

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 14th November 2018.

PRESENT: Councillor C. P. Owens (Chairman)

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood (Clerk), Inspector G. Cust & PCSO D. Chatham (North Wales Police Authority), Mrs. A. Thomas (Flintshire Youth Forum Worker) Ms. J. Francis (Youth Worker) & Mr. M. Holt (Senior Area Youth Worker) and Mr. D. Charlton (Flintshire Team Leader – Access), Mr. S. Jones (Flintshire Access Officer) and Members of the Public.

86. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

87. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM

A Member of the Public requested to address the Police who were in attendance, he shared concerns regarding increasing activity of youths around the village and asked if the village CCTV cameras are proving useful. PCSO. D. Chatham responded that he has not been made aware of any issues and confirmed the CCTV cameras are effective.

Inspector G. Cust said anti-social behaviour is seasonal and darker evening tends to encourage groups gathering which can bring issues but this will be monitored.

88. POLICING MATTERS

The Chairman welcomed Inspector G. Cust and PCSO D. Chatham to the meeting.

Inspector G. Cust introduced himself as the Inspector for North Flintshire and gave an overview of his area and team.

Councillor M. A. Reece said the CCTV camera on the High Street needs to cover the whole of the Stag Inn car park and referenced recent issues which could not be discussed due to on-going investigations.

Councillor A. Griffiths asked if PCSO D. Chatham could update the Council regarding the legislation required if the camera was moved to near the Stag Inn car park.

Inspector Cust replied that the CCTV cameras are used to increase the reassurance of the Community. However, CCTV cameras cannot be directed to specific locations or target individuals in order to gain evidence of a crime, this is known as direct surveillance.

Councillor A. Griffiths said the car park is known as an area where drug issues take place, however, if the CCTV camera was moved to cover this area, it will not be targeting that area specifically as the camera will be 'on tour' and will cover several areas along the High Street.

Inspector Cust said if it is not aimed at an individual or a specific location, it can be moved. He also suggested the Council form a sub-committee and between the Council and Police draft a CCTV Camera policy.

Councillor M. A. Reece proposed the Council forms a sub-committee as suggested, which the Council agreed too.

The Chairman added that a defibrillator is being installed near the Stag Inn therefore if the CCTV camera covered this area, it would be a benefit from being monitored to prevent vandalism.

Councillor C. Renshaw asked about the CCTV camera near the Library, PCSO Chatham confirmed this camera is not positioned correctly.

PCSO Chatham suggested one or two Councillors meet with himself and a member of Flintshire Streetscene to view live footage and then decide on the locations and directions of the CCTV Cameras.

Councillor C. R. Williams proposed the Chairman and Vice Chairman meet with PCSO Chatham and Flintshire Streetscene to decide the best location for the CCTV cameras.

Councillor Mrs. S. Jones asked before the location of the cameras are decided, can this be initially discussed at a Council meeting, the Chairman confirmed this will be discussed.

Councillor T. Shorten raised the on-going issues on speeding on the A548.

Inspector G. Cust said Sgt. S. Carrington is organising a speed day, which any volunteers from the community can assist with using the speed guns. Inspector Cust also said he will inform the 'Go Safe' team of the on-going issues.

PCSO Chatham suggested Mr. G. Roberts, Flintshire Streetscene could assist by using speed strips which record general speed, this is useful with the new road layouts.

Inspector Cust said he has asked all Response Officers that when they attend jobs, that they drive through villages as visibility of Police is important and is happy to attend another Council meeting in the future to discuss any issues.

The Chairman thanked Inspector G. Cust and PCSO D. Chatham for attending.

89. BAGILLT YOUTH PROVISION

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. A. Thomas, Flintshire Youth Forum Worker, Ms. J. Francis, Youth Worker and Mr. M. Holt, Senior Area Youth Worker.

Mrs. A. Thomas shared a report that outlines the youth provisions in the area with the Council. See Appendix A.

Councillor Mrs. J. Nicholas asked if social media or the village notice boards were used to advertise the sessions. The Youth Service confirmed advertisement was via leaflets and also by walking around the village engaging with young people.

Mrs. A. Thomas confirmed although the recent outreach provisions were not successful, they will continue to work in the village to provide a youth service.

Mr. M. Holt said unfortunately the old youth club building is no longer an option for a youth club and finding an alternative venue in Bagillt is an issue. Recruiting youth workers is also an issue, there is a national shortage of youth workers and youth workers cannot work alone as lone working has been stopped. Mr. Holt asked the Council for suggestions for alternative premises.

Councillor K. Rush asked what time of year the leaflet drop and visits took place and asked why the old youth club premises cannot be used for a short period until works commence.

Mr. M. Holt said he is aware that it was a very successful youth club, however when the school took over part of the building, many activities had to stop, the pool tables went as did PC's, the hall was filled with school equipment and football was no longer allowed to be played. The children stopped coming. He said the club was kept open for 6 – 7 months but no one attended and that the venue is no longer fit for purpose.

Mrs. A. Thomas said they are committed to providing a youth service and are working with partners such as Theatre Clwyd and are in talks with Aura Leisure in order to provide activities for the children.

Councillor K. Rush added that due to the lack of youth service in the village, this has increased the anti-social behaviour. The children of this village are at a disadvantage.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said is it obvious that the youth service staff are all dedicated to their work but the youth club, which was open for over 70 years, was systematically closed.

Councillor Mrs. J. Nicholas volunteered to help the youth workers by walking around the village to generate interest and leaflet drop. Mr. M. Holt said the volunteers would need to contact FLVC and would be given training and have a DBS check.

Councillor M. A. Reece suggested the hut on Riverbank could be a suitable venue and as County Councillor, he will fully support the youth service taking the building over.

Councillor B. T. Doleman proposed the Council write to Flintshire County Council to put this request forward. The Council supported this.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. A. Thomas, Ms. J. Francis and Mr. M. Holt for attending.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Mr. J. Allen. Flintshire Housing & Assets to request the hut On Riverbank is used by the Youth Service to provide a service in Bagillt.

90. FOOTPATH NUMBER 10

The Chairman welcomed Mr. D. Charlton, Flintshire Team Leader – Access and Mr. S. Jones, Flintshire Access Officer to the meeting.

Mr. D. Charlton confirmed footpath 91 is now open.

Mr. S. Jones said Flintshire County Council have appointed a boundary surveyor to undertake a survey of the properties and land surrounding Footpath 10. The survey will ascertain where the historical track, that existed between Bryn Rhosyn and Dee Bank Villas is in relation to the present landscape. From reviewing the file (and the contents within it), they believe that this historical track served Public Footpath No.10 and a boundary surveyor is the next step to ascertaining where the track is in relation to Bryn Rhosyn and Dee Bank Villas. Information will be reported back to the Council.

The Chairman thanked Mr. D. Charlton and Mr. S. Jones for attending.

RESOLVED: That the Council will await a response from Mr. S. Jones, Flintshire Access Officer.

91. MINUTES

a. Minute No. 73 – Additional Crossing to Coastal Footpath

Councillor M. A. Reece reported that British Rail currently have no money to adapt the bridge to provide wheel chair access.

b. Minute No. 80 – War Memorial

Councillor Mrs. J. Nicholas asked who organised the Poppies that were displayed in the village. Councillor M. A. Reece confirmed he did and personally paid for them. Councillor Mrs. J. Nicholas proposed the Council reimburse Councillor M. A. Reece. The Council supported this.

c. Minute No. 83 – Tynddyn Messham Issues

Councillor C. Williams asked if a response had been received by Flintshire County Council. The Clerk confirmed Mr. B. Wilkinson replied and said that Flintshire County Council can undertake some traffic flows to get an understanding of the volume and direction of vehicles currently travelling, this will then allow us to estimate what increase in volume on surrounding roads will be, should a one-way system be implemented.

It would then need to be agreed collectively by the Authority, the Council, with support from the Locally Elected Member, to agree to a one-way system and preferred direction, and then it can then be scored in accordance with the Traffic Regulation Matrix for prioritisation against similar schemes across the county in the next financial year.

Should it be successful to be put forward, it would then need approval from other stakeholders (e.g. Emergency Services) and undergo as a minimum the statutory advertisement process involved with any Traffic Regulation Order, which would be subject to objections.

The Council fully supported this proposal at the previous Council meeting and agreed County Councillor R. Davies and local Councillors C. Williams and J. Nicholas will contact Mr. B. Wilkinson to discuss the preferred direction.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will reimburse Councillor M. A. Reece for the cost of the Poppies and that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held 10th October 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

92. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman reminded Councillors that at the September meeting a member of public asked the Council to help regarding issues at Thomas Row and the Refuge. Wales & West Housing Association responded that they have investigated the complaint from the local resident and have found no evidence of breaches of tenancy. We will continue to monitor the situation and if the situation changes we will take what action we deem appropriate.

The Chairman made reference to an email which had been received from Ms. S. Slater, Flintshire Biodiversity Officer regarding tree planting sites in your community – Workshop. The email asked Councils if they would like Mr. S. Body, Flintshire Forestry Officer to attend a future meeting. The Council agreed to invite Mr. S. Body to the January meeting.

The Chairman also responded to a letter received from the Bagillt WI, which asked what was the Councils role in managing trees in the community. A representative of the WI was in the public gallery and the Chairman confirmed the Council will be a better position to respond after Mr. S. Body has attended our next Council Meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Ms. S. Slater to ask if Mr. S. Body can attend the January Council Meeting.

93. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor M. A. Reece confirmed the Defibrillator was ready to be installed but was waiting on an electrician and regarding the Old British Legion Site, the Planning Inspector is yet to make a decision.

Councillor C. R. Williams reported that he attended the North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils on 26th October in Welshpool. Councillor C. R. Williams provided a brief overview of the meeting.

Schools use a new payment by card system for school meals but when a child does not have enough money on the card, they do not get a lunch, it was agreed this needs to be changed.

Betsi Cadwallader attended and the meeting were informed that the Alexander Hospital in Rhyl is being altered in 2022 if money is available.

The meeting discussed train services and were informed trains are being replaced, average age of trains will be now be 3 years old. London underground trains will be refurbished and will have diesel engines installed, however to date, this has not been successful.

Councillor B. T .Doleman reported he had spoken to a member of network rail regarding wheelchair access over the bridge, but due lack of funding available, this will not possible.

94. PLANNING

a. Applications for Consideration.

App No	Location	Detail
059062	1 Sea View Terrace, Sunnyside, Bagillt, CH6 6JX	Change of use and conversion of an existing building to form 3 apartments.

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

App No	Location	Detail
059103	Bod Erw, Bagillt Road, Bagillt, CH6 6JB	Outline application for the proposed erection of a two bedroom detached bungalow

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

b. Application Decisions.

App No	Location	Detail	Decision
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.	Approved

The Clerk informed the Council of the above planning application decision that was received from Flintshire County Council.

RESOLVED: That the Application decisions were noted.

95. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Voucher No	Name	Expenditure Powers	£
53	Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk – November	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	670.99
54	HM Revenues & Customs – November	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	207.45
55	Clwyd Pension Fund - November	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)	135.64
56	Opus Energy	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)	32.18
57	Flintshire County Council	Loc.Govt.(MP)Act 1976(S.19)	4239.00

587	The Royal British Legion	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)	20.00
59	Councillor C. R. Williams	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)	56.70
60	Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk – December	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	641.89
61	HM Revenues & Customs – December	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	207.45
62	Clwyd Pension Fund – December	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)	135.64

RESOLVED: That the above mentioned accounts be paid.

96. INITIAL ESTIMATES CONSIDERATIONS 2019/20

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 2019 meeting, thereby enabling the budget and precept to be agreed for the next financial year. See Appendix B.

a. Councillors Allowances

The IRPW payment of £150 per Member per annum as a contribution to costs and expenses is a mandatory payment therefore the budget allocation must remain. The Clerk informed Members that the IRPW had published its draft annual report 2019/20 and it states that all community and town councils must provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults, up to a maximum cost of £403 per month when claimed by a Member and on production of receipts.

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

b. Employers National Insurance

The Clerk's salary and home allowances now incurs both Employer and Employee National Insurance. The Employers National Insurance is £22.49 per month and the current budget does not have a sufficient budget allocation.

RESOLVED: That a sum of £300 be included in the Estimates report for the January meeting.

c. Training

The Clerk reported that to date, the training budget has yet to be used, however, it is advisable to have a budget to cover training for Clerk and Members should training opportunities arise.

RESOLVED: That a sum of £800 be included in the Estimates report for the January meeting.

d. Bagillt Bowling Club

The Council for many years has been meeting the cost of maintenance of the bowling green until January this year when the club folded. To date, the club has not re-opened and the 2018/19 budget allocation remains unspent.

RESOLVED: That the Council agreed that a sum of £1,920 be included in the Estimates report for the January meeting, in case the club should re-open.

e. Bagillt Community Centre

The Council previously covered the cost of the insurance of the premises and water/sewerage costs, this amounted to approx. £1750 pa. The conditions of this arrangement continuing were the centre was 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 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. To date, the Community Centre have not requested any financial assistance.

Members were also reminded that if Bagillt Community Association, a registered charity, have to Disband the Community Centre would pass over to the Council.

RESOLVED: That the Council agreed that a sum of £1750 be included in the Estimates report for the January meeting, in case the centre seeks future financial support.

f. Community Library

The Council currently meets the cost of insuring the building and the monthly electricity costs (the latter now directly by electronic banking) and also provide assistance for occasional one-off requests.

RESOLVED: That the Council agreed that a sum of £1,100 be included in the Estimates report for the January meeting, to cover meeting the costs of insuring the building and monthly electricity costs.

g. Play Area Improvements

Each year the Council has included a sum of £10k for improvements should a match funded scheme be possible. For the current year, the £10k has been allocated for the 2018/19 scheme but not been spent. To date, Flintshire County Council have not confirmed if a 2019/20 scheme will be possible.

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

h. 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 2018 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 been requested to indicate if a scheme is being contemplated for 2019 and on the assumption that it will continue in some form it is suggested an amount be included in the draft estimates to be considered at the January meeting. The Council paid £4239 for 4 weeks in 2018, however did receive a Welsh Government Grant for £911 therefore total cost was £3328.

RESOLVED: That the Council agreed a sum of £4531 be included in the Estimates report for the January meeting, subject to confirmation from FCC about costs for 2019.

i. Road Signs

At the November 2017 Estimates meeting, Councillor agreed to allocate a budget for road signs in order to purchase and erect the Welcome to Bagillt signs.

RESOLVED: That the Council agreed a sum of £1,500 be included in the Estimates report for the January meeting.

j. CCTV Camera's

The Council had no budget allocation in 2018/19 for the purchase and installation of the CCTV Camera's and the costs was taken out of balances. Connected Security have provided costs for periodic maintenance at £180.00. Flintshire CC will charge £150 for adapting a new lamp post, should in the future the cameras need to be moved.

RESOLVED: That the Council agreed a sum of £400 be included in the Estimates report for the January meeting.

97. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES & EXPENSES 2019/20

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.

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

98. BAGILLT FORESHORE

Councillor K. Rush reported that himself and Councillor's R. Davies, B. T. Doleman and A. Griffiths met with Ms. H. Blythyn, AM on Friday 2nd November to discuss the Coastal Path. Ms. H. Blythyn said she was going to contact Flintshire County Council and see if it might be possible to arrange an onsite meeting with the Community Council, County Council and land owners and will keep the Council updated.

The Clerk received an email from Ms. H. Blythyn which also suggested the Community Council may want to write to her in a ministerial capacity to ask if this is a wider issue in Wales and how it has been tackled. The Council agreed.

The Chairman reported that the Flintshire Countryside Service asked the Council to write a letter of support for them to apply a grant to fund a project at Bettisfield and the Chairman gave an overview of the project. The Chairman explained the letter of support was required before the Council meeting and as there was no financial implication on the Council, the Chairman sent a letter of support on behalf of the Council. Councillor M. A. Reece said he has also sent a letter of support as County Councillor.

RESOLVED: That the letter of support be noted and that the Clerk will write to Ms. H. Blythyn regarding the coastal footpath.

99. HIGH STREET TRAFFIC CALMING

Councillor M. A. Reece reported that himself and Councillor R. Davies met with Mr. A. Stanford, Flintshire Highway Strategy Manager to discuss the previous response from Ms. N. Cummings, Welsh Government Transport department.

The Clerk reported following the recent meeting with Ms. H. Blythyn, AM re: Bagillt Foreshore, Members also spoke to Ms. H. Blythyn about the replacing traffic calming scheme and trying to obtain funding from the Welsh Government 'slippage grant'. Ms. H. Blythyn has emailed to confirm she will write to Mr. K. Skates, AM on the Council's behalf.

RESOLVED: That the Council will await a response from Mr. A. Stanford, Flintshire Highway Strategy Manager and Ms. H. Blythyn, AM.

100. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REVISED RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

Councillors considered the document and had no comments.

RESOLVED: That this document be noted.

101. REVIEW THE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Councillors considered documents from the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales.

Councillor M. A. Reece said County Councillors will be reduced from 70 to 63 Councillors.

The Chairman said it is likely Bagillt will still have two County Councillors. Councillor R. Davies added it could become one ward with two County Councillors.

RESOLVED: That this document be noted.

102. WINTER MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENTS 2016/17

The Council considered the e-mail from Mr. S. Jones, Flintshire Chief Officer, Streetscene and Transportation.

Councillor C. Renshaw said there used to be a salt bin near the junction of Nant y Glyn and Pen y Glyn and it was very useful. The Chairman added the salt bin opposite the Boot has also been removed.

Councillor K. Rush asked if Flintshire County Council had the original plans to show locations of the salt bins and if they have been removed, can we have them back. The Chairman asked the County Councillors if they could ask the Streetscene Officers at County Hall.

RESOLVED: That the County Councillors will ask Streetscene Officers and report back to Council.

103. PARKING ON THE FEATHERS INN CAR PARK

Councillor C. R. Williams reported that the Feathers Inn car park is being used as recovery yard for cars and that the area is littered, covered in glass and children play here. The area and the property across the road, both look a disgrace.

Councillor M. A. Reece said he has been in touch with Flintshire County Council numerous times about the state of the area.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Flintshire County Council Enforcement Officer to ask these issues are addressed.

104. 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.

105. CORRESPONDENCE & CLERKS REPORT

RESOLVED: That the Correspondence and Clerk's Report were noted.

106. MEMBERS ITEMS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Chairman reported that Councillor B. T. Doleman had commented the Bagillt Community Council website was old fashioned and needed updating. The Chairman offered to upgrade the website, free of charge and asked Councillors to provide photographs of Bagillt, new and old and he will use these on the new website.

Future agenda item requests:

War Memorial – discuss numerous issues

CCTV Camera – to discuss and agree locations and directions of cameras.

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