

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 8th November 2017.

PRESENT: Councillor A. Griffiths (Chairman)

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs. J. Nicholas

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood (Clerk)

77. POLICING MATTERS

The Clerk informed the Council that PCSO Chatham was unable to attend the meeting, due to work commitments.

Councillor M. A. Reece reported that he met with PCSO Chatham in the village and he was checking parked vehicles for tax and also if they were obstructing pedestrians, no issues to report. He also investigated a caravanette which is for sale and is parked near the Old Royal Oak, he confirmed this is a County Council issue not a Police issue.

PSCO Chatham also went to see the Developers regarding the smashed windows which need boarding up at the Old British Legion site.

Councillor B. T. Doleman proposed the Council writing to the Territorial Inspector at Mold to inform him of all the issues we have in our village and ask why does Bagillt not receive the quality of Policing that we need in the village.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to The Territorial Inspector at Mold Police Station sharing the Council's concerns.

78. MINUTES

The following comments were made on the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 12th October

a. Minute No. 73 – Twinned with Laxey Road Sign

The Chairman asked Councillor C. Renshaw to explain in more detail why at the previous meeting he made reference to instances where he feels, matters were not progressed fairly

or democratically as he had received numerous complaints following the statement. Councillor C. Renshaw read the statement again.

The Clerk explained that the 'Birth Place of a Prince' village sign was not on the October agenda due to the meeting with Ms. H. Blythyn to discuss this matter was scheduled for Friday 13th October, after the Council meeting therefore will be reported to the November meeting.

Councillor B. T. Doleman provided historic information regarding the request for the Twinned with Laxey road sign and said this request has been on-going since 2012.

b. Minute No. 76 – Ysgol Merllyn – Disabled Toilets

The Chairman asked if the County Councillors had met with Mrs. C. Homard, Flintshire Interim Chief Officer Education and Youth to discuss this matter.

Councillor M. A. Reece confirmed he meet with Mrs. Homard and it was explained an accessible toilet would only be provided if there is a pupil in the school with a disability who requires the use of an accessible toilet. Currently Bagillt has no disabled children in the school or the village. Mrs. Homard said she would forward a copy of the 'Programme of Works' for all the schools in Flintshire to the Council which to date has not been received.

Councillor R. Davies said should a disabled child apply to attend the school, the school would be given priority.

The Chairman said this unacceptable as if a child applied to the school, they would have to wait until a toilet is installed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Mrs. C. Homard, Flintshire Interim Chief Officer Education and Youth to ask for a copy of the Programme of Works and that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 12th October be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

79. CHAIRMANS COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman reported that both himself and Clerk attended the newly formed Flintshire West Joint Working group at Holywell Town Council Offices. The purpose of the group is for Town and Communities Councils from the West Delyn area to explore opportunities for partnerships and work together to benefit the collective local councils.

It has been agreed the group will meet quarterly.

80. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor C. R. Williams reported his attendance at the North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils Meeting on 27th October in Holywell. At the meeting the draft annual report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales was discussed, namely determination 44: Community and Town Councils must make a payment to each of their members of £150 per year for costs incurred in respect of telephone usage, IT, consumables etc. Should a Member not want to take this payment, they must write to either the Chairman or Clerk.

Councillor C. R. Williams said he will be attending the North & Mid Wales Association of Local Council Meeting in January and this issue will be discussed again therefore he will report back to the Council. If this payment is agreed, this will cost the Council a lot of money, should Councillors accept the payments.

Nuclear Waste was also discussed and it was confirmed that Council's will not disclose where this waste is buried and concerns were shared if fracking takes place and no one knows the location of nuclear waste, it could be hit.

Councillor K. Rush reported he attended the Flintshire County Council Public Engagement Event at the Gwynedd School, Flint on 24th October. The event set out the Flintshire County Council's priorities for the next five years. It was reported that Council Tax may rise by 5% and that Flintshire County Council is the second to last lowest funded Authority. There is a petition on line to ask the Welsh Assembly to give our County more money. Councillor K. Rush shared some leaflets with the meeting which he was given at the event.

Councillor C. P. Owens reported he attended the Standards Committee. The Ombudsman for Wales attended and gave some insightful views about the standards and complaints procedures. There has been a large increase in Local Authority complaints and that complaints from members of the public are considered more favourably than complaints received from elected bodies.

81. PLANNING – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Clerk shared an email from Flintshire County Council stating they will consulting on its Preferred Strategy for the Flintshire Local Development Plan (LDP). The Preferred Strategy document outlines the Plans vision, issues and objectives, preferred level of growth and preferred spatial strategy. It identifies two Strategic Sites and Strategic Policies. Copies of the Pre-Deposit Proposals documents will be available for public inspection from Thursday 09 November 2017 until Thursday 21 December 2017 and comments on the Pre-Deposit Proposals documents, the Candidate Sites Assessment and other supporting information, as well as the submission of alternative sites must be made in writing and received by the Council by 5pm on Thursday 21 December 2017.

The Chairman said as the Council do not meet again until January, the Clerk will send the information to all Councillors and asked the Councillors to read all the information and advise the Clerk if they felt a Special Meeting should be called to discuss this matter and agree comments to send to Flintshire County Council by 21st December, 2017.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will forward the information as soon as it is received.

82. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

<i>Name</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>Voucher No</i>	<i>Expenditure Powers</i>
Mrs. L. Wood - November	711.69	57	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
HM Revenues & Customs - November	134.10	58	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
Revenues & Customs	11.62	59	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
Clwyd Pension Fund - - November	130.18	60	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
Opus Energy	46.97	61	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)
Bagillt Bowling Club	480.00	62	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act.1976(S.19)
Royal British Legion	20.00	63	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)
Ebuyer.com	69.37	64	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)
Delyn Press	42.00	65	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)
Mrs. L. Wood - December	662.16	66	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
HM Revenues & Customs - December	133.90	67	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
Clwyd Pension Fund - - December	130.18	68	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)

RESOLVED: That the above mentioned accounts be paid.

83. APPLICATION FOR FINAICIAL ASSISTANCE

In consultation with the Chairman, it was agreed to consider an application from Ysgol Merllyn as the information had not been received from the School in time for the October meeting. The Council considered a report by the Clerk on this application for financial assistance, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members.

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

Name	£	Voucher No
Ysgol Merllyn	300.00	69

84. INITIAL ESTIMATES CONSIDERATIONS 2018/19

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 Chairman and Vice Chairman, which would be considered at the January 2018 meeting, thereby enabling the budget and precept to be agreed for the next financial year.

a. Bagillt Bowling Club

Members were reminded that they had been meeting the cost of the maintenance of the Bowling Green for many years, and that the Wales Community Rehabilitation Company had offered to continue the arrangement for 2018. The Clerk confirmed that the Bowling Club will be sending in their current balance sheet, which was a condition of the financial assistance arrangement.

RESOLVED: That the Council agreed, pending receipt of the balance sheet, they would be prepared to make a grant available for £1,920, as previously, provision for which would be included in the Estimates report for the January meeting.

b. Bagillt Community Centre

The Council previously covered the cost of the insurance of the premises and water/sewerage costs, this amounted to approx. £2400 pa. The conditions of this arrangement continuing are to provide the Council with an annual balance sheet which is due after October (subject to audit) and to advise when the community centre committee meets so that this authority can be represented.

In April 2017, it was agreed that as the Community Association currently had a healthy bank balance, they would pay for the insurance of the premises, however they were advised should they wish to apply for a financial donation, they can apply to the Council providing the above conditions are met.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will write to the Bagillt Community Association and request the Community Association meets with the Council Representatives before a decision can be made as to if the Council will continue to provide financial assistance.

c. Community Library

The Council currently met the cost of insuring the building and monthly electricity bills, and also provided assistance for occasional one-off requests.

RESOLVED: That an appropriate sum be included in the Estimates report for the January Meeting and once again cover meeting the costs of insuring the building and monthly electricity costs.

d. Play Area Improvements

As Flintshire County Council will be considering match funding applications for 2018/19, the Council considered if a provision of £10,000 should be included in the estimates report for 2018/19.

RESOLVED: That a sum of £10,000 be included in the Estimates report for the January Meeting to enable the Council to participate in the match funding of improvement of a play area.

e. Play Schemes

The Council have been involved for many years in partnership with Flintshire CC to provide two play schemes in the village in the summer for younger children and also activities for older children. At the last estimates meeting in January 2017 Members once again agreed to fund an extra week for the younger children's play schemes at both sites in the village to bring it to four and in the event of no Flintshire CC funding being possible to also cover the total cost of a basic three week scheme for both sites. Flintshire CC have yet to indicate if a scheme is being contemplated for 2018 and on the assumption that it will continue in some form it is suggested a similar amount as for this year be included in the draft estimates to be considered at the January meeting.

RESOLVED: That, for the purposes of the Estimates report, a sum of £4531 be included, subject to confirmation from FCC about costs for 2018, should it be necessary to meet the full costs of a three week period for both of the existing Schemes in Bagillt. In the event of Flintshire receiving Grant Aid to meet part of the cost then consideration could be given to an additional week at each, as had been the case in 2017.

f. Training

It was discussed that the current budget of £1200 could be lowered due to a considerable amount of underspend this year, however ensuring we have provision should training for the Clerk or Councillors be required in the future.

RESOLVED: That an appropriate sum of £800 be included in the Estimates report for the January Meeting.

g. Clerk's Travelling

In previous years, the Clerk's travelling expenses have been recorded under the expenditure heads for which the travelling was required, for example, travelling to collect Agenda's from Delyn Press would be recorded under budget head 3.3 Printing. The Clerk proposed a new expenditure head is created 2.6 Clerk's Travelling and all travelling is recorded here, this would have no financial implication to the Council, just a different way in which the Clerk's travelling expenses are recording.

In order to create the new budget head 2.6, a number of other budget head would need to be decreased by a small amount to allow 2.6 to have a budget allocation of £200.

RESOLVED: That a new budget head be created for purposes of the Clerk's Travel and a sum of £200 be included in the Estimates report for the January.

h. National Insurance

The Clerk's salary now includes both Employer and Employee National Insurance. The Employers National Insurance is £1.66 per month and the current budget does not have an allocated amount.

RESOLVED: That a sum of £30 be included in the Estimates report for the January.

85. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES & EXPENSES 2018/19

The Clerk made reference to the proposed changes in the remuneration of Members of Town and Community Councils, as included in the draft annual report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. Copies of which had been previously circulated to Members.

Councillor C. R. Williams confirmed this matter will be discussed at the next North & Mid Wales Association of Local Council Meeting in January he will report back to the Council.

Councillor C. Williams said if a Councillor accepts this payment, they would have to complete an Annual Tax Return.

RESOLVED: That the consultation on the allowances and expenses proposed for the next financial year be noted and await further information from Councillor C. R. Williams.

86. BAGILLT FORESHORE

Councillor K. Rush reported that himself and Councillor C. P. Owens met with Ms H. Blythyn AM regarding the coastal path. Ms. Blythyn was also visited the community garden and said it was great to see the all the work that has been going on to move this project forward and shared details of some possible funding sources that may be of use.

Regarding the coastal cycle path, Ms. Blythyn has contacted Flintshire County Council and asked for information when the works will start on the cycle path.

87. HIGH STREET - TRAFFIC CALMING

Councillor M. A. Reece reported that himself and Councillor R. Davies met with Mr. D. Charlton Flintshire Operational Manager to discuss the revised Traffic Calming Scheme. It has been confirmed the proposal is to replace all the humps and chicane with flat top tables with exception of the humps at the either end of the village.

Councillor K. Rush said we need to move forward and start the public consultation in order to be in time to apply for the grant.

Councillor R. Davies confirmed Mr. Charlton will provide copies of the revised plans for all residents and also supply large copies for display in the Community Library. The consultation letter that was agreed at the September meeting will be printed by the Community Library.

The Chairman asked if all Councillors were in favour of accepting the revised plan for the traffic calming scheme. All Councillors accepted the revised proposals and agreed to start the public consultation as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: That the Council accepts the revised plan and that the Clerk will write to Mr. D. Charlton Flintshire Operational Manager to confirm this and also request the appropriate number of copies of the plans to send to the residents of Bagillt.

88. SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

Councillor M. A. Reece reported that Holywell & Greenfield Development and Transport Sub-Committee members were requested to nominate their suggested locations for speed reduction measures across the community. Some of the suggestions at this meeting included speed cameras, average speed warning signs and incident statistic warning signs.

Councillor M. A. Reece suggested our Council should also nominate locations within Bagillt.

RESOLVED: That this matter be considered in the new year.

89. ST. MARY & ST. PETERS CHURCH, BAGILLT

The Clerk reported that the invite sent to Members of the Community Association to attend this meeting to discuss the land behind the Community Centre which is overgrown and needs attention, was declined and a letter, which had been circulated was received by the Clerk.

The letter from the Community Association Secretary confirmed that when the trees were cut in 2013, it was agreed with Mrs. Urwin, that on this occasion they would supply the weed killer for the area concerned.

The Community Association also contacted Alan Wynne at Wales Probation Services to see if we could have voluntary help in clearing the area, however due to Health and Safety risks this was not possible.

The Community Association state they do not have the funds to pay for this work to be carried out and as the Council are aware, they not received any financial assistance this year.

The Clerk also reported that following a request at the last meeting to contact the Youth Justice Service to help with clear the land, the Clerk has spoken to a Mr. A. Winstanley, Flintshire Project Manager for Youth Justice Service and he has confirmed, this request can be considered but would need a site meeting with those involved to ascertain what works need to be carried out and when.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk forwards the letter from the Community Association onto the Secretary of the Parish Church and also to advise the Church of the information received from Mr. A. Winstanley, Flintshire Project Manager for Youth Justice Service.

90. BAGILLT VILLAGE ROAD SIGNS

The Clerk reported information received from Ms. H. Blythyn AM regarding possible funding, however after the Clerk made enquiries, the Community Chest funding was not applicable for road signs.

Councillors agreed that both 'Twinned with Laxey' and 'Birth Place of a Prince' could be displayed on one sign and we will discuss the matter further at the January meeting when we should have a design and quote from Flintshire County Council.

Councillor C. Renshaw said he will make enquiries with the History Club to see if they advise of any possible funding streams.

RESOLVED: That the matter be placed on the January agenda for further consideration pending a design and quote being received from Flintshire County Council.

91. THE 2018/19 REVIEW OF PARLIMENTARY CONSTITUNCIES IN WALES INITIAL PROPOSALS

The meeting considered the letter from the Boundary Commission for Wales as agreed from previous meeting to allow time for Members to consider their response as the deadline for comments is not until 5th December.

RESOLVED: That the proposals are noted.

92. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL SECTOR IN WALES

An Independent Review Panel has been set up to consider the future role of Community and Town Councils. The Panel are keen to hear all views from Community and Town Councils themselves.

The questions were previously circulated.

Councillor B. T. Doleman suggested that Community and Town Councils should be responsible for Planning and Highways issues within our village. Any issues which would have a serious impact on our residents, our Council should be responsible for consulting with residents.

The Clerk suggested that in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and also after seeking advice from fellow Clerks, to prepare responses on behalf of the Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman prepare responses to the questions and then circulate to all Members before submitting to the Independent Review Panel.

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 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.

94. MEMBERS ITEMS

Councillor R. Davies reported he met with Mr. R Roberts, Flintshire Play Design Officer and he confirmed he will send a plan through for the playground improvements at Deans Close and if there is any money left over, it may be possible to erect two five a-side goals in the Wern Park.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said this year, for the first time in many years, the Cenotaph has not been lit up which is not acceptable and we should write to Flintshire County Council. As we are aware the lights were damaged and broken by Flintshire County Council. Councillor M. A. Reece said he will report this to Flintshire County Council.

Councillor B. T. Doleman suggested the Cenotaph needs to have a decorative cover to provide shelter at Remembrance Sunday Services as the gazebo which has been used previously is broken. In previous years, we have used scaffolding and a cover but due to health and safety risks we would need to obtain insurance cover for the day.

Councillor M. A. Reece said we should have public liability insurance for the Remembrance Sunday service. The Chairman enquired if the Council insurance would cover this type of event.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said he will makes enquiries regarding the possible designs and costs for a decorative cover and report back to the Council. We should also consider a sign stating 'any persons found causing damage to this memorial will be liable to pay the costs'.

Councillor C. P. Owens raised the ongoing issue of footpaths in the village, namely number 10 which is blocked. If Flintshire County Council will not act on this, we should as a Community Council seek legal advice regarding starting proceeding against the Authority.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said The Rights of Way Act states that a Community Council can take the Local Authority to court if they fail to unblock a public footpath. The definitive footpath map used by walkers and if walkers visit Bagillt following this map on footpath number 10, they will be stopped as this footpath is blocked, this will not encourage walkers to visit our village.

Councillor M. A. Reece also stated footpath number 91 is also closed due to a damaged wall, Flintshire County Council will pay for the repairs but are currently looking for a contractor to carry out the works.

Councillor Mrs. D. J. Williams reported a property on New Brighton Road which has been empty for some time. Councillor M. A. Reece said plans have been submitted to Flintshire County Council to convert the property into flats with a community room on ground floor and they are currently waiting on the flood risk assessment to be completed.

Councillor K. Rush asked if the Council had received a response from Flintshire County Council regarding the asbestos report for the Community Library. The Clerk confirmed a

letter was sent to Mr. N. Cockerton, Flintshire Chief Officer, Organisational Change but to date no response received.

Councillor C. Renshaw asked the Council could enquire if the local members of the Army Cadets and Air Cadets could be, in future years, involved in the Remembrance Sunday S Service within the village. The Chairman asked if Councillor C. Renshaw could make enquiries as to who the Council should contact and report this back to the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

- a. That Councillor M. A. Reece will report the lighting issue at the Cenotaph to Flintshire County Council and report back to the next meeting; Councillor B. T. Doleman will enquire about costs and design for a decorative cover; The Clerk will enquire if the Council's Insurance policy covers public liability for one off events such as Remembrance Sunday.
- b. That the Clerk seeks legal advice regarding footpath number 10.
- c. That the Clerk, writes to Mr. N. Cockerton, Flintshire Chief Officer, Organisational Change regarding the Library.
- d. That Councillor C. Renshaw reports back to the next meeting the contact person regarding involving the Army Cadets and Air Cadets in future years Remembrance Sunday Service's.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Date of Council Meeting		Wednesday 8th November 2017
Member	Item	Minute No. Refers
There were no Declarations of personal interest		

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Chairman