

## **BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of meeting the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

**PRESENT: Councillor A. Locker (Chairwoman)**

**COUNCILLORS:** R. Davies, B. Gittins, A. Griffiths, J. Humphreys, S. L. Jones, C. P. Owens, W. Owens, K. Rush, Y. Rush, T. Strong, D. J. Williams and C. Williams.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk, Ms. D. Evans, Church Warden and Members of the Public.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor B. T. Doleman.

### **77. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM**

A Members of the Public requested to speak on agenda item 18 regarding Seaview Terrace.

### **78. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor B. Gittins declared a personal interest relating to Policing matters (Minute 79).

Councillor R. Davies declared a personal interest relating to Policing matters (Minute 79).

Councillor J. Humphreys declared a personal interest relating to Policing matters (Minute 79).

Councillor T. Strong declared a personal interest relating to Policing matters (Minute 79).

### **79. POLICING MATTERS**

Councillor B. Gittins reported he had made a formal complaint to the Police in relation to slanderous comments made against himself which are in the public domain on Facebook and verbally around the village. He said the allegations are completely untrue and discredit his Community Councillor status. Legal advice has also been sought.

**RESOLVED:** Noted.

### **80. REMEBRANCE SUNDAY**

Ms. D. Edwards, Church Warden was in attendance and reported the details of this years' service. Ms. D. Edwards requested in future years, could the Community Council assist with the following:

Photocopying of the Order of Service, paying the costs  
Have volunteers on the day to hand the Order of Service out  
Informing the Police and Streetscene of the road closure arrangements  
Have two Councillors on the day to read the names of the fallen

Ms. D. Edwards advised due to health and safety issues, they can no longer have music at the service, therefore will be a said service only. If in future years, anyone can help, make suggestions regarding music,

this would be appreciated.

Councillor C. P. Owens proposed the photocopying could be done at the Library.

Councillors were all in agreement to help with all requests.

**RESOLVED:** That Ms. D. Edwards will liaise with the Clerk prior to service in 2024 to ensure all arrangements are in place.

## **81. CORRESPONDENCE & CLERKS REPORT**

The Chairwoman agreed to bring this item forward as a Member of the Public had asked to speak on the matter relating to Seaview Terrace.

The member of the public is the owner of the Seaview Terrace and following a letter from the Council with concerns relating to the safety of the property, he confirmed he has a survey every three months and has been liaising with Councillor B. Gittins, providing updates.

He also reported that issue with progressing is due to delays with Flintshire Planning Department and Natural Resource Wales. He said he came to a Council meeting in 2019 to report about the development and issues he had and he has been in constant contact with Flintshire County Council since this date.

Councillor K. Rush said he has received a number of complaints from residents as the property is an eyesore and also due to safety of the property and asked the owner for an approximate timescale for completion.

The owner said he cannot provide a time scale as that is in the hands of Flintshire Planning Department and Natural Resource Wales. He confirmed the property is structural safe as he has completed all the works to ensure this.

Councillor K. Rush said if the owner needs any assistance from the Community Council or County Councillors, to please ask.

**RESOLVED:** That the report was noted.

## **82. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairwoman.

## **83. CHAIRWOMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairwoman reported she will be attending the Remembrance Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November and will lay a wreath on behalf of the Council.

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

Councillor K. Rush reported that via the Clerk, he had received an email from a resident concerned about flooding in the Upper Riverbank area and down the hill from Holywell. Councillor K. Rush reported as

the drains are in the Holywell area, he has reported this to both Streetscene Officers in Bagillt and Holywell and asked the Clerk reports the update to the resident.

**RESOLVED:** That the report was noted and that the Clerk will respond to the resident regarding the flooding concerns.

## 85. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### Applications for Consideration

App No	Location	Detail
FUL/000254/22	Dee Bank Industrial Estate, Bagillt , CH6 6HJ	Proposed erection of structure together with formation of access (partly retrospective)

Councillor C. Owens reported that the address of the application is inaccurate. The address is the site of the old Top Hill Leadworks and not Dee Bank industrial estate, and so consequently, this application is a departure from the LDP, see the references on the Integrated Impact Assessment of the LDP on pp 30-31 and page 127 of the Adopted LDP. Therefore, proposed the Council objects to this application on these grounds and as per previous objections.

Councillors: R. Davies, B. Gittins, J. Humphreys and T. Strong abstained from the vote.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council object to this application and will inform Flintshire Planning accordingly.

## 86. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Voucher No	Name	Details	£
63	Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk	Clerks Salary & Expenses	861.79
64	HM Revenues & Customs	Tax & NI - Clerks Salary	248.58
65	Clwyd Pension Fund	Employers & Employees' Pension Contribution for Clerk	284.15
66	Opus Energy	Community Library Electricity	152.27
67	Flint Town Council	Photocopying Services	23.40
	HSBC	Bank Chagres	5.00

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

## 87. COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Councillor J. Humphreys reported he had received concerns from residents regarding the funding that is provided to the Community Library.

Councillor J. Humphreys said he had looked at the minutes and accounts dating back to 2015 and said an amount of £7,668.66 had been spent on the Library to date by the Community Council as well as the Chair's allowance of £1,000 being donated to the Library this year. He also shared concerns that this year, we have already exceeded the budget allowance.

Flintshire County Council closed the Library due to the expense and lack of attendees. He believes the Community Council produced a survey which included 300 resident's signatures and the Council then agreed to pay the Libraries Electricity and Insurance bills.

Councillor J. Humphreys expressed concerns over the opening times and that the Library is not open for times when children can visit, he said he does not wish for the facility to close, however it could be used by more groups and become a community hub.

Councillor J. Humphreys proposed the Council writes to the Bagillt Community Library Group to ask:

1. Between 1/11/22 and 1/11/23 - how many people used the Library and took books?
2. What does the group do to fund raise for the Library?

In order to provide the public with an explanation for the money spent on the Community Library. Councillors agreed.

Councillor W. Owens abstained from the vote.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will write to the Bagillt Community Library Group to ask the proposed questions and report back to the next meeting.

## **88. HANGING BASKETS**

The Clerk reported that following the decision at the previous meeting, a quotation for 8 artificial hanging baskets had been received and was circulated with members.

Councillor A. Griffiths proposed we accept the quotation. Councillors agreed.

The Clerk asked where the baskets will be stored when not up in the village, Councillor K. Rush said that the Community Garden would be able to store the baskets.

Councillors: B. Gittins and J. Humphreys abstained from the vote.

**RESOLVED:** That the 8 artificial hanging baskets are ordered for summer 2024.

## **89. SPEED HUMPS**

Councillor S. Jones reported that some years ago the speed humps were discussed at Council and Officers from Flintshire County Council attended and proposed that they would look to remove the speed humps with tables and to date has not been done.

Councillor R. Davies reminded councillors that we applied for Welsh Government slippage funding to have the speed humps replaced but we were unsuccessful. He also advised that following the introduction of the 20 MPH restrictions, Welsh Government have said that any roads that have the 20 MPH restrictions, do not require speed calming measures and those roads that have existing speed calming measures, if road

improvements were required, such as re-tarmacking, the speed humps or tables would be removed and not replaced.

Councillor R. Davies proposed we write to Flintshire County Council to seek clarification in writing on this matter. Councillors agreed.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will write to Flintshire County Council to seek clarification on the new guidance surrounding 20 MPH restricted areas and speed calming measures.

## **90. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES (IRPW): CONSULTATION ON DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25**

The Council considered the draft annual report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales 2024/25. Copies of which had been previously circulated to Members.

**RESOLVED:** That the consultation on the allowances and expenses proposed for the next financial year be noted.

## **91. INITIAL ESTIMATES CONSIDERATIONS 2024/25**

The meeting considered a report by the Clerk, copies of which had been previously circulated. The report was to allow Members to give a view on possible new items and the removal of others, prior to the report being prepared in consultation with the Chairwoman and Vice Chairman, which would be considered at the January 2024 meeting, thereby enabling the budget and precept to be agreed for the next financial year.

### **1. Bagillt Bowling Club**

**RESOLVED:** That a sum of £2500 be included in the budget report for the January meeting.

### **2. Community Centre**

**RESOLVED:** That the Council will hold a sum of £20,000 (part of which would also be for the Community Library) in reserves as a contingency reserve in the event of unforeseen occurrences.

### **3. Community Library**

**RESOLVED:** That the Council awaits clarification from the Bagillt Community Library group following the earlier discussions at this meeting (minute number 87) before agreeing a budget allocation.

### **4. Play Area Improvements**

**RESOLVED:** That the Council agreed a sum of £10,000 be included in the budget report for the January meeting.

### **5. Play Schemes**

Councillor Y. Rush expressed concern regarding of the lack of children attending the play schemes and proposed we write to Flintshire County Council to ask how they look to improve the attendance in summer 2024. Councillors agreed.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council agreed a sum of £6,500 be included in the budget report for the January meeting and that the Clerk write to Flintshire County Council to share concerns regarding attendance.

**6. Hanging Baskets/Raised Beds**

**RESOLVED:** That a sum of £600 be included in the budget report for the January meeting.

**7. Christmas Tree / Lights**

**RESOLVED:** That a sum of £2,500 be included in the budget report for the January meeting.

**92. COUNCIL POLICES**

The Council considered the Data Protection Policy for approval and adoption.

**RESOLVED:** That the Data Protection Policy was approved and adopted.

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

**RESOLVED:**

1. That in accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairwoman 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 Chairwoman 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

**94. MEMBERS ITEMS**

Councillor J. Humphreys requested Bagillt Community Library is placed on the next agenda.

Councillor Y. Rush requested Youth Shelters is placed on the next agenda.

<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2023</b>
..... <b>Chairwoman</b>	