

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of meeting the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 18th July 2022.

PRESENT: Councillor C. P. Owens (Chairman)

COUNCILLORS: R. Davies, B. T. Doleman, B. Gittins, A. Griffiths, J. Humphreys, Mrs. S. L. Jones, Ms. A. Locker, Mrs. W. Owens, K. Rush, Mrs. Y. Rush, Miss. T. Strong, C. Williams, and Mrs. D. J. Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood (Clerk) and Mr. T. Cartwright (Flintshire Streetscene).

41. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM

There were no members of the public present.

42. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There was no declaration of interests recorded.

43. NEW COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS

The Chairman welcomed the new Community Councillors, B. Gittins, J. Humphreys and Mrs. Y. Rush to the Council.

44. STREETSCENE

Mr. T. Cartwright, Flintshire Street scene attended the meeting and reported all ditch clearing will take Place as the County Council have secured a £40,000 grant. Hedge cutting will also be done throughout the village.

Councillor K. Rush reported the trees in Gadlys Lane are high and have prevented wagons making deliveries to residents.

Councillor A. Griffiths added the hedges on the left hand side of Merllyn are over hanging and need to be cut.

Councillor J. Humphreys raised concerns regarding flooding, he said previously when sand bags are used, they take some time for the County Council to deliver due to the storage location and asked if they can be stored closer to Bagillt in preparation. Mr. T. Cartwright said he can look into the possibility in storing the bags in the Flint store and also advised investigations are taking place regarding flooding in the village and they are looking at the issues and alternative solutions.

Councillor Mrs. T. Strong had concerns regarding the conifers on Merllyn Lane. Mr. T. Cartwright said this is a Housing issue and it has been reported.

Councillor R. Davies said residents are asking when the verges will be cut. Mr. T. Cartwright advised these works are due to be completed.

RESOLVED: That Mr. T. Cartwright, Flintshire Streetscene Officer will action all requests and report back to the next meeting he attends.

45. BAGILLT BOWLING CLUB

The Clerk reported that no representative were able to attend, however they had emailed an update. The green had its first full scarify and this to continue every two weeks for two months. The club is awaiting a quote for the wooden surrounds and the cost of repairing the tarmac.

RESOLVED: Noted.

46. POLICING MATTERS

There were no matters to report.

47. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 8th June 2022 and the Special meeting held on 15th June 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

48. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman reported information regarding further communications with Flintshire Planning Enforcement Officer relating to the continuing works on the Springhill Quarry, Bagillt site and the blocked footpaths.

Councillor K. Rush proposed we write to the Flintshire Footpath Officer regarding having the footpath on site cleared of rubble and re-opened.

Councillor B. T. Doleman shared concerns for the safety of the public and workmen as it is an old leadworks with tunnels and the new structure is a large building to be on this type of land.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Ms. C. Kitchen, Flintshire Planning Enforcement Officer regarding the continuing works on the site and that the Clerk will also write to Mr. J. Hill, Flintshire Footpath Officer regarding the re-opening of the public footpath on the site.

49. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor K. Rush reported he had received a number of calls from residents who rent from private landlords, that have been given a notice of eviction, namely due to all the regulations Landlords have to adhere to, they are selling their properties. There is already a vast shortage of Council Housing in the village. Councillor K. Rush is continually pursuing these issues with the County Council.

Councillor K. Rush also reported residents' complaints about missed refuse and recycling collections, again this has been reported to Flintshire Streetscene.

Councillor B. T. Doleman informed the Council the Community Garden was holding an open day on 16th July, 2022.

RESOLVED: Noted.

50. PLANNING

Applications for Consideration

App No	Location	Detail
COU/000124/22	Wynne Williams Properties Ltd. Cambrian Works, Station Road, Bagillt, CH6 6AF	Change of use from former food processing facility and vehicle parking over to self-storage site, caravan storage and civil engineering business, associated office and new vehicular access.

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

App No	Location	Detail
AGN/000005/22	Coed Llwybr-Y-Bi, Old Bagillt Road, Holywell, CH6 6ER	Prior notification for agricultural building

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

51. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Voucher No	Name	Details	£
25	Macaskills Solicitors	Bagillt Bowling Club Solicitor fees	645.00
26	Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk	Clerks Salary & Expenses	722.45
27	HM Revenues & Customs	Tax & NI - Clerks Salary	187.63
28	Clwyd Pension Fund	Employers & Employees' Pension Contribution for Clerk	206.71
29	Opus Energy	Community Library Electricity	111.29
30	Vivaldi Flowers	Bouquet for Residents 100 th Birthday	30.00
31	C M Scott Jewellers	Community Shield Engraving	17.80

32	St Mary & St Peter's Church	Financial Donation towards handrail	3000.00
33	Flint Town Council	Photocopying Charges	17.00
34	Flint Town Council	Photocopying Charges	5.40
	HSBC	Bank Chagres	5.00

RESOLVED: That the above-mentioned accounts be paid.

52. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

a. Budget Monitoring Report

The meeting considered the Budget Monitoring report and Bank reconciliation statement for the first quarter to 30th June 2022, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members. See Appendix A.

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. Gittins reviewed a selection of invoices and payment receipts which were certified as correct.

53. ANNUAL REPORT

The Clerk reported that the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 states that Community Council's should produce an Annual Report, the first annual report is required for the 2021-2022 financial year and is due for publication as soon as reasonably practicable after 1 April 2022. Reports for future years should be published as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year.

The Council considered the Annual Report prepared by the Clerk and the Council approved for publication on the Council's website.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Report is approved and adopted and will be published on the Council's website.

54. COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Clerk advised the meeting that on behalf of the Chairman, Councillor K. Rush presented the Community Award at Ysgol Merllyn to Kuba Kotulski and that Ysgol Glan Aber did not wish to part take this year.

Councillor K. Rush said he had spoken to Ysgol Glan Aber to ask why they did not take part and it was said no child met the criteria. Councillor K. Rush asked the Council to confirm if we as a Council had set a criteria.

The Councillors confirmed no criteria had been set and they were very disappointed that the school had not taken part in the Community Shield as the Council wants to ensure both schools are treated equally and hopes this is also how the parents of the children in the village feel. The Council supports both schools annually in way of a financial donation.

Councillor A. Griffiths proposed we write to Ysgol Glan Aber to ask for the reasons why they did not take part in the Community Shield. Councillors agreed and also suggested a copy is sent to the Headteacher, Chair of Governors and Ms. C. Homard, Chief Officer, Education.

RESOLVED: That the presentation made at Ysgol Merlyn be noted and that a letter is sent to Ysgol Glan Aber Headteacher, Chair of Governors and Mrs. C. Homard, Chief Officer, Education to ascertain why the school have not taken part in the Community Shield presentation.

55. PLAYScheme 2022

The Clerk advised that the Flintshire Playscheme in the village will run for six weeks in two locations. Posters will be circulated once received by Flintshire County Council and children can be enrol via the Flintshire County Council website.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

56. LAMP POST POPPIES

Councillor R. Davies proposed the Council purchases additional poppies for the lamp posts in the village for Remembrance Sunday as a number of poppies were broken in the winds last year. The Council agreed and asked the Clerk to obtain a quotation.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will obtain a cost for the Lamp post Poppies and report back to the September Meeting.

57. COASTAL FOOTPATH

Councillor A. Griffiths reported the coastal path from the scrap yard is tarmacked and accessible to all, however the tarmac is missing approximately 50 metres leading up to the bridge, the pathway is full of potholes and very dangerous for wheelchair users and prams.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said Countryside Services are aware and have given assurance they will resolve these issues and find out who is responsible for this pathway.

RESOLVED: That the issues be noted and we await further updates from Countryside Services.

58. VILLAGE PLANTERS

Councillor Miss. T. Strong reported the trees are hanging over the planters by Ysgol Merllyn and this is preventing filling the planters with flowers.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will report this to Flintshire Streetscene Services.

59. SCHOOL COUNCIL

Councillor Miss. T. Strong said it is important as a Council to have the views of the younger people in the village and proposed we invite two children onto the Council to give their opinions.

The Clerk advised of the process for having a Youth Council, the Clerk had been advised by other Town and Community Councils it has proven difficult to engage the children enough to form a Youth Council.

The Chairman proposed a letter is sent to all schools in the area and surrounding area that our Bagillt children attend and ask if they would like a Bagillt Community Councillor to attend their School Council Meetings so the children can give their ideas and opinions and then the Councillor can then feed this back to the Bagillt Community Council Meetings.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to all schools in the area and surrounding area and offer for a Bagillt Community Councillor to attend a School Council Meeting.

60. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

As requested from the previous meeting, the Clerk shared a quotation for Christmas Lamp post illuminations.

Councillor C. Williams shared concerns regarding vandalism as some years ago when the Council had lights they did get vandalised and the costs to repair can be high.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said the costs for these lights are beyond the Council's budget and proposed we continue with the Christmas trees and lights only.

Councillor Mrs. S. L. Jones said the residents have been positive about the Christmas trees and lights. Councillor Mrs. W. Owens added along with residents own lights displays, the village looks very festive.

NOTE: Councillors R. Davies and Miss. T. Strong abstained from the vote.

RESOLVED: That the Council noted the quotation for Christmas lamp post illuminations and will remain with the current display of trees and lights in the village.

61. COLLIERY BUILDING

Councillor B. T. Doleman reported Flintshire Countryside Services had approached the Heritage Society to ask if they would form part of trust and financially contribute to paying towards the initial survey, if the survey findings are successful, then the building would be handed over to the trust.

Councillor B. T. Doleman proposed the Community Council should financially contribute to the initial survey as this building is part of Bagillt’s history. The financial donation will be maximum of £250.00.

Flintshire Countryside Services has £10,000 grant available for this project.

Councillors agreed this building is an importance part of the village’s heritage and could create future employment opportunities and agreed to financially contribute up to £250.00.

RESOLVED: That the Council will financially contribute up to £250.00 towards the initial survey of the building.

62. AUTHORITY FOR ACTION DURING THE RECESS PERIOD

RESOLVED:

1. That in accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, acting as a Sub-Committee, be given power to act on matters of an urgent nature during the recess period.

2. That in accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, together with a local Member(s) (excluding planning applications), acting as a Sub-Committee, be given power to act on matters where local Member involvement would be helpful during the recess period.

63. CORRESPONDENCE & CLERKS REPORT

There was no Correspondence or Clerks Report.

64. MEMBERS ITEMS

Councillor J. Humphreys requested Flooding is placed on the next agenda.

Date of Council Meeting	Wednesday 13th July, 2023
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