

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 10th October 2018.

PRESENT: Councillor C. P. Owens (Chairman)

COUNCILLORS: R. Davies, B. T. Doleman, A. Griffiths, Mrs. S.L. Jones, Mrs. J. Nicholas, 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.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood (Clerk), PCSO D. Chatham, PCSO H. Whittingham (North Wales Police), Mr. G. Roberts (Streetscene Supervisor) and Members of the Public.

69. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM

The Chairman invited a Member of Public to address the Council regarding the Flintshire Urban Tree and Woodland Plan. The Member of the Public is the Women's Institute Tree Champion and had recently attended a presentation relating to this plan after receiving an invitation from Mr. S. Body, Flintshire Tree Officer. Wales is the first County to do a tree survey and Flintshire have prepared the Flintshire Urban Tree and Woodland Plan.

The WI Tree Champion was surprised that no Council representatives attended the event when it is such an important matter. The Chairman confirmed that the Council had not received an invitation from Flintshire County Council but is aware that Bagillt Heritage Society is involved with the Woodland Trust and has obtained 600 trees from the Trust.

Councillor M. A. Reece confirmed he had contacted the Woodland Trust regarding the children from Ysgol Glan Aber being involved in tree planting. Councillor M. A. Reece said he will contact Mr. S. Body, Flintshire Tree Officer to ask if the Council can be involved.

RESOLVED: That Councillor M. A. Reece will contact Mr. S. Body, Flintshire Tree Officer and report back to the Council.

70. POLICING MATTERS

The Chairman welcomed PCSO D. Chatham and PCSO H. Whittingham.

PCSO Chatham reported that the CCTV camera near the library will need adjusting as it is facing towards to the ground and the CCTV camera on the High Street is currently 'on tour' covering several areas on the High Street.

With agreement from the Chairman, Councillor M. A. Reece brought the CCTV agenda item forward as it was appropriate to raise this whilst the Police were present. Councillor M. A. Reece said the High Street CCTV camera needs to cover the whole of the Stag Inn Car Park as this is where drug dealing issues occur.

PCSO Chatham said to move the camera to target the Stag Inn car park may be called 'direct surveillance and we may need to apply for a RIPA.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said the camera is pointless if this is not covering areas that has known issues, it is a community camera and should be used to service the community.

The Chairman said as the camera is 'on tour' and moves to monitor numerous areas, it would not be targeting a specific area.

Councillor M. A. Reece added that a defibrillator is being installed near the Stag Inn therefore this would benefit from being monitored by CCTV to prevent vandalism.

Councillor C. R. Williams said Connected Security, the company who supplied the cameras and gave advice as to where we mounted the camera to capture particular areas should be contacted and asked to attend a meeting to discuss our requirement as they have not been met.

Councillor A. Griffiths agreed with Councillor C. R. Williams' comments and added Connected Security should have been aware of the legislation required for CCTV camera to operate in particular areas.

Councillor Mrs. S. L. Jones said we need to monitor the car park and if we advertise CCTV is in operation, this alone would be a preventative measure.

PSCO Chatham said he needs to seek advice from the Police Surveillance team and will report back. PSCO Chatham added he wants to work with the Council and wants the camera to benefit the community, however, he needs to make sure we have the relevant legislation in place to operate the cameras in this way.

Councillor M. A. Reece reported a trailer parked near Pen Lon in the Boot End, residents are complaining it is parked half on the pavement and half on the road and in the evening it is difficult to see therefore a hazard. PSCO Chatham will investigate.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Chatham and PCSO H. Whittingham for attending.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will contact Connected Security to ask for advice request a meeting and that PSCO Chatham will seek advice from the Police Surveillance team.

71. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M. A. Reece declared a personal interest in the application from Bagillt Community Library for a financial donation. (Minute 77).

Councillor K. Rush declared a personal interest in the application from Ysgol Merllyn for a financial donation. (Minute 77).

Councillor A. Griffiths declared a personal interest in the application from Ysgol Merllyn for a financial donation. (Minute 77).

Councillor C. Renshaw declared a personal interest in the application from Ysgol Glan Aber for a financial donation. (Minute 77).

RESOLVED: That these declarations are noted and the list of declarations of interest is updated.

70. STREETSCENE BAGILLT

The Chairman welcomed Mr. G. Roberts, Streetscene Supervisor to the meeting.

Mr. Roberts reported that the majority issues reported from the last meeting had been dealt with exception of the High Street re-surfacing, Mr. Roberts' manager has confirmed this will be done in the near future and the request for the bushes by the by pass to be cut, this will be done in November.

Councillor A. Griffiths asked about the request to relocate the road sign that is obstructing the new village signs near the Manor Estate. Mr. Roberts had no information but will look into this matter.

Councillor Mrs. J. Nicholas reported the street light number 13 just before the Manor Estate is obscured by trees.

Councillor T. Shorten reported street light number 1, Bron y Wern is working intermittently and Scottish Power has not dealt with the faulty street light on Highfield.

Councillor T. Shorten also reported a pothole on Station road near the by-pass, this could be very dangerous to cyclists.

The Chairman said the Knotweed opposite the Lyons Den has not been treated.

Mr. G. Roberts will investigate all issues and report back to the Council.

The Chairman thanked Mr. G. Roberts for attending the meeting.

71. BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Chairman reported to the Council that the donation made by the previous Chairman Councillor A. Griffiths for the cost of decorating, will now to be spent thanks to Councillor M. A. Reece obtaining a very competitive quote for the works.

72. BAGILLT BOWLING CLUB

The Chairman reported that Mr. M. Thompson was due to attend the meeting to address the Council regarding financial assistance for the club but he had not arrived or made contact, therefore this matter will not be discussed.

73. MINUTES

The following comments were made on the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 12th September, 2018.

a. Minute No. 64 – Additional Crossing to Coastal Footpath

Councillor M. A. Reece reported he had spoken to Mr. S. O. Jones, Flintshire Chief Officer, Streetscene and Transportation following Councillor R. Davies' request for a crossing to the coastal

path near the Stag Inn. Mr. Jones said it was too soon for the Council to apply again for another crossing as it had not been long since we had the crossing near the Lyons Dens. Councillor M. A. Reece reminded Mr. Jones this was due to an accident black spot, which the Council are grateful for but it was not the crossing location that the Council have asked for over the years. Mr. Jones will speak to fellow Flintshire Officers and report back.

The Chairman reminded Councillors that the request for the crossing by the Stag Inn has been on-going for many years.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held 12th September 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

74. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman reported that he had received information from Councillor Mrs. C. Shorten regarding Planning Application 057027, Old British Legion Site Bagillt.

On 20th September 2017 the Welsh Planning Inspector visited the site, but to date no report has been received. Recently, Councillor T. Shorten and a local resident went on site with the Inspector, Mr. M. Harris, Flintshire Planner, Councillor M. A. Reece and the site owner's representative. The Inspector was less than impressed over the fact he was unable to view the nearby properties from the houses as they were all boarded up. Councillor M. A. Reece said it will take approximately 5 weeks for a decision from the Inspector.

The Chairman also shared a response which had been received from Clwyd & Alyn Housing Association following a complaint letter that the Council had sent on behalf of a resident relating to Thomas Row and the local Refuge. A letter was also sent to Wales and West but to date, only an acknowledgement letter has been received.

The response from Clwyd & Alyn Housing Association contains confidential information, therefore this letter will not be read out at the meeting but is here for Councillors information and it will be passed onto the local resident that made the complaint.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted.

75. PLANNING

a. Applications for Consideration

App No	Location	Detail
058939	Lock Stock Self Storage, Station Road, Bagillt, CH6 6AF	Advertisement consent for proposed directional signs

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

b. Application Decisions.

App No	Location	Detail	Decision
058474	Bagillt Road, Bagillt, CH6 6JB	Proposed creation of a sewerage pumping station (SPS) including hardstanding area for access and maintenance and associated vegetation clearance.	Approved

The Clerk informed the Council of the above planning applications decisions that were received from Flintshire County Council.

RESOLVED: That the Application decisions were noted

76. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Voucher No	Name	Expenditure Powers	£
43	Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	666.74
44	HM Revenues & Customs	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	207.25
45	Clwyd Pension Fund	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)	135.64
46	Opus Energy	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)	9.87
47	North And Mid Wales Association Of Local Councils	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)	16.00
48	Delyn Press	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)	291.20

RESOLVED: That the above mentioned accounts be paid.

77. APPLICATIONS FOR FINAICAL 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 Ysgol Glan Aber and New Brighton Chapel Action Group and the details of which were shared with the Council.

NOTE: Councillor M. A. Reece declared an interest in the application from Bagillt Community Library and whilst staying in the meeting, Councillor. M. A. Reece did not vote thereon.

Councillor A. Griffiths and Councillor K. Rush declared an interest in the application from Ysgol Merllyn and whilst staying in the meeting, Councillor A. Griffiths and Councillor K. Rush did not vote thereon.

Councillor C. Renshaw declared an interest in the application from Ysgol Glan Aber and whilst staying in the meeting, Councillor. C. Renshaw did not vote thereon.

RESOLVED:

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

No	Voucher	Name	£
49		Bagillt Community Library	520.00
50		Ysgol Merllyn	350.00
51		Ysgol Glan Aber	350.00
52		New Brighton Chapel Action Group	220.00

78. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

a. Budget Monitoring Report

The meeting considered the Budget Monitoring report and Bank reconciliation statement for the second quarter to 30th September 2018, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members. See Appendix A.

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

b. Checks of Supplier Data

In order to meet the requirements of the financial regulations and internet banking, it is necessary for a programme of regular checks of standing data with suppliers to be followed. This required a Councillor to look through the accounts and certify a number of invoices and payment receipts.

RESOLVED: Councillor R. Davies reviewed a selection of invoices and payment receipts which were certified as correct.

79. BAGILLT FORESHORE

The Clerk shared with the Council a letter from Ms. H. Blythyn which was a response from Flintshire County Council relating to the completion of the coastal path. See Appendix B.

The Clerk also informed the Council that following a request to meet with Ms. H. Blythyn AM regarding the coastal footpath, Ms. Blythyn has asked to meet with a delegation of four Councillors in her Flint Office on Friday 2nd November.

It was agreed that Councillors B. T. Doleman, A. Griffiths, M. A. Reece and K. Rush would attend the meeting. Councillor R. Davies is also willing to attend if a Councillor finds they are unable to attend.

Councillor Mrs. J. Nicholas reported that the Ranger confirmed on the 11th November, a Battle over the Nations' event which is organised by Flintshire County Council is taking place, however the event has not been widely advertised because of the access, health and safety issues and the car parking.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will inform Ms. H. Blythyn that a delegation of Councillors will attend the meeting on Friday 2nd November.

80. WAR MEMORIAL

Councillor M. A. Reece said the Flintshire County Council electricians were on site today and have said two out of the four lights are working and will be switched on for the service and will work for approximately three months only. Also the switch used for the microphone needs to be a water proof switch. Flintshire County Council will be sending an invoice to the Council for £100.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said the Council are not liable to pay this invoice as the War Memorial belongs to Flintshire County Council.

Councillor C. Renshaw informed Councillors that he had been in contact with Major T. Steed regarding the army attending the Remembrance Service. To date, no confirmation has been given but the request has been noted.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said if the army wish to attend, they need to contact the Mr. G. Davies, Royal British Legion who organises the service.

RESOLVED: That Councillor C. Renshaw will advise the army to contact Mr. G. Davies should they be able to attend the service.

81. HIGH STREET TRAFFIC CALMING

The Clerk reported that following advice from Mr. A. Stanford, Flintshire Highway Strategy Manager, an email was sent to Ms. J. Stevens, Welsh Government Transport department to advise Flintshire County Council had carried out the 21 day statutory period formal advertisement and that we were now in a position to proceed with the revised traffic calming scheme and asked to be considered for the next stage of slippage funding as the Council had previously discussed with Ms. Stevens. Ms. J. Stevens responded that she was no longer in post and Ms. N. Cummings will respond.

Ms. N. Cummings responded and explained the Road Safety Grant provides funding to local authorities and opens each year for new bids. We expect to be inviting authorities to submit new applications for funding for the next financial year towards the end of this year. We can only accept bids from local authorities. This is something that you may wish to discuss with Flintshire County Council. Therefore the Clerk forwarded this email to Mr. A. Stanford for advice.

Mr. A. Stanford said the Council needed to seek clarity from Ms. N. Cummings regarding the funding grant we would be applying for as previously Ms. J. Stevens had indicated that the Council would have a strong case for being awarded a grant from the slippage funding and that we believed the Road Safety Grant was funding for new schemes and not revised schemes.

Mr. A. Stanford has offered to meet with both County Councillors to discuss this matter further once Ms. N. Cummings has responded.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Ms. N. Cummings, Welsh Government and then arrange a meeting between Mr. A. Stanford, Flintshire Highway Strategy Manager and Councillors R. Davies and M. A. Reece.

82. FOOTPATH NUMBER 10

The Clerk advised the Council that Mr. D. Charlton, Flintshire Team Leader – Access has asked to attend the November meeting to discuss this matter.

Councillor M. A. Reece raised that the Ramblers have been blocked accessing the footpath between Bagillt Car Spares and the Pump house by the Travellers. This has been reported to Mr. T. Woodall, Flintshire Countryside Officer but proposed a letter should also be sent by the Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will contact Mr. D. Charlton and arrange for his attendance at the November Council Meeting and that the Clerk will write to Mr. T. Woodall relating to the issue of a blocked footpath.

83. TYNDDYN MESSHAM ISSUES

Councillor C. Williams asked for Councillors support in requesting Tyddyn Messham becoming a one way road for safety reasons. This road is only wide enough for one vehicle, it is obstructed by trees and has a blind turning. Councillor C. Williams said he tried to get this passed many years ago after a fatal accident and the decision was to wait for the verdict of the inquest. The inquest recorded the death as an accident.

Councillor C. Williams shared a map with the Council and said the one way system would not be required for the full length of the road, therefore allowing all residents and all services who use the road access in and out. Since the traffic calming was introduced, traffic coming from Riverbank and the Holywell area are coming into Bagillt via the Manor using this road as a short cut. Tyddyn Messham is supposed to be an access road only but this sign is ignored.

RESOLVED: That, the Clerk will write to Flintshire County Council to express the Council's wishes to change Tyddyn Messham Road into a one way system.

84. YSGOL GLAN ABER - FLAGPOLE

Councillor C. Renshaw asked the Council for financial support in purchasing a flag pole for Ysgol Glan Aber.

Councillor M. A. Reece said he has spoken to the Head teacher about this and he said the Liaison Officer for the School Governors has confirmed until all the works at the school are complete, a flag pole will not be erected. Councillor M. A. Reece said the local garden centre has a flag pole that could be used.

The Chairman said the Council will support this and suggested the School contacts the Council again when they are in the position to move forward with this matter.

RESOLVED: That, the Clerk will write to the Head teacher, Ysgol Glan Aber to share the Council will support the school's request and ask they contact the Council when they are in the position to proceed.

85. CORRESPONDENCE & CLERKS REPORT

a. The following correspondence were received and circulated at the Meeting.

- Ensuring Affordable Fire And Rescue Services - Councillors are invited to take part in North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority's consultation - to have your say on ensuring affordable fire and rescue services, before the draft budget for 2019/20 is set in December 2018.

- Funding Opportunity - Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust - The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust is running a programme to fund the costs of up to 10 silhouettes for schools, community groups, places of worship and local charities.

- Members Code Of Conduct Training For Town And Community Councillors – Flintshire County Council are hosting Code of Conduct Training for Town and Community Councillors on Wednesday 17th October starting at 6pm for approximately 2 hours in Saltney.

- Standards Committee - Joint Meeting with Town and Community Councils – Flintshire County Council are hosting a joint meeting of the Standards Committee and Town and Community Councils on Monday 12th November, in Caffi Isa, Mynydd.

- Changes to Bus Services - Ms. R. Cartwright, Streetscene Officer sent details on bus service changes affective from 1st October 2018.

- Flintshire County Forum Meeting – will be held on Tuesday 23rd October at County Hall, Mold. If Members wish to attend, please inform the Clerk.

b. Bagillt Youth Provision – The Clerk informed the Council that Mrs. A. Thomas, Flintshire Youth Forum Worker, Ms. J. Francis, Youth Worker & Mr. E. John, Theatre Clwyd will be in attendance at the November meeting to discuss youth provision.

c. West Flintshire Town & Community Councils Working Group - The Chairman of the Group, Councillor T. Palmer has offered to attend a Council meeting to further promote the Working Group among and confirm the terms of reference and benefits.

RESOLVED: That, the Clerk's Report was noted.

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