

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 11th July 2018.

PRESENT: Councillor C. P. Owens (Chairman)

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs. J. Nicholas and C. Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood (Clerk), Mr. N. Hickie (Flintshire Streetscene Officer) Mr. G. Roberts (Flintshire Streetscene Officer) and Mr. B. Wilkinson (Flintshire Highway Network Manager).

38. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There was no declaration of interests recorded.

39. STREETSCENE

The Chairman brought this item forward and welcomed Mr. N. Hickie and Mr. G. Roberts, Streetscene Officers and Mr. B. Wilkinson, Highway Network Manager to the meeting.

Mr. N. Hickie updated the Council on issues from the last meeting.

Issues on Sandy Lane with depression is being monitored.

The water on the High Street following the re-surfacing, this issue is on-going but is being dealt with.

Dog Bins for Tyddyn Messham and Neston View, still awaiting delivery.

The water leak on Gadlys Lane, investigations took place and dye was put down the drains with view to visit the site a week later but due to the weather, it had dried up so will need to re-visit at a later date.

The issue with recycling on Old London Road has been addressed.

The fly tipping at Bettisfield has now been cleared up.

The street light outside Dee Bank Villa which was shining directly into the property has now been replaced with an LED bulb and diffuser.

Councillor C. R. Williams asked the issue with rubbish around the village could be addressed.

Mr. N. Hickie informed the Council due to a re-structure within his team, he will be moving to another area and Mr. G. Roberts, Streetscene Officer will now cover Bagillt. Mr. N. Hickie explained that Mr. B. Wilkinson, Highway Network Manager was in attendance to address the letter

the Council had sent to the Chief Executive of Flintshire County Council regarding numerous issues in the village, namely weeds and potholes.

Mr. B. Wilkson said that Streetscene have committed area coordinators who should be the Council's first point of contact. An action plan has been drawn up to address the issues in the village including the potholes defects. This is an issue across Flintshire but the Authority now have additional resources. Mr. G. Roberts will work on the action plan for Bagillt and report back in 3 months and hopefully resolve the long standing issues and if the Council agree, Mr. B. Wilkinson will also attend a meeting in 6 months' time.

Mr. N. Hickie addressed the issue with weeds in the village, as with previous years, they do have an action plan, however due to the long winter and still having snow in April, the weed contractor had to start later and only completed the spraying of the weeds on 25th June therefore the cutting and removal of weeds can only start now.

Mr. N. Hickie referred to the potholes, which he inspected on the 15th May and a work ticket was issued, however the system will not give a completion date until 15th August. Mr. B. Wilkinson explained that currently all 8 co-ordinators across the County receive their inspections on the same day and are given one month to complete. This is something that will be changed to prevent all inspections arriving in the works teams at once or within a few days, as this floods the team with a lot of work hence delays in repairs etc. The co-ordinators inspections will now be given out at different times, staggered over a month, this should break the cycle of the continuing un-responded to defects.

Councillor A. Griffiths reported that in Merilyn Lane, towards the Old British Legion site, the thistle hedge is over 6 foot high and is littered with beer cans and rubbish.

Mr. B. Wilkinson informed members that the authority changed their grass cutting policy earlier in the year and certain areas are classified as either verges or amenities, this classification determines what appropriate action needs to be taken, therefore some areas will have longer grass than you will have seen in the past.

The Chairman asked would this apply to Flintshire land that is infested with Japanese Knotweed as the area opposite the Lyons Dens has not been treated this year. Mr. N. Hickie responded that due to the long winter, the stem injections took place later.

Councillor R. Davies thanked Mr. N. Hickie for all the work he has done for Bagillt and welcomed Mr. G. Roberts. Councillor R. Davies asked following a request by Councillor C. R. Williams at the previous meeting, if a person is injured by a pot hole or speed humps etc, can they claim and if so, from who. Mr. N. Hickie said claims can be sent via Streetscene or Flintshire County Council's insurance team. A time, date, location and brief description of incident is required. On receipt of a claim, the authorities actions are also investigated, that is, if inspections are in date, consistent and if any defects, these have been repaired within the set time.

Councillor C. R. Williams said the potholes near the end of the by-pass has been an issue for years and are dangerous, they cannot be avoided. Residents have asked what happens in the event of an accident and injury.

Councillor M. A. Reece referred to the issue with speed sign on the by-pass, the Police are unable to enforce speeding issues until the signage is erected and also asked about the dog bin policy, it is the same that you have to already have a dog bin in order to replace it. Mr. N. Hickie said they are

issued 6 a year and they are for replacements only. Mr. B. Wilkinson added Town and Community Councils can make a request for a bin, but these requests are prioritised but will confirm the policy and will also address the signage issue immediately.

Councillor A. Griffiths commented that the new village signs have been erected and asked why the sign near the Manor Estate has been erected behind a road sign therefore you cannot read the information on the sign. Mr. N. Hickie responded that the Community Council agreed the location and utility plans were checked and in that area, there is a high pressure gas main. Also road traffic signs takes priority over other signs.

The Chairman said due to the size of the signs, they would have been more suited to minor roads. Councillor B. T. Doleman reminded Councillors that he had previously commented there was too much information on the signs.

Mr. N. Hickie said the sign can be moved but they proceeded as per the instruction from the Community Council. Councillor M. A. Reece said the Officers cannot be criticised for the location.

Mr. B. Wilkinson said the location can be reviewed for but the safety of the road users is paramount.

Councillor T. Shorten reported that the street light outside No 2 Highfield is still not working, Mr. N. Hickie said they are waiting on Scottish Power for a connection.

Councillor C. Shorten asked if the area between Merllyn Lane and Beechcroft Close, could the area be cleared and weeded. Also when crossing near the Stag Inn, the bushes are obscuring your view of the oncoming traffic, therefore could these bushes be cut back. Due to the roads works, this has been delayed and at the moment, we are unable to cut the bushes due to birds nesting. Mr. B. Wilkinson said safety is important and we have discretion, however we do have to be considerate at the nesting period time.

Councillor M. A. Reece thanked Mr. N. Hickie for all his services in the village. The Chairman added thanks on behalf of the Council and praised Mr. N. Hickie for his openness at the meetings.

The Chairman thanked Mr. N. Hickie, Mr. G. Roberts and Mr. B. Wilkinson for attending the meeting.

40. POLICING MATTERS

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

The Clerk reported that PSCO Chatham had advised that CCTV in operation camera signs should be placed in the areas where the cameras are situated. The Clerk shared posters and the Chairman said he will laminate and place in the appropriate areas.

Councillor A. Griffiths asked if PSCO Chatham could show the Council which areas the cameras are monitoring. Councillor M. A. Reece said the camera does not cover areas of the Stag Inn Car Park.

The Clerk reported that Sgt. S. Carrington had provided details of a Community Speed Watch Scheme that will take place in August across North Flintshire Area. The campaign will be advertised on social media and school children will be involved. Councillors were asked to provide the Clerk

with areas within the village that they feel would benefit from the Community Speed Watch Scheme and if they wanted to volunteer, names can be passed onto Sgt. S. Carrington.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will ask PSCO Chatham to provide information on the areas which the CCTV cameras are monitoring and that the information from Sgt. S. Carrington was noted and Councillors would respond directly to the Clerk.

41. MINUTES

a. Minute No. 21 – Streetscene

Councillor M. A. Reece reported that the lights on the directional road sign near the Lyons Den will be moved.

b. Minute No. 23 – Planning

Councillor C. Renshaw asked why Planning Application 058301, 1 Sea View Terrace, Sunnyside, Bagillt, CH6 6JX was not discussed at the previous meeting. The Chairman explained that when applications are received in between meetings and the comments period is before the next meeting, it is policy that the appropriate ward members including the Chairman and Vice Chairman are consulted and comments are submitted on behalf of the Council.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held 13th June 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

42. CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman informed the Council of the death of ex Councillor N. Watson. The Chairman and Councillor B. T. Doleman attended the funeral.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said Mr. N. Watson was a well-respected gentleman who he worked alongside on footpath issues in the village.

Councillor C. R. Williams paid his respects and said he was unaware of Mr. N. Watson passing.

43. PLANNING

a. Applications for Consideration

App No	Location	Detail
058512	The Farmhouse, Panton Hall, Old Bagillt Road, Bagillt, Flintshire, CH6 6ER	Erection of a barn/storage curtilage building for agricultural storage adjacent to the existing farmhouse.

Councillor C. Renshaw commented that the application is referred to as Old Bagillt Road, in Bagillt this road should be referred to as Ffordd y Dre.

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

App No	Location	Detail
058534	3 Upper Riverbank, Bagillt, CH6 6JL	Alteration and Extension

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

App No	Location	Detail
058275	Kelvinlie Bungalow, Bron Y Wern, Bagillt, CH6 6BT	Removal and replacement of roof (partly in retrospect) and amendment of rear extension approved under ref: 056027

Councillor A. Griffiths said he objects to this application as it is causing great concern and distress to neighbouring residents as it would remove all privacy from their properties.

Councillor C. Shorten shared the views of Councillor A. Griffiths.

Councillor C. Renshaw said that the roof is in need of repair.

Councillor K. Rush said the roof can be repaired, however the application is to replace with a gable end roof and not a hipped roof therefore will over shadow residents and impact on their privacy. In time, the gable end can be altered to have french windows.

Councillor R. Davies said he has spoken to a Flintshire Planning Officer who confirmed that if the application is successful it will have conditions attached which will state no access can be made via the gable end.

NOTE: Councillor M. A. Reece abstained and did not vote thereon.

RESOLVED: That the Council object to this application as the development is overpowering and would impact considerably on the privacy of the neighbours' and the Clerk will inform Flintshire Planning department accordingly.

b. Application Appeals

App No	Location	Detail
049273	Royal British Legion (Former) Gadlys Lane, Bagillt, CH6 6EH	Proposed construction of 10 dwellings (4 already constructed under Planning Permission ref: 049273)

Councillor M. A. Reece said all comments for the Planning Inspectorate must be sent in writing. Councillor M. A. Reece and Mr. T. Renshaw spoke at the Planning Committee on Wednesday 28th March and this information will be reported to the Planning Inspectorate

Councillor C. Shorten has written to the Planning Inspectorate enclosing photographs and related back to a previous refusal.

Councillor B. T. Doleman suggested as Mr. T. Renshaw represented the Council and spoke at the Flintshire Planning Committee that we should ask Mr. T. Renshaw to write to the Planning Inspectorate on the Council's behalf.

Councillor C. Renshaw commented that the application is referred to as Gadlys Lane, the location is Merllyn.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Mr. T. Renshaw with this request.

44. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Voucher No	Name	Expenditure Powers	£
25	Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	701.29
26	HM Revenues & Customs	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	187.10
27	HM Revenues & Customs	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	231.84
28	Clwyd Pension Fund	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)	135.64
29	Opus Energy	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)	9.87
30	C. M. Scott's	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.5)	30.15
31	Connected Security	Loc Govt Rating Act 1997 (S.31)	6,678.00
32	Flintshire County Council	Loc.Govt ((MP) Act	10,000.00
33	Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	656.17
34	HM Revenues & Customs	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	187.10
35	Clwyd Pension Fund	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)	135.64

RESOLVED: That the above mentioned accounts be paid.

45. BAGILLT FORSHORE

Councillor M. A. Reece reported that a new stone seat is being put at the top of the holy tunnel where the water from Halkyn mines comes out.

46. COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Chairman will be presenting Community Award at Ysgol Merlyn to Josef Jones and will be presenting the Community Award at Ysgol Glan Aber to Leah Foulkes before the end of the Summer term.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

47. PLAYScheme 2018

The Clerk previously circulated copies of Play scheme Posters for the village schemes which was sent from Mrs. J. Roberts, Flintshire Play Development Officer and confirmed the posters will be displayed on the Notice Boards in the village.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

48. HIGH STREET TRAFFIC CALMING

The Clerk reported an email received from Mr. A. Stanford, Flintshire Highway Strategy Manager regarding the formal advertisement for the revised traffic calming scheme. It stated Flintshire County Council propose to advertise the revised traffic calming scheme in early July for a statutory period of 21 days.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

49. FOOTPATH No. 10

The Council considered an email from Ms. B. Jones, Flintshire Legal Officer which included a response from the Land Specialist. Ms. Jones stated the Land Specialist is currently trying to determine where the original route was situated at PFP 10 Bagillt. The approx. time schedule for the report is in August.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said he was disappointed with the response as this issue has been ongoing for over 30 years.

The Chairman proposed that this item is added to the September Council meeting agenda and if no satisfactory response has been received then the Council will seek to take legal action against the Authority.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will include this item on the next agenda and will report any information during recess to the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

50. BAGILLT YOUTH PROVISION

The Council considered the email from Mrs. C. Homard, Flintshire Interim Chief Officer, Education and Youth regarding youth provision in the village. See appendix A.

Councillor K. Rush said he was disappointed with the response and said no pop up provisions are in the village therefore we should write to Councillor I. B. Roberts, Flintshire Cabinet Member for Education to ask for details of this pop up provision that should have been started on Tuesday 26th June.

Councillor K. Rush also commented that since the Youth Club closed at the Boot End School, which was due to the school's new extension, no works have commenced therefore whilst the room is empty why can't the youth club be re-opened.

Councillor B. T. Doleman proposed we write to Councillor I. B. Roberts, Flintshire Cabinet Member for Education to ask for information on the 'pop up' provision, where is it in the village.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Councillor I. B. Roberts, Flintshire Cabinet Member for Education.

51. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

a. Budget Monitoring Report

The meeting considered the Budget Monitoring report and Bank reconciliation statement for the first quarter to 30th June 2018, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members. See Appendix B.

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

52. 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.

53. CORRESPONDENCE & CLERKS REPORT

a. The following correspondence were received and circulated at the Meeting.

- Holiday Hunger Launch Event invitation to all Members of the Council, Thursday 19th July at 11am Theatr Clwyd, Mold.

b. Match Funding Scheme - Improvements to Children’s Play Areas 2018/19

A letter from Mr. R. Roberts, Flintshire Play Design Officer regarding Match funding Scheme Improvements to Children’s Play Areas 2018/19. See Appendix C.

Councillor M. A. Reece proposed Maes Teg play area.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk’s Report and email were noted and the Clerk will write to Mr. R. Roberts, Flintshire to advise the Council wish to take part in the Play area Match Funding scheme for improvements indicating the Council will contribute £10,000 as agreed at the January 2018 Meeting and put forward Maes Teg for the improvements.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Date of Council Meeting	Wednesday 11th July 2018	
Member	Item	Minute No. Refers
There were no Declarations of personal interest		

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Chairman