

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of meeting the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 13th March 2024.

PRESENT: Councillor A. Locker (Chairwoman)

COUNCILLORS: B. T. Doleman, B. Gittins, A. Griffiths, J. Humphreys, S. L. Jones, C. P. Owens, W. Owens, T. Strong, C. Williams and D. J. Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk, Ms. L. Williams, Bagillt Bowling Club and Members of the Public.

APOLOGIES: Councillors: R. Davies, K. Rush and Y. Rush.

134. PUBLIC INQUIRY ITEM

Members of the Public present requested to speak on Agenda item 11c and 16.

135. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor C. P. Owens declared a personal interest relating to Community Library (Minute 145) and Services used by the Council (Minute 148).

Councillor W. Owens declared a personal interest relating to Services used by the Council (Minute 148).

Councillor B. Doleman declared a personal interest relating to Community Library (Minute 145000) and Financial Donations (Minute 151).

Councillor C. Williams declared a personal interest relating to Community Library (Minute 145).

RESOLVED: The Declaration of Interests record will be updated and displayed on the Council's website.

136. SUMMER PLAYSHEME

Mr. D. Morris, Flintshire Lead Officer for Play Developments was unable to attend and this item was deferred for a future meeting.

137. BAGILLT BOWLING CLUB

Ms. L. Williams, Bagillt Bowling Club was in attendance and reported that they are holding an open day on 6th April and invited all Councillors and asked the Chairwomen to officially open the club. The Chairwomen accepted.

Ms. L. Williams said all plans are moving forward, they are busy painting and assembling benches and maintaining the green, however in order to complete the projects, the club requested the balance of the financial assistance that the Council agreed within the Council's budget for the project and also for their recent electricity bill.

Councillor J. Humphreys proposed we provide the remaining balance of £1,830 is given to the Bowling Club for the purposes explained as this a valuable community facility.

Councillor T. Strong asked for a recorded vote.

A recorded vote took place.

Councillor B.T. Doleman	For
Councillor B. Gittins	For
Councillor A. Griffiths	For
Councillor J. Humphreys	For
Councillor S. L. Jones	For
Councillor A. Locker	For
Councillor C.P. Owens	For
Councillor W. Owens	For
Councillor T. Strong	For
Councillor C. Williams	For
Councillor Mrs. D.J. Williams	For

RESOLVED: That the Chairwomen will officially open the Bagillt Bowling Club on 6th April, 2024 and that £1,830 is paid to the Bowling Club in order to complete the project and pay the Electricity bill.

138. POLICING MATTERS

There were no Policing matters to report.

139. STREETSCENE MATTERS

The Clerk reported following the issues raised at the previous meeting, Mr. T. Cartwright had confirmed these had been dealt with.

Councillor A. Griffiths reported that Merllyn Lane, the fields where horses are is flooding, it appears that something may have been dumped in the stream which is causing the water to be diverted out and flooding the Lane.

RESOLVED: That the issues raised will be passed onto Mr. T. Cartwright, Flintshire Streetscene Officer.

140. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held 14th February 2024 and the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 22nd February 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairwoman.

141. CHAIRMANS COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairwomen had no communications to report.

142. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

There was no reports by representatives or County Councillors.

143. PLANNING

a. There were no Planning Applications received.

b. There were no Planning Decisions received.

c. The Environmental Impact of Unplanned Developments in the Village

Councillor C. P. Owens reported concerns of the number of unplanned developments in the village and the impact on the environment and proposed that the County Councillors make urgent enquiries with Flintshire County Council to ascertain why the Council and public are not informed as the County Council have a statutory duty to consult with the Council.

Councillor T. Strong asked if Councillor C. P. Owens was referring to a particular site.

Councillor C. P. Owens made comments regarding Councillor T. Strong talking rubbish again, which he did immediately apologise. However, Councillor T. Strong said she does not accept the apology.

Members of the Public then became involved with the meeting and heated discussions were had.

Councillor W. Owens said she will be contacting the Police following concerning comments made by a Member of the Public who was in attendance at the meeting.

Councillor T. Strong said if we are asking County Councillors to write to Flintshire County Council, we need to state the sites we are referring to.

The Chairwomen called for order and asked Councillors to vote the proposal from Councillor C. P. Owens to ask County Councillors to make enquiries with Flintshire County Council regarding unplanned developments in the village. Councillors agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will ask the County Councillors to contact Flintshire County Council regarding the number of unplanned developments in the village.

144. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Voucher No	Name	Details	£
87	Mega Electrics	Xmas Tree Lights	1483.20
88	Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk	Clerks Salary & Expenses	914.04
89	HM Revenues & Customs	Tax & NI - Clerks Salary & Councillors payments	398.10
90	Clwyd Pension Fund	Employers & Employees' Pension Contribution for Clerk	299.75
91	Valda Energy	Community Library Electricity <i>** Paid via Direct Debit on the 22/3/24</i>	61.92
92	AVOW	Payroll Services	63.99
93	Flintshire CC	Play Area Improvements	10,000.00
94	Cllr. R. Davies	IRPW Payment for 2023/24	124.80
95	Cllr. B. Gittins	IRPW Payment for 2023/24	124.80
96	Cllr. J. Humphreys	IRPW Payment for 2023/24	124.80
97	Cllr. T. Strong	IRPW Payment for 2023/24	124.80
98	Flint Town Council	Printing Charges - 22/2/24	10.80
99	Flint Town Council	Printing Charges - March Printing	21.00
	HSBC	Bank Chagres	5.00

RESOLVED: That the above-mentioned accounts be paid.

145. BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Chairwoman reported that following the previous meetings resolution to continue to pay the Community Library Electricity bill and to move supplier due to rising costs, that herself, Councillor K. Rush and Councillor C. Owens met on the 26th February and successfully moved the Library Electricity supply to Valda 0Energy.

Councillor T. Strong raised a question regarding the lease on the Community Library and read out minutes from April 2017 which stated Councillor B. Doleman's name was incorrectly spelt on the Community Library lease and he would make contact with the Legal Department regarding this matter, therefore Councillor T. Strong asked can the Council confirm who is named on the Community Library lease.

Councillor B. Doleman said the lease is with Flintshire County Council as the Community Asset Transfer is yet to be completed.

Councillor C. Williams said if the Board of Trustees have not took on the building, we would have lost the building in the village.

Councillor T. Strong proposed the Council writes to Flintshire County Council to ask when the Community Asset Transfer will complete and also to ask that if Flintshire County Council currently owns the building, why is the Community Council paying the Electricity bills.

Councillor T. Strong asked for a recorded vote.

Note: Councillors B. Doleman, C. P. Owens and C. Williams did not vote due to a declaration of interest.

A recorded vote took place.

Councillor B. Gittins	For
Councillor A. Griffiths	Abstain
Councillor J. Humphreys	For
Councillor S. L. Jones	Did not vote
Councillor A. Locker	For
Councillor W. Owens	Abstain
Councillor T. Strong	For
Councillor Mrs. D.J. Williams	Abstain

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Flintshire County Council to ascertain when the Community Asset Transfer on the Community Library building will be completed and to query the responsibility for the Electricity payments.

146. PAYMENTS TO MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The meeting considered a report of the Clerk, together with an extract from the Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, so as to enable the Council to make determinations applicable for the next financial year. The report of the Clerk advised of the current situation in relation to previous determinations by the Council. See Appendix A.

RESOLVED: That in relation to the 2024/25 financial year, the determinations required concerning payments to Members be as follows:

- Extra Costs Payment - Payment of £156 paid to Members – to be paid by Council as Mandatory Reimbursement for Consumables - Payment of up to £52 on production of receipts – to be paid by Council as Mandatory
- Senior Roles – not to be paid by Council
- Mayor or Chair – not to be paid by Council
- Deputy Mayor/Deputy Chair – not to be paid by Council
- Attendance Allowance – not to be paid by Council
- Financial Loss Allowance – to be paid by Council
- Travel & Subsistence – to be paid by Council
- Cost of Care or Personal Assistance – to be paid by Council as Mandatory

147. STREET FUNITURE INSPECTION

The Clerk advised the Council that the Annual Street Furniture inspection had been carried out by Councillors A. Locker and T. Strong and the report was shared with Council.

The Clerk also reported that Councillor R. Davies had reported an issue with the Stag Car Park notice board and a member of the public had reported an issue with Riverbank bus stop guttering.

Councillors agreed for the works to be completed and for quotations to be obtained.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will obtain quotations for all the works and report back to the next meeting.

148. SERVICES USED BY COUNCIL

The Chairwomen requested the Council agree to the continuing to use of: Bagillt Web design for the Council’s Website, Zurich Insurance for the Council’s Insurance Services and AVOW for the Council’s payroll services.

A Member of the public had requested to speak on this matter and said the Council website needed updating, it is not easy to navigate on a mobile device and some links to pages fail to load. There also isn’t much content on what the Council are doing and what is going on in the community. It was also, suggested that the Council should consider a facebook page.

Councillor C. Owens suggested a Councillor should propose to that the Council does not continue to use the services of Bagillt Web Design.

Councillor B. Doleman proposed that we do not continue to use the services of Bagillt Web Design.

The Clerk reminded Councillors that a website is a legal requirement therefore the Council will need to employ the services of a website company. Councillors agreed for the Clerk to obtain quotes and report back the next meeting.

Councillor W. Owens requested the new website company also provided a bilingual website.

Councillor T. Strong asked for a recorded vote regarding the proposal relating to not using the services of Bagillt Web Design.

NOTE: Councillor C.P. Owens and Councillor W. Owens did not vote due to a declaration of interest.

A recorded vote took place.

Councillor B.T. Doleman	For
Councillor B. Gittins	For
Councillor A. Griffiths	Abstain
Councillor J. Humphreys	For
Councillor S. L. Jones	For
Councillor A. Locker	For
Councillor T. Strong	For

Councillor C. Williams	For
Councillor D.J. Williams	For

Councillor J. Humphreys proposed we continue the use of Zurich Insurance for the Council's Insurance Services and AVOW for the Council's payroll services.

RESOLVED: The Council agreed to the continuing use of Zurich Insurance and AVOW.

149. CIVILITY & RESPECT PLEDGE

The Council reviewed the Civility and Respect pledge.

RESOLVED: That the Council reviewed and agreed the Civility and Respect pledge.

150. COUNCIL POLICES

The Council considered the Multi Location Meeting Policy and the Standing Orders for approval and adoption.

RESOLVED: That the Multi Location Meeting Policy and the Standing Orders were approved and adopted.

151. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Council considered applications for Financial Assistance, which was deferred at the last meeting pending additional information.

Regarding the application from Bagillt Action Group, this again was deferred pending additional Information requested.

NOTE: Councillor B. T Doleman did not vote due to a declaration of interest.

RESOLVED:

1. That in accordance with Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, the following donations be agreed for this financial year:

Voucher No	Name	£
100	Busy Little Rascals	500.00

2. That in relation to the application from the Bagillt Action Group this application will be re-submitted with more information for the Council to consider.

153. PROPOSED FINANCIAL AGREEMENT POLICY

Councillor J. Humphreys proposed that the Council should create and adopt a policy for financial agreements as of April 2025. Council currently has a Financial Assistance policy, but this new policy

would be for longer term commitments and agreements for groups within the village.

Councillor J. Humphreys proposed the policy would state that any groups that apply would receive a maximum of £1,500 per annum; that they would need to provide a constitution, bank statements a business plan by October of each year, this would allow Council time to consider this at the November Initial Estimates meeting and at the January budget setting meeting and if the group had more than £10,000 in their bank account, a full explanation why would be required.

This policy would create transparency and clarity on how the Council make their financial decisions.

Councillor C. Owens proposed that this matter is deferred and Councillor J. Humphreys prepares a draft policy which can be circulated prior to the next meeting.

RESOLVED: That the item is deferred till the next meeting and that Councillor J. Humphreys will prepare a draft policy which can be circulated prior to the next meeting.

154. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION POLICY

Councillor C. P Owens circulated a revised financial assistance application policy.

Councillor C. Williams proposed that this matter is deferred to allow Councillors time to read the proposed policy.

RESOLVED: That the item is deferred till the next meeting.

155. CORRESPONDENCE & CLERKS REPORT

There were no correspondence or reports.

156. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council's Website and the deferred items: Financial Applications; Proposed Financial Agreement Policy; Financial Assistance Application Policy.

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