillt Road, Bagillt, CH6 6HD	Outline application for the development of 0.05 hectares of land for the erection of 4 No. affordable dwellings.

The Clerk circulated the amended 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.

App No	Location	Detail
059174	Pen y Bryn Residential Home, Fron Deg, Bagillt, CH6 6HU	New build extensions and alterations to the existing Pen Y Bryn Care Home to provide 36 new bedrooms (net gain 30) and additional lounge space and services, as well as additional car parking

The Clerk circulated the amended plans to the meeting.

Councillor strongly object to this application on the following grounds.

The development is inappropriate for the area and the plans have no consideration for the local residents.

Poor road access and very narrow roads.

It would increase the number of cars using this road considerable, therefore adding to the already existing speeding issues.

Unsuitable drainage in place for this development.

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

App No	Location	Detail
059169	17 Pen Y Glyn, Bagillt, CH6 6EP	Single Storey side bedroom extension.

The Clerk circulated the plans to the meeting. Councillors agreed to support this application.

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

App No	Location	Detail
059358	Castle Villa, High Street, Bagillt, CH6 6HE	Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 041047

The Clerk circulated the amended 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.

c. Application Decisions.

App No	Location	Detail	Decision
058939	Lock Stock Self Storage, Station Road, Bagillt, CH6 6AF	Advertisement consent for proposed directional signs	Refused
059244	Croma, High Street, Bagillt, Flint, Flintshire, CH6 6AP	Application for a lawful development certificate for a proposed use or development	Approved
059103	Bod Erw, Bagillt Road, Bagillt, CH6 6JB	Outline application for the proposed erection of a two bedroom detached bungalow	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.

114. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Voucher No	Name	Expenditure Powers	£
64	SLCC	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)	136.00
65	Wales Audit Office	Loc.Govt. Finance Act 1982	321.60
66	Opus Energy	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S.19)	63.15
67	Delyn Press	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)	18.00
68	Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	792.45
69	HM Revenues & Customs	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	232.88
70	Clwyd Pension Fund	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)	164.62
71	Opus Energy	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)	51.11
72	North and Mid Wales Town and Community Councils	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)	16.00

RESOLVED: That the above mentioned accounts be paid.

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

The Council considered a letter from Mr. R. Roberts, Aura Play Design Officer which stated that Aura Leisure and Libraries Ltd will be delivering the match funding scheme in partnership with Flintshire County Council offering an amount of £10,000 in line with the Community Council contribution for Maes Teg Play area improvements.

Councillor M. A. Reece circulated the plans for the play area improvements to the meeting and reported he had met with Mr. R, Roberts, Flintshire Play Design Officer to discuss the play areas needs and improvements and was satisfied with the recommendations.

RESOLVED: That, the letter be noted and the Clerk will inform Mr. R. Roberts, Aura Play Design Officer that the Council agree and approve the plans.

116. ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2019/20

The meeting considered a report of the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer on Estimates

for 2019/20, 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: That a precept of £44,526.37 be made on Flintshire County Council for 2019/20, which equated to a Band D charge of £30.18, an increase of £1.56 or 5.5% on the last financial year and the attached report is agreed and approved. See Appendix A.

117. INVESTEMENTS STRATEGY 2019/20

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. See Appendix B.

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 2019/20.

118. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

a. Budget Monitoring Report

The meeting considered the Budget Monitoring report and Bank reconciliation statement for the second quarter to 31st December 2018, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members. See Appendix C.

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

b. Checks of Supplier Data

In order to meet the requirements of the financial regulations and internet banking, it is necessary for a programme of regular checks of standing data with suppliers to be followed. This required a Councillor to look through the accounts and certify a number of invoices and payment receipts.

RESOLVED: Councillor B. T. Doleman reviewed a selection of invoices and payment receipts which were certified as correct.

119. BAGILLT FORESHORE

Councillor Mrs. C. Shorten reported that the litter is increasing on the coastal path. The Chairman

added fly tipping is also an issue and suggested this could be a Police matter.

Councillor M. A. Reece said he had reported fly tipping near the scarp yard, Mr. G. Roberts, Flintshire Streetscene Officer said as it was on private land, Flintshire County Council were not Responsible, it was the land owner's responsibility.

The Chairman said if Councillors witness any fly tipping, report it to the County Councillors.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and to report incidents to the County Councillors.

120. HIGH STREET - TRAFFIC CALMING

Councillor M. A. Reece and Councillor R. Davies reported they met with Mr. A. Stanford, Flintshire Highway Strategy Manager in December to discuss the grant application for the revised traffic calming scheme.

The Clerk reported that Ms. H. Blythyn AM has advised that a grant application for Bagillt had been submitted to Welsh Government by Flintshire County Council and the Cabinet Secretary hopes to make announcement shortly.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will email Mr. A. Stanford and request an update on the application.

121. WAR MEMORIAL

Councillor C. Renshaw suggested a letter should be sent to the Company Quarter Master to invite the Royal Welsh Regiment to attend the Remembrance Service 2019.

The Chairman said we needed to approach the Royal British Legion as organisers before the Community Council sent an invitation letter.

Councillor B. T. Doleman agreed and said he would speak to Mr. G. Davies, Royal British Legion and to discuss this matter.

The Chairman raised the issue relating to the lighting at the War Memorial. This matter has been on-going for some time, Flintshire County Council broke the lights when maintaining the land and are refusing to repair the lights.

Councillor M. A. Reece said when the current lights stop working which Flintshire County Council will not repair them. Councillor M. A. Reece said this situation needs to be resolved and proposed the Council invite Flintshire County Council to a meeting to discuss this matter.

Councillor B. T. Doleman confirmed Bagillt own the Monument but Flintshire County Council own the land. Councillor C. Renshaw believed the land was given to the village many years ago.

The Chairman said prior to 1982, any land that did not have deeds will have been given to the land registry.

Councillor B. T. Doleman suggested that the Council seek legal advice and proposed he will arrange this and report back to Council.

RESOLVED: Councillor B. T. Doleman will contact Mr. G. Davies, Royal British Legion and report back to the Council regarding legal advice.

122. TYDDYN MESSHAM

Councillor R. Davies reported him and Councillor C. Williams meet with Mrs. C. Parry, Flintshire Road Safety on site on Thursday 29th November regarding the introduction of a One Way on Tyddyn Messham, Bagillt.

Since the site meeting, Mrs. C. Parry has emailed to report that all TRO requests are assessed against an agreed set of criteria and prioritised due to limited budget, as the Authority receives requests daily. The prioritised list is then compared against available funding and processed according to legal requirements.

This request has been assessed and scored accordingly, but unfortunately scored low and does not meet the criteria for the implementation of a One Way for this financial year.

Councillor R. Davies said the Flintshire Road Safety Officer suggested we consult with the Police and suggested residents report vehicles to either the Police or to Councillor R. Davies for misuse of the road as it is for access only, some residents have agreed to do this.

RESOLVED: Councillor R. Davies will monitor the situation and report any vehicles to the Police.

123. CCTV CAMERAS

The Chairman reported that himself, Councillor B. T. Doleman and PSCO Chatham met in December to look at the live footage of the CCTV camera to enable them to see what the camera is recording and decide if they needed moving. Unfortunately, PSCO Chatham could not connect to the CCTV Camera on the High Street and it was agreed to reconvene the meeting and also ask Flintshire Streetscene to attend so the CCTV cameras could be moved and correctly positioned whilst watching the live footage.

Councillor B. T. Doleman proposed that we should include this concern in the letter to the Chief Constable, that the CCTV cameras are not working satisfactorily and we need Police assistance to resolve this.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will contact PSCO Chatham and Flintshire Streetscene to arrange a mutually convenient meeting with the Chairman and Councillor B. T. Doleman.

124. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Councillor A. Griffiths reported that a resident via social media had made a statement regarding the lack of Christmas lights in the village and vindicated the Labour Councillors. Councillor A. Griffiths proposed that we as a Council discuss and look to have lights in the village.

Councillor R. Davies asked if the IRPW Councillors allowance payment could be accepted by Councillors and then donated to purchasing Christmas lights for the village. The Clerk confirmed if

a Councillor did this, they would need to personally accept the payment and then need to report the payment to the HMRC for tax purposes. It would be a personal donation.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said the village had lights many years ago, which were unfortunately vandalised and the costs involved for putting the lights up and taking them down and then storing the lights was a considerably amount.

The Chairman agreed this was a matter for discussion and proposed it was put on the next months agenda. The Chairman also reminded Councillors that if anyone is asked about Council business, be mindful, as recently, accusations have been made on social media and we have a responsibility to act appropriately.

Councillor K. Rush added that thanks should be made to the High Street and Business in Bagillt for the effort they made over the Christmas period with lights and decorations.

RESOLVED: That, the Clerk will add Christmas Lights to the February agenda.

125. COUNCIL MEETING

The Chairman proposed the Council meeting start time is bought slightly earlier to 7pm for all future meetings.

Councillors agreed.

RESOLVED: That the new meeting time will commence in February and the Clerk will update the notices and website.

126. COMMUNITY BROADBAND

The Chairman reported about the Welsh Government Scheme to provide communities with faster broadband which has not progressed. The Chairman made contact with BT Openreach to ask when faster broadband will be installed. The BT representative suggested the Community broadband scheme, this scheme is for businesses and individuals who can apply to BT Openreach for a price to have faster broadband installed in an area, part of the criteria is, it must double the speed in that particular area.

The Chairman said this scheme would benefit the village, especially the West end where the service is poor and proposed the Council publicised the scheme. Councillors agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman will produce a flyer on behalf of the Council.

127. AUTHORITY FOR ACTION DURING RECESS PERIOD

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

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

128. CORRESPONDENCE & CLERKS REPORT

There was no additional correspondence.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's Report is noted.

129. MEMBERS ITEMS

Councillor Mrs. D. J. Williams was approached by a resident and shared concerns over the safety of a property on New Brighton Road, which is it in a state of ill repair and has been empty for approximately 30 years.

A Member of the Public who was present asked to comment, as he owns the property and reassured the Council that the property was safe and Flintshire Planning department have also confirmed this. A comprehensive flood report has been carried out and arches outside the property have been stabilised.

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