

## **BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**PRESENT: Councillor B. T. Doleman (Chairman)**

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors C. P. Owens and C. Renshaw.

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

### **125. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM**

A Member of the Public raised an issue regarding litter around the Bagillt Arms bus stop. He suggested although there is a litter bin close by, if there was a litter bin at the bus stop, it may help with the issue.

He also said he believes Ysgol Merllyn Parents are willing to do a monthly litter pick and asked if Flintshire County Council could provide litter picking equipment.

Councillor Mrs. J. Nicholas said the litter issue is across the village. Recycling collections also adds to the problem, as residents are given bags with no where to hang them, residents then have to put recycling bags out the night before as collections can be very early and the recycling is often all over the pavements and roads.

Councillor Mrs. J. Nicholas proposed a letter is sent to the Flintshire Streetscene to ask for advice and information on arranging a litter pick in the village and also regarding the supply of equipment to carry out a litter pick.

Councillor Mrs. S. Jones said if children as involved insurance is required.

Councillor K. Rush said if Councillor Mrs. J. Nicholas wanted to arrange a community litter pick, all Community Councillors, if able, could be included.

Councillor A. Griffiths asked if a member of the public who was in attendance could speak on the Bagillt Bowling Club agenda item.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will write to Flintshire Streetscene to ask for advice and information on arranging a litter pick and the supply of equipment.

### **126. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declaration of interests recorded.

## **127. POLICING MATTER**

The Chairman informed the meeting that PCSO D. Chatham was unable to attend and there were no issues reported.

## **128. STREETSCENE**

The Clerk informed the meeting Mr. G. Roberts, Streetscene Supervisor was unable to attend the meeting and any issues can be reported via the Clerk. No issues were reported.

## **129. MINUTES**

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

## **130. CHAIRMAN COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman read a letter from Councillor C. P. Owens which asked for an extension of absence of leave due to work commitments.

Councillor T. Shorten proposed an extension of leave until the March 2020 meeting and then the matter be reviewed again if necessary. Councillors agreed.

The Chairman reported he had been invited to attend the Licensing Service of the new Vicar at St. Mary's & St. Peter's Church, Bagillt on Sunday 9th February, 2020 at 3.30pm. The Chairman said he will attend.

**RESOLVED:** That an extension of leave be granted to Councillor C. P. Owens and this be reviewed at the March 2020 meeting.

## **131. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES & COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Councillor K. Rush reported he attended a site meeting with Mr. G. Roberts, Flintshire Streetscene Officer to inspect the zebra crossing lights on the Bagillt Hill by the school and another set around the corner, which is on a very bad bend. The lights situated on the corner weren't working and one light was blocked by a resident's tree. The tree has now been cut back and the lights are now repaired. However, Flintshire County Council have now received funding to change these lights to the new LED style lights.

Councillor K. Rush also updated the Council on the Boundary Commissions proposals to remove the two wards, that is, to have one ward with two County Councillors. This could cause confusion in the wards for residents reporting issues.

Currently the West ward has nearly 100 more registered electors than the East ward, the suggestion is to move Highfield Road (57 registered electors) Beechcroft (26 registered electors) Merllyn Road, numbers 1-5 (10 registered electors) Bryn Villa (3 registered electors) and The Nook (2 registered electors) totalling 98 registered electors. If these 98 registered electors are moved to the East ward,

this would even out the number of registered electors to 1608 in the West ward and 1593 in the East ward.

Councillor R. Davies reported he is still waiting for plans from Flintshire County Council for the traffic lights at the Blossoms Inn Junction. Councillor K. Rush added that himself and Councillor R. Davies met Flintshire County Council Officers on site and they were taken to see lights near the Bells of St. Mary's, which was the worst accident spot in North Wales and since the installation of these lights, there has been no reported accidents. Flintshire County Council are looking for grants to do the improvements near the Blossoms Inn Junction, however as a temporary measure, they are sleeving the road so the traffic from Flint will go from two to one lane, then back to two lanes after the Blossoms Inn, this will be done both sides of the road.

## 132. PLANNING

### a. Applications Determined – On-Line Consultation Period

App No	Location	Detail
060307	Panton Hall, Old Bagillt Road, Bagillt, CH6 6ER	Proposed demolition and alterations

The Clerk reported that due to the on-line consultation period ending before the next Council Meeting, the above Notice of amendments were considered by the West Ward Members, the Council supported this application on condition works were sympathetically done and in keeping with existing buildings. This was shared with the Planning department.

**RESOLVED:** That it was noted that the notice of amendment was supported.

App No	Location	Detail
060507	5 Manor Park Industrial Estate, Bagillt, CH6 5UY	Factory extension to house new laser cutting machine

The Clerk reported that due to the on-line consultation period ending before the next Council Meeting, the above Planning Application was considered by the East Ward Members, the Council supported this application and this was shared with the Planning department.

**RESOLVED:** That it was noted that the application was supported.

App No	Location	Detail
060625	Havenstone, Manor Drive, Bagillt, CH6 5RT	Construction of a bungalow for affordable housing.

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

### b. Applications for Consideration

App No	Location	Detail
060742	Gateways into Holywell	Installation of 6 no destination Holywell gateway signs

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

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

**c. Application Decisions.**

App No	Location	Detail	Decision
060105	Land side of Rowen, High Street, Bagillt, CH6 6ED	Proposed erection of pair of semi-detached houses, with off road parking and landscaping.	Refused on Flood Risk Grounds
056932	Station Road, Bagillt, CH6 6AF	Proposed re-development of scrap metal yard to provide 10 No light industrial units – Phase 1, units 1-5	Refused on Flood Risk Grounds
060421	Land at rear of Grosvenor House, Sandy Lane, Bagillt, CH6 6EY	Outline application for residential development	Approved
060297	Rhydwen Garage, Bagillt Road, Bagillt, CH6 6JJ	Application for a lawful development certificate for an existing use, for a hardstanding area part of which accommodates a building and part of which is used for the parking of buses and coaches in association with existing bus/coach depot.	Certificate of Conformity - Agreed

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.

**133. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Voucher No	Name	Details	Expenditure Powers	£
53	Delyn Press	Christmas Card Inserts	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)	36.00
54	Wales Audit Office	Audit	Loc.Govt. Finance Act 198	298.70
55	SLCC	Renewal of Membership	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)	140.00
56	Opus Energy	Community Library Electricity	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S.19)	55.12
57	Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk	Clerks Salary & Expenses	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	710.76

58	HM Revenues & Customs	Tax & NI Clerks Salary	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	217.78
59	Clwyd Pension Fund	Employers & Employees' Pension Contribution for Clerk	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)	141.30
60	Opus Energy	Community Library Electricity	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)	57.41
61	Mega Electrics NW Ltd	Installation and decorating/lighting of Xmas Tree	Loc. Govt Act 1972, (S.144)	1740.00
62	Mr. J. Jones – JR's Old Back Yard	Supply of Xmas Tree	Loc. Govt Act 1972, (S.144)	75.00

**RESOLVED:** That the above-mentioned accounts be paid.

#### **134. BAGILLT FORESHORE**

The Clerk reported a letter had been received from Ms. H. Blythyn AM which confirms the completion of the coastal path from Bagillt to Flint and said it conforms to Wales Coastal Path standards.

**RESOLVED:** That the letter be noted.

#### **135. ST. MARY'S CHURCH**

There were no reports.

#### **136. CCTV CAMERAS**

The Clerk reported that to date Inspector G. Cust has not been in contact regarding the storage of the laptop.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will make contact with Inspector G. Cust for an update.

#### **137. COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

The Clerk reported that an election has been called for the west ward Community Councillor vacancy and notices have been put on all the village notice boards and Council website. The closing dates for Nomination papers is 17<sup>th</sup> January and an Election will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> February.

The Flintshire Elections office asked the Council to confirm if they wanted polling cards issued to all west ward registered electors. The cost would be approximately £1,000 to issue cards.

Councillor Mrs. J. Nicholas asked if we don't send poll cards, how will residents be aware of the election. The Clerk said information is on the notice boards, website and candidates usually canvass the area.

Councillor R. Davies proposed polling cards are issued. The Council agreed.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will inform the Flintshire Elections office that polling cards are to be issued.

### **138. ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2020/21**

The meeting considered a report of the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer on Estimates for 2020/21, with an appendix containing particular items prepared in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman. See Appendix A.

As well as suggested levels of expenditure for the next financial year, details were included in relation to probable/actual income and expenditure for 2019/20. 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 £49,058.43 be made on Flintshire County Council for 2020/21, which equated to a Band D charge of £33.11, an increase of £2.93 or 9.7% on the last financial year and the attached report is agreed and approved.

### **139. INVESTMENTS STRATEGY 2020/21**

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 2020/21.

### **140. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

#### **a. Budget Monitoring Report**

The meeting considered the Budget Monitoring report and Bank reconciliation statement for the second quarter to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019, 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 C. Williams reviewed a selection of invoices and payment receipts which were certified as correct.

### **141. BAGILLT BOWLING GREEN**

The Clerk reported that following a request to enquire with Flintshire County Council regarding the building contractors from the Old British Legion site stating they would donate £1,100 per house built to the bowling green. The Clerk spoke to Flintshire Planning Officer and he confirmed the appeal decision stated, the Inspector did not consider any payment was justified in this instance.

Ms. L. Williams who was in attendance addressed the Council regarding re-opening the Bowling Club. Since her attendance at the last meeting, she had been unable to Mr. P. Brockley, Flintshire Senior Valuer.

Councillor A. Griffiths proposed a letter is sent to Mr. P. Brockley, Flintshire Senior Valuer. asking he contacts Ms. L. Williams so she can move forward with presenting her business plan and the re-opening of the club. Councillor K. Rush said he will contact Mr. P. Brockley and report back to Ms. L. Williams.

Also, in attendance was Mr. S. Walker, Welsh Crown Green Bowling association. He confirmed that Ms. L. Williams has the full backing of the Welsh Crown Green Bowling association.

Mr. S. Walker said bowls is the only sport that players can be aged 9 – 90 years old, everyone can play, male, female, disabled and it is a very socialable game. It is also recognised by the Health Board for its health benefits, both physical and mentally.

Ms. L. Williams said she has a lot of community support as she has canvassed the area and can apply for funding to assist the re-opening.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor K. Rush will contact Mr. P. Brockley, Flintshire Senior Valuer. and will report back to the Council and Ms. L. Williams.

### **142. BLOSSOMS JUNCTION BAGILLT**

Councillor D. Stanley said as a retired professional driver and a HGV driving instructor, this junction needs traffic lights and without lights, more people will be killed.

The Chairman said many years ago, he attended a meeting with the Chief Inspector, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Flintshire Highways and they were all in agreement that this junction was dangerous but unfortunately to date nothing has been done.

Councillor C. Williams added that several years ago Flintshire Highways were approached and it was suggested a roundabout would help reduce the speed on the A548 but apparently it wasn't cost effective.

Councillor T. Shorten proposed a letter is sent to the Transport Minister, Mr. K. Stakes, AM addressing the Council's concerns. The Council agreed.

Councillor K. Rush said both he and Councillor R. Davies met with Flintshire Officers and they said they cannot as an Authority fund the improvements, but need to apply to the Welsh Assembly for grants. The sleeving of lanes which has been proposed is a temporary measure to try and save lives, but we do want lights and a crossing.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to Mr. K. Stakes, AM to address the Council's concerns.

#### **143. BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

Councillor B. T. Doleman informed Members that following the Council's decision to pay for the costs of putting a suspended ceiling in the Community Library, he has a quotation but is awaiting another quotation therefore will report back to the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the item will be on the next agenda.

#### **144. HIGH STREET - TRAFFIC CALMING**

The Clerk reported following a request to contact Councillor C. Thomas, Flintshire Cabinet Member for Streetscene as apparently, she was not aware of the situation with the traffic calming scheme, Councillor C. Thomas replied that she now understands that the preferred option is to change the large humps into table top traffic calming and that Welsh Government need to fund this.

Councillor C. Thomas is also aware that there have been meetings with the local AM and Flintshire County Council Highway's Officers and it was hoped that at one time there would be underspent Welsh Government funding available and this has not materialised due to the scheme scoring low. Councillor C. Thomas has confirmed should funding become available, the County Council will contact the Community Council.

**RESOLVED:** The response was noted.

#### **145. OWL CYMRU SERVICE SUPPORT FLINTSHIRE**

The Council considered a letter from OWL Cymru who were seeking financial support.

OWL provided background to their funding and have stated without further support OWL Cymru will not be able to continue to provide a service without implementing charges to the community.

The Council agreed to mark the letter as received and noted.

**RESOLVED:** That this letter is noted.



**146. AUTHORITY FOR ACTION DURING RECESS PERIOD**

**RESOLVED:** To note the actions of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Ward Members on agenda item 9 – Planning and to note the actions of the Chairman and Vice Chairman on agenda item 10 – Accounts.

**146. CORRESPONDENCE & CLERKS REPORT**

There was no additional correspondence.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk’s Report is noted.

**147. URGENT WARD MATTERS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councillor K. Rush Bagillt Community Council asked if a letter could be sent to Betsi Cadwaladr to raise concerns regarding the waiting times at Glan Clwyd Hospital. He had the misfortune to have had to attend Glan Clwyd Hospital A&E department on New Year's Day and the department was full with patients waiting to see a Doctor, the seating areas, corridors and cubicles were full and the waiting time was 12 hours. He had to return two days later and the situation was exactly the same.

Councillor Mrs. C. Shorten asked for Public Transport to be on the next meeting’s agenda.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will send a letter to Betsi Cadwaladr raising the above concerns and Public Transport to be on the next agenda.

<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b>
..... <b>Chairman</b>	