

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 11th October 2017.

PRESENT: Councillor A. Griffiths (Chairman)

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors B.T. Doleman, C.P. Owens and C. Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood (Clerk), Mr. Neil Hickie (Streetscene Supervisor) and Members of the Parish Church Council.

63. POLICING MATTERS

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Chatham.

PCSO Chatham reported he had been made aware of the damaged properties at the Old British Legion development site, it is believed to have been caused by youths. The Developers have been asked to make the site secure and I will be checking this later this evening.

PCSO Chatham said following on from the recent anti-social behaviour he has walked the village with a local resident and have been made aware of the areas where the youths are. A local resident was involved in an incident and the Police are aware of the individuals involved. There has also been an assault in the village but this has not been reported to the Police.

A Member of the Public spoke and advised the Police Officer, that he made a 999 call over the weekend due to issues with youths and an ice cream which appears to be suspicious. The 999 controller asked I report the vehicle details but the van had left before these details could be obtained. The following evening, youths were making threats and the resident again reported this to 999 and no action was taken.

Councillor M. A. Reece reported he has recently rang 101 and this number was not answered.

The Member of the Public added he also reported the incidents to Flint Police Station and was advised that Bagillt issues should be reported to Holywell Police Station. Any Police Station should assist with any matters regardless of the area.

PCSO Chatham said he will report all of these issues.

Councillor K. Rush said as we are all aware Bagillt village is going through a bad time at the moment. Residents of the village all pay Council Tax, all pay Police Percept but Bagillt seems to be receiving less and less help from the Police. An ice cream van has been visiting Bagillt at usual hours and does attract many youths, however it does not appear to be selling ice cream, has this been investigated.

PSCO Chatham advised the Police are aware and if any residents can provide vehicle details, registration, this would be helpful.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Chatham for attending.

64. STREETSCENE BAGILLT

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Neil Hickie, Streetscene Supervisor to the meeting.

Mr. Hickie provided an update on the matters arising from the last meeting.

The Pot holes in Wern Avenue have been dealt with.

The trees near The Stag on A548 have been cut back.

The knotweed, opposite Lyons Den, this is under the management plan, they have had stem injections so this matter is being controlled.

A faulty street light opposite Highfield in Merllyn Lane and a road sign in London Road which was totally obscured by trees have both been dealt with.

Councillor R. Davies reported that street lights are out from Tynddyn Messham to the Manor. Mr. Hickie will report this.

Councillor T. Shorten reported an issue with hedges and trees overhanging the carriageway and footway on Merllyn Lane. Mr. Hickie said it is a private property and a formal hedge cutting notice was sent, the occupier responded to say that she will arrange to have them cut back.

It was raised that glass and debris were left after the recycling had been collected on Old London Road. This has been reported to the Recycling team.

Patching work on London Road, it isn't complete but works have started.

The Gully on Riverbank, there is an order in for this but waiting on Labour.

Councillor C. R. Williams asked if Mr. Hickie could give an indication on the cost of the tarmacking on the High Street. Mr. Hickie said an approximate cost could be around £1,500. Councillor C. R. Williams said Flintshire County Council should claim this back off the

contractors who did the original works. Also the area near the Royal Oak, tarmac works was due to be done. Mr. Hickie said he will look into this.

Councillor M. A. Reece said the weeds on the High Street are growing fast. Mr. Hickie said this is an issue around Flintshire and this matter is in hand.

Councillor T. Shorten reported a faulty light near the Old British Legion Site, on the passage way near Highfield.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Hickie for attending the meeting.

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

The Chairman welcomed the Members of the Parish Church Council. A representative addressed the Council by explaining the background to the situation concerning the land behind the Community Centre which is overgrown and needs attention.

On 5th July 2009, the Secretary of the Community Association wrote a letter to Priest in Charge of Bagillt, explaining in the autumn leaves were falling from the trees behind the Community Centre, blocking the gullies and that damp patches were appearing in the Community Centre.

On 7th July 2009, this letter was presented to the Parochial Church Council and after which investigations were made regarding the boundaries. A Land Registry official copy of the title plan, showed the land behind the Community Centre and as far of Stoney Road, appears to be 'no man's land', whether this land was omitted from the legal documentation from the sale in the 1800's.

The Parochial Church Council Minutes confirmed when the Church Hall was sold to the Community Association, a rental of £60 was to be paid for the use of car park. This payment ceased many years ago. I was also advised that the trees were beyond the wall and the perimeter of the church boundary.

On 15th August 2012, another letter was sent from the Secretary of the Community Association to the Dean of St. Asaph who passed the letter onto the Archdeacon, then onto the Secretary of the Church Council. The letter was complaining about the safety point of the trees behind the Community Centre, that they were causing dampness and a smell in the centre. Rev. Brian Harvey, who was the Priest in Charge at that time spoke unofficially to the Chairman of Bagillt Community Council regarding the removal of the trees and held a meeting with a Community Association representative.

As the Church did not have funds to have the trees removed, The Church Secretary's late husband paid a substantial amount of money to have these works carried out. The works started on 8th January 2013. The tree surgeon suggested that the Community Association

should spray weed killer all over the exposed ground to kill the re-growth but nothing has been done to date.

The Church Secretary explained the reason why she has recently wrote to the Community Council is that every Sunday when I visit the Church, I see new growth growing and before we know we will be back to where we started. I do not think it is up to the Church to face this cost again, when the cost was covered previously by a Member of the Church. Also, all the trees are not within the perimeter of the Church. I hope someone can help.

Councillor Mrs. S. L. Jones said at the last meeting a suggestion could be that young offenders could clear the area. Councillor Mrs. J. Nicholas suggested contacting Mr. T. Williams, Probation Services.

Councillor C. R. Williams asked for the Members of the Church Council to confirm exactly what is required. It was explained that samplings need cutting down and the car park needs clearing of leaves.

Councillor M. A. Reece suggested we should invite two local gardeners to have a look at the area and provide a quote and then see if the Council can help. Councillor C. Renshaw agreed with this.

Councillor K. Rush referred to the amount allocated in the budget for the graveyard extension. There are also problems the other side of the Church, as trees are encroaching on the footpath where the Merllyn school children walk.

Councillor C. Renshaw said the money set aside was for the clearing of the land which will be the extension of the graveyard, the tree clearance was being done by two residents in the village for no payment. The Parish Council have requested that annually the land in front of the Church is cleared and maintained but prior to this we need to have a contractor to assess the land and advise what needs to be done and how to treat the trees, as sycamores grow very fast.

Councillor C. R. Williams said we need to consider the removal of all roots as they hold the bank together and could the allocated funds in the budget for the graveyard extension, be used to complete the requested works.

A Member of the Parish Council said was need to ensure that after any works carried out, we have a commitment for the land to be maintained so it does not all grow back again. The Community Association were asked to maintain the land but this has not been done. Councillor J. Nicholas said she was previously the Secretary of the Community Association and can confirm she was not aware of the letter from the Parish Council asking that the Community Association maintain the land.

Councillor C. R. Williams said we should help but the Community Association must be involved and hope the Church Council is in agreement. The Chairman suggested we should invite representatives to attend the next Council Meeting.

Councillor M. A. Reece and Councillor K. Rush offered their services to start cutting the samplings down.

The Chairman thanked the Members of the Parish Church Council for attending the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to the Community Association asking if they can attend the next meeting to discuss the issues raised regarding the land behind the Community Centre which is overgrown and needs attention.

66. MINUTES

The following comments were made on the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 13th September, 2017.

a. Minute No. 62 – Members Items

Councillor M. A. Reece reported he had been informed that the issue regarding the asbestos issue at the Community Library is currently being dealt with by the Clerk at Flint Town Council, due to his previous involvement with the lease. The Chairman suggested we write to the Clerk of Flint town Council to ask for an update.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Flint Town Council Clerk and that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held 13th September 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

67. PLANNING APPLICATION

a. Applications Determined – On-Line Consultation Period

| App. No. | Location | Detail |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 057357 | 38 Deans Close, Bagillt, CH6 6DA | Application for variation of condition no 1 attached to Planning ref 049859 to allow further period of operation |

RESOLVED: It was noted that the application was supported.

| App. No. | Location | Detail |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 056932 | Station Road, Bagillt, CH6 6AF | Proposed re-development of scrap metal yard to provide 10 No. light industrial units – Phase 1, Units 1-5 |

Councillor Mrs. C. Shorten shared concerns that the plans did not show a public footpath and asked this is raised with the Planner. Councillor Mrs. S. L. Jones added that she witnessed an articulated lorry doing a 'U Turn' by the Old Royal Oak and is concerned when all the units are operational and more lorries are turning here, this could be very dangerous therefore suggests a 'No U turn' road sign should be erected.

Councillor M. A. Reece reported that recently he was with a Highways Officer in the village when a lorry did a 'U turn' and the Officer did report this to Flintshire County Council.

RESOLVED: It was noted that the application was supported, however the Clerk will report the additional comments to Flintshire Planning Department.

b. Applications for Consideration

| App. No. | Location | Detail |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 057594 | Gadlys Wood Farm, Gadlys Lane, Bagillt CH6 6EH | Fell 2 No. Beeches within Gadlys conservation area |

Councillor R. Davies said the report states that there is nothing actually wrong with the trees, therefore why do they need to be taken down. Councillor C. Renshaw agrees this would be shame to fell old trees which are the last surviving trees of the former Coed Gadlys.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will ask the Planner for more information on why the trees needs to be felled.

| App. No. | Location | Detail |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 057556 | 43 Highfield Road, Bagillt, CH6 6BN | Erection of two storey extension to dwelling |

Councillor M. A. Reece met with a Housing Officer who explained this development is much needed, every area needs to accommodate a five bedroom council property. Councillor M. A. Reece said that it is a very narrow street with limited parking for a large property with a number of residents. Local resident are against this development.

Councillor R. Davies asked if this is part of the fostering programme, Councillor M. A. Reece confirmed this.

Councillor Mrs. S. L. Jones said many of the larger council properties are still occupied by just a couple of residents, these residents have lived there for many years but children have now left home therefore could these residents be re-homed in smaller properties therefore providing larger homes for larger families.

RESOLVED: That the Council objects to this application and comments are submitted.

68. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

| Name | £ | Voucher No | Expenditure Powers |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Mrs. L. Wood - October | 686.261 | 46 | Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112) |
| HM Revenues & Customs - October | 132.24 | 47 | Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112) |
| Clwyd Pension Fund - - October | 130.18 | 48 | Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112) |
| Opus Energy | 44.26 | 49 | Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19) |
| Flintshire C.C | 412.14 | 50 | Loc. Govt Act 1972 S 42 (6) |
| Wales Audit Office | 190.95 | 51 | Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112) |
| Delyn Press | 279.80 | 52 | Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111) |
| North & Mid Wales Assoc. Of Local Councils | 16.00 | 53 | Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111) |
| Flintshire C.C | 4038.00 | 54 | Loc.Govt.(MP)Act 1976(S.19) |

RESOLVED: That the above mentioned accounts be paid.

69. APPLICATIONS FOR FINAICIAL ASSISTANCE

The Council considered a report by the Clerk on the application for financial assistance, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members. All applications are required to have up to date financial information, apart from, agreed organisations. In addition, Members were advised that a further request had been received from Bagillt Community Library and the details of which were read out by the Chairman.

RESOLVED:

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

| Name | £ | Voucher No |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Ysgol Glan Aber | 300.00 | 55 |
| Bagillt Community Library | 500.00 | 56 |

2. It was agreed that the second application from Bagillt Community Library was deferred until the February Meeting.

NOTE: In relation to the application from the Bagillt Community Library, Councillor R. Davies requested that his abstention to vote on this item be recorded.

70. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Council considered the Budget Monitoring report and Bank reconciliation statement for the second quarter to 30th September 2017, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members.

RESOLVED: That the financial information be noted as circulated and approved.

71. BAGILLT FORESHORE

Councillor K. Rush reported that on Friday 13th October, he is meeting with Ms. H. Blythyn AM to walk the coastal path to discuss the issues which were reported to the September Meeting. Councillor K. Rush will report back to the Council at the next meeting.

Councillor T. Shorten reported the Rangers have dug another pond approximately 20 or 30 yards from the first natterjack pond in the fenced off conservation area. This is destroying vegetation and habitats.

72. HIGH STREET – TRAFFIC CALMING

The Clerk reported no updates had been received.

The Chairman reported that Mr. N. Hickie had suggested to Councillor B. T. Doleman that the chicane could be moved further down the road which Councillor B. T. Doleman did not object however would prefer a raised table instead.

Councillor K. Rush asked if Flintshire County Council have provided the legal minimum and maximum distances allowed between tables. The Clerk confirmed this information had not been received to date. The Chairman asked we write to Mr. D. Charlton Flintshire Operational Manager to ask for this information.

Councillor R. Davies reported that he had spoken to Mr. Charlton and as the chicane has previously been moved, the bid for funding will not cover the cost to move it again.

Councillor M. A. Reece reported he was unaware of the recent communications and a West Ward County Councillor, he should be kept informed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Mr. D. Charlton Flintshire Operational Manager to provide an update regarding the chicane (priority system) and ask for the legal minimum and maximum distances allowed between tables.

73. TWINNED WITH LAXEY ROAD SIGN

The Clerk shared a quotation from Flintshire County Council for a 'Twinned with Laxey' village sign for the Council to consider. The Clerk also informed the Council that after a delegation of Councillors have met Ms. H. Blythyn AM on Friday 13th October to discuss a village welcome sign 'Birth Place of a Prince', if decided, one sign could be used for both 'Twinned with Laxey' and 'Birth Place of a Prince' and the cost would only increase a small amount.

Councillor C. Renshaw read out a letter which he wrote to fellow Councillors regarding the 'Twinned with Laxey' and 'Birth Place of a Prince' village sign. Councillor C. Renshaw made reference to instances where he feels, matters were not progressed fairly or democratically and were biased towards the 'Twinned with Laxey' sign. The village sign should display our heritage 'Dafydd Ap Llywelyn Fawr, Prince of Wales'. We are in a unique position, no other town or village can claim this. I am sure there is room for both elements to stand together on the village sign.

Councillor C. R. Williams agrees the sign could display both and said that a 'Twinned with Laxey' sign has been previously discussed at Council Meetings, it is not a new suggestion.

The Clerk reported that the 'Birth Place of a Prince' village sign was not on the 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.

RESOLVED: A delegation of Councillors will meet with Ms. H. Blythyn on Friday 13th October and report back to the November meeting.

74. MATCH FUNDING SCHEME – IMPROVEMENTS TO CHILDRENS PLAY AREAS 2017/18

The Council considered a letter from Mr. R. Roberts, Flintshire Play Design Officer which asked the Council to nominate a proposed play area for the match funding scheme for improvements and agree the level of contribution.

Councillor M. A. Reece said that Councillor R. Davies as County Councillor for the East ward should propose a play area for 2017/18.

Councillor R. Davies said he proposed either the play area on the High Street or Dean's Close and will seek advice from Mr. R. Roberts which should have the upgrade.

The Council agreed £10,000 as the agreed the level of contribution.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will write to Mr. R. Roberts, Flintshire Play Design Officer seeking advice regarding which play area in the East ward would benefit from the upgrade and also confirm £10,000 is the amount agreed.

75. CLERKS ITEMS

The following correspondence were received and circulated at the Meeting.

- Decision following the consultation result a Dog Control Public Spaces Protection order in Flintshire
- Guidance for Principal Councils on the Review of Communities
- Oil Club leaflets
- Flintshire County Council Public Engagement Event

The Clerk asked for up to 6 Councillors to volunteer to attend this event which will discuss Flintshire County Council Plan, which sets out the priorities for the next 5 years. It will be held on Tuesday 24th October at 6.30pm in the Gwynedd School, Flint.

Councillor's K. Rush, Mrs. C. Shorten and T. Shorten said they will attend to represent Bagillt Community Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will register Councillor's K. Rush, Mrs. C. Shorten and T. Shorten to attend the event.

76. MEMBERS ITEMS

Councillor K. Rush reported Ysgol Merllyn agreed to provide 30 hour childcare scheme over the holidays, when the school applied via SSIN, the school was assessed and refused due to lack of floor space within the school, no changing room facilities and no disabled toilets. For a school to have no disabled toilets is wrong, if a local resident had a disabled child and wanted them to attend Ysgol Merllyn, they would not be able too. This should be reported to Mrs. C. Homard, Flintshire Interim Chief Officer Education and Youth.

The school is 100 years old and is dilapidated and not fit for purpose. Ysgol Glan Aber is having £1.7million spent on it, Ysgol Merllyn needs to also be looked at and money needs to be spent and have disabled toilets installed.

The Chairman asked if the County Councillors can speak to Mrs. C. Homard. The school has no money and a disabled child should be entitled to go to this school but would not be able to, therefore taking away their choice of school.

Councillor K. Rush suggested there maybe grants available. The childcare scheme was very much looked forward to by local residents. Ysgol Glan Aber has disabled toilets, but these are in the Youth Centre part of the building, therefore when this is knocked down, they will have no disabled facilities so will they lose the 30 hours childcare scheme.

RESOLVED: That, County Councillors R. Davies and M. A. Reece will arrange a meeting with Mrs. C. Homard, Flintshire Interim Chief Officer Education and Youth to discuss this matter.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

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| Date of Council Meeting | Wednesday 11th October 2017 |
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| There were no Declarations of personal interest | | |

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Chairman