

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 13th September 2017.

PRESENT: Councillor A. Griffiths (Chairman)

COUNCILLORS: R. Davies, B.T. Doleman, 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 Chatham, Mrs. C. Homard, Flintshire Interim Chief Officer Education and Youth, Mrs. A. Roberts, Flintshire Senior Manager Integrated Youth Provision and Councillor I. Roberts, Flintshire Cabinet Member for Education, Mr. D. Charlton, Flintshire Operational Manager, Streetscene and Members of the Public.

48. POLICING MATTERS

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Chatham. The Chairman asked a Member of the Public who was in attendance to speak regarding the anti-social behaviour the youths have been causing in the village over the summer.

The Member of the Public said the anti-social behaviour caused by the youths is totally unacceptable, the youths are harassing residents including the owners of the takeaways and the abuse can be racist and very intimidating. When he confronted the youths, he was sworn at. The Chinese takeaway had their window smashed. He feels the anti-social behaviour increases in the school holidays and weekends.

PCSO Chatham responded that the Police are fully aware of the situation and have names of a few of the individuals, some who live outside of the village. If any residents or takeaway owners have names and wish to share these with the Police or give a statement, they can do so. PCSO Chatham also said the Police have been in constant communication with the takeaway owners and have a two week operation in place in the village, this means Officers are regularly patrolling the area.

Another Member of the Public said he feels a contributing factor, especially in the school holiday's, is local young people have nowhere to go, no youth club, no parks. The young people need to feel valued in their own community. Not all children who hang around on the streets are looking to cause problems to residents.

The Chairman added he is concerned a resident may take matters into their own hands, to protect themselves and will then end up in trouble themselves.

Councillor Mrs. C. Shorten said could the events at the takeaway be considered a race crime. PCSO Chatham said in order to peruse this the owners of the takeaway would need to report these incidents.

Councillor B. T. Doleman asked for an update on the Amber Terrace Raids. PCSO Chatham said he was unable to divulge any details, however can confirm it was a positive warrant.

Councillor C. R. Williams said the Police need to be more active in the village and attending the Council meetings on a regular basis.

Councillor. J. Nicholas said she has regularly seen PSCO Chatham on patrol in the village.

PSCO Chatham said if anyone wishes to contact him, the Clerk has all his contacts details.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Chatham for attending.

49. BAGILLT YOUTH CLUB

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. C. Homard, Flintshire Interim Chief Officer Education and Youth, Mrs. A. Roberts, Flintshire Senior Manager Integrated Youth Provision and Councillor I. Roberts, Flintshire Cabinet Member for Education.

Mrs. C. Homard introduced herself and her colleagues and thanked the Council for inviting them to attend the meeting. Mrs. C. Homard said when she was appointed to the post of Interim Chief Officer Education and Youth, she read all the previous correspondence between the Council and the former Chief Officer, Mr. I. Budd.

Mrs. C. Homard said what appears to be very clear, that unfortunately the young people of the village did not want to use the youth club and over a long period of time the numbers of attendees has gone into decline, therefore the authority could not justify keeping this facility open. Mrs. C. Homard said she understands the frustration as a Community, particularly when we have heard tonight of the issues with anti-social behaviour with some young people in the village.

Mrs. C. Homard said we are aware of concerns regarding is there enough for young people do therefore we can make you an offer, everyone is aware of the level of austerity that Local Government is facing and we have to use the limited resources wisely. This does not mean we cannot make provision but what we need to do is work with you to help the provide opportunities in a different way. Mrs. C. Homard invited Mrs. A. Roberts to explain in more detail.

Mrs. A. Roberts said the authority has had to make 33% cuts on all budgets for Young People and Youth Justice. As Mrs. Roberts also Managers Youth Justice, she was very interested to hear about the issue with anti-social behaviour.

Bagillt is one of the smaller clubs in Flintshire and the numbers were decreasing therefore we could not allocate a youth worker to the club and this situation will not be changing. We have to use the qualified trained youth workers to the best effect. Also Bagillt School had a need for expansion, we cannot just have a building with sole purpose being a Youth Club, tax payers cannot afford this nor can the Authority.

Young people were not attending the club and they did not want that type of provision, they want us to work where they are. We have just done a fantastic outreach provision in Wepre Park over the summer holidays. Outreach Youth Workers and the Drug & Alcohol Service worked with children in schools, asking what they wanted to do in the summer holidays. From this we had a mobile football stadium, we also have use of lots of kit and tools which does not sit in one town or village. We also had gazebos, food and drink, craft tents, mini golf, the numbers expected were exceeded. We have a full report if anyone wishes to read this. We are currently working on how we roll this provision out to other towns and villages.

We worked with the Wepre Park Rangers who also had issues with anti-social behaviour and as part of the outreach programme, we went onto the streets to talk to youngsters, asking what they are doing in the evening.

We have the staff, facilities and the kit to provide this outreach provision anywhere, but need a base and a commitment from the community. If you want to do something for the young people of your community and deal with anti-social behaviour, where would you like a base to be, it only needs to be basic, toilet and tea/coffee making facilities. We do have funding for this, but unfortunately we can no longer offer a youth club in the school.

Councillor B. T. Doleman asked if the Youth will be knocked down and then the school extended. Mrs. Roberts confirmed yes. Councillor B. T. Doleman said the Youth Club has slowly been made unavailable for children over the last 3 years. Tables and equipment were moved into the hall, so no room to use the hall and then the questions were asked about declining numbers but they had no room in the club so the children went elsewhere.

Mrs. C. Homard said Ysgol Glan Aber is a very successful school with increasing numbers and are now bursting at the seams, the local authority has to make appropriate provision for school age children and ensure a quality of education and because the school was just not big enough, the school has been using the club for dining. We now have a fantastic opportunity as through the Capital Programme, which has acknowledged the school needs an extension and will be investing £1.7million, which I am sure the community will welcome and the only space to extend was by using the youth club area.

Councillor B. T. Doleman responded that he fully agrees with the school extension but asked can we do what other school have done, which is the school and youth club both use the space, dual use.

Mrs. C. Homard said there is no reason in the longer term but at the moment we need to concentrate on getting the extension completed.

Mrs. A. Roberts added that in Broughton Primary school, the school has taken over the youth club space and refurbished it and are now making an income for the school by providing an after school club. The Council are now renting space for a club, therefore we may well be able to look at doing this in Bagillt when we have built up the youth work cohort in the village, have done the outreach work and have the youth engaged. We have done this in Connah's Quay, Mancot and looking to do this in 3 other schools that had youth services building attached.

Councillor K. Rush said the youth club has been run down by the authority over the last 3 years. All the equipment was removed, PC's were broken, tables blocked the area where children could play football, the refurbishment took 8 months and we wonder why the children did not return, there was nothing to do at the club.

Mrs. C. Homard responded that neither herself nor Mrs. A. Roberts were in post 3 years ago and are not deliberately running a service down. We need to focus on building up services within the community in a different way and focus on how we move forward.

Councillor K. Rush said the youth club has been in the village for over 60 years and we have over 20 in Flintshire, how many other clubs have been closed.

Mrs. A. Roberts replied that several services have closed and the authority will continue to close smaller provisions. Flintshire County Council are the only County in North Wales fighting to keep its part time youth services. However, we cannot keep clubs which are under performing and under attended as the authority does not have the money.

Regarding the issue of anti-social behaviour, we can divert money from Youth Justice Service and Anti-social behaviour Service and after hearing about the issues in the village, I suggest we need to concentrate on this issue and then when we have a cohort and a building we could look at the model that is now the accepted Flintshire model of moving back into the school.

Councillor. C. P. Owens said the new accepted Flintshire model was not discussed with our Council. Both myself and Councillor. B. T. Doleman had a conversation with the Head teacher from Glan Aber just before the summer holidays and he said he would like to continue using the youth club space in the daytime therefore could be used as a youth club in the evenings. Governors were not involved in any decision making concerning taking over the youth club space and I can confirm this as four governors are also Councillors. Councillor C. P. Owens expressed his concern at the way that authority had dealt with the issue which was refuted by Flintshire County Councillor I. Roberts.

Councillor I. Roberts said Bagillt youth club re-opened after the refurbishment in September 2016 and no young people attended so posters promoting the club were published towards the end of September for 4 weeks, so in total 8 weeks no young people therefore youth workers did not want to work in the club.

Bagillt is receiving the largest public sector investment of £1.7million which will secure the future of 147 pupils, providing a good place to learn. Mrs. A. Roberts has said she will look at provision in the village and when the school is re-modelled then we can look at an alternative provision. Does the Community Council want a building to be used once a week or £1.7million investment securing the future of the school.

Councillor Mrs. S. L. Jones said we previously had a larger school building which the Council knocked down and sold the land then built a smaller school which is now unable to accommodate the numbers. At Riverbank, the tenants and residents group opened a youth club over a summer holiday period and had over 50 children attending and the children knew us and had respect. When the Council kept changing the youth workers, the children would not go as they did not know these people, they could not talk to them. We also had a club on Walwen playing fields and regularly had over 40 children attending, 3 nights a week.

Mrs. C. Homard said we offering a provision through the outreach service. Mrs. A. Roberts has demonstrated she has a very strong team who have been very successful and can engage with young people. Mrs. C Homard asked the Chairman if a Member of the Public who was in a attendance could speak as he is a youth worker as well as a resident of Bagillt.

The youth worker said a lot of young people do not use youth clubs and other areas of the Country use youth shelters. Bagillt has many open spaces that could be considered for a youth shelter, a place for older children as most teenagers are not looking for youth clubs.

Councillor Mrs. S. L. Jones said the clubs she was involved with had children aged 8 up to age 19 attending. Children of all ages mix and need respect.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said he is 100% behind improving the educational facilities but asked if the Officers could expand on the details for creating a facilities for the children, that they will be part of and will enjoy now the youth club had gone. How do you propose to do this in the village.

Councillor M. A. Reece suggested the Hut on Riverbank Playing field could be used as this is Flintshire County Council property and has been empty for over 5 years.

Mrs. A. Roberts said this is a feasible idea, we do not need a lot of money to provide the basic provision we need but the community needs to work in partnership.

Councillor C. P. Owens said he welcomes the £1.7million investment into the school but would prefer discussions are held with the Community Council and decisions not just imposed upon us. This has not been discussed with Governors, the Headteacher was unaware of the situation and he pointed out a notice which had been put up in the building stating the building is likely to be available for Asset Transfer.

Councillor I. Roberts said he was informed of this notice by Councillor M. A. Reece and found it had been put up by the Flintshire Local Voluntary Council. Councillor. I. Roberts contacted Flintshire Chief Officer, Mr. N. Cockerton and asked for these notices to be immediately removed.

Councillor. I. Roberts asked the Council if the Community Library could be used as a base and potentially in the school holidays. He shared that he is also a Flint Town Councillor and that their own youth club was moved and will be moving again, facilities change and communities have to adapt. We have given a commitment that once the school is complete and opened, the authority can look at the needs and consider using the school to provide a provision.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said the Community Library could be an option as it is available.

Mrs. C. Homard is very surprised that School Governors were not consulted on the proposed extension to the school. Some 5 years ago, in a previous role as School Link Officer, the Headteacher was then asking for more room at the school. The Local Authority has a very detailed mechanism for monitoring the suitability and condition of it's schools and Ysgol Gan Aber has been on that list. Mrs. C. Homard gives her assurance she will speak to all concerned regarding communication, as decisions would not be made without visits to the school or robust discussions.

Councillor C. Renshaw asked if the Community Centre could be used as a base as this has toilets, kitchen and space. Councillor B. T. Doleman said this was asked about 15 years ago and the Community Centre did not wish to be involved. Councillor B. T. Doleman added thanks to the Flintshire representative attending the meeting and expanding on the situation and asks that the Council are kept informed as residents ask their Community Council and we need to be able to provide answers.

Councillor I. Roberts gave assurance. Councillor I. Roberts reported prior to this meeting, he had made contact with the Community Centre and they advised the centre is fully booked. Mrs. A. Roberts added that she has also spoken to the Community Centre and confirmed they are fully booked however they do have availability in the summer holidays and also said they were low on income. Maybe this could be used for our pop –ups over the summer and we could give a contribution to the centre.

Mrs. C. Homard said it was good to attend the meeting as the Community Councillors know their community and we are appearing to be finding some very good solutions. A site visit will be arranged.

Councillor I. Roberts also suggested Ysgol Merllyn as a base and Mrs. A. Roberts added if it was to be used, the authority could fund security services to deal with the opening and closing of the building. Also the Community Library could be used to work with young people to get their views and see what they want. Mrs. C. Homard said the young people would then have ownership of that provision and would therefore use it and then we build the outreach service around their needs.

Mrs. A. Roberts works for both Youth Service and Youth Justice, therefore can help create a positive youth provision as well as contributing towards helping with the issues that the village has with some young people. Mrs. A. Roberts said if we get the provision right, the prevention of anti-social behaviour should follow.

Councillor I. Roberts said he gives a commitment, that the Council will be fully involved, informed of any progress and plans and schedules of works will be provided. £1.7 million is one of the biggest public sector investments and Bagillt should be proud.

Councillor C.P. Owens welcomes the commitment of keeping the Council informed but asked can we also participate. Trust needs to be re-built between Flintshire and Bagillt Council's. We are concerned for our Community.

Mrs. C. Homard thanked the Council for a constructive discussion and now feels we have pathway to move forward.

The Chairman thanks Mrs. Homard, Mrs. Roberts and Councillor Roberts for attending.

RESOLVED: The Council will await notification from Mrs. Homard regarding dates for a site visit to consider a base for an outreach provision.

50. HIGH STREET – TRAFFIC CALMING

This item was brought forward by the Chairman as Mr. D. Charlton, Flintshire Operational Manager, Streetscene was in attendance to discuss this item.

The Council considered an email from Mr. Mr. Anthony Stanford which stated he appreciates that the Community Council are eager to progress the informal consultation with residents, however, following requests from individuals during the recent evening meeting then it would appear that further changes to the design are still required (i.e. request for removal of physical features in the vicinity of the priority system and reduction in number of raised tables). The alternative design drawing provided during the meeting was based on the previous request by the Community Council which was to replace all existing speed cushions (with the exception of the cushions to either extent of the scheme) with raised tables. If this has now changed, please can the stance of the Community Council be formally clarified. If further amendments / investigations are required then this will need to be addressed prior to

the commencement of the informal consultation process to ensure the accuracy of the information provided.

Mr. Charlton provided an overview of where we are at and advised the Council that we need to progress in order to try and secure funding. If the Council are in agreement with the proposed plans pending changes with the priority system outside Castle Villa's, we can move forward. Mr. Charlton asked that access points to the Planning Application at Castle Villas are shared with Flintshire County Council so decisions can be made regarding the priority system.

The Council shared the draft consultation letter to be sent to the residents of Bagillt with Mr. Charlton.

The Chairman asked Mr. Charlton if Flintshire County Council could supply paper to print all the resident letters onto. Mr. Charlton confirmed yes and said the County Council will also supply plans for residents to see the new proposals.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Charlton for attending.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Mr. Charlton confirming that the Council accepts the new proposals to the traffic calming scheme, however requests Flintshire County Council looks at the priority system outside Castle Villas.

51. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held 12th July 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

52. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman reported he had received invitations from Buckley Town Council for a Charity Concert and Charity Ball & Dinner.

53. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor B. T. Doleman reported the Bagillt Heritage Society have constructed an Apiary and have 2 beehives, the hope is to have 6 beehives in the future.

54. PLANNING

App. No.	Location	Detail
056932	Station Road, Bagillt	Proposed re-development of scrap metal yard to provide 10 No. light industrial units phase 1, Units 1-5

RESOLVED: The Council requested more information on access points to the development.

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: The Council requested information on what type of vehicles will be parked at this site.

App. No.	Location	Detail
055188	Former British Legion Site Gadlys Lane	Amendment to permission 049273 for 10 dwellings

Councillor M.A Reece reported to the meeting that himself, Mr. T. Renshaw and two local residents met with Mr. M. Harris, Flintshire County Council Planner, Mr. K. Slater, Flintshire County Council Planning Team Leader and two of the Planners from the site in relation to this planning development.

Councillor M. A. Reece said the Planners are going to consider ways to change the design of the inside of the houses and then re submit plans to the Planning Department.

55. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Name	£	Voucher No	Expenditure Powers
Opus Energy	44.57	38	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)
Mrs. L. Wood	690.74	39	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)

- September			
HM Revenues & Customs	132.24	40	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
- September			
HM Revenues & Customs	00.71	41	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
- July			
Clwyd Pension Fund -	130.18	42	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
- September			
Opus Energy	43.97	43	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)
Flintshire County Council	1000.00	44	Loc.Govt ((MP) Act
Bagillt Bowling Club	480.00	45	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act.1976(S.19)

RESOLVED: That the above mentioned accounts be paid.

56. BAGILLT FORSHORE

Councillor B. T. Doleman reported that quad bikes have been riding on the marsh at speed and knocking fences down also they have found broken gates and locks. It has been reported to the Flintshire Ranger.

Councillor M. A. Reece asked the Chairman if a Member of the Public who is the owner of the caravan site could respond. The gentleman confirmed he does not own quad bikes and no one from his site has caused damage to gates etc. He welcomes anyone who wishes to visit the site to look around.

Councillor K. Rush said over the summer months he walked along the coastal path, eastwards towards Flint Railway Station and the path Bagillt side is just a dirt path about a foot wide and is dangerous but then once in Flint, the path is all stoned. Councillor K. Rush said Ms. H. Blythyn AM has recently said in the local newspaper that this is brilliant footpath, everyone was enjoying and it had brought industry to the area. Why the Bagillt side is in this state. Councillor K. Rush believes funding has been made available for this therefore requests a letter is sent to Ms. H. Blythyn AM reporting this issue.

Councillor B. T. Doleman suggested Mr. T. Woodall, Flintshire Countryside Services is also copied into the letter sent to Ms. Blythyn.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Ms. H. Blythyn AM asking this matter is looked into and send a copy to Mr. T. Woodall, Flintshire Countryside Services.

57. BAGILLT VILLAGE ROAD SIGNS

The Council considered an email response from Ms. H. Blythyn AM regarding the 'Welcome' village road sign. Ms. Blythyn stated she has recently raised the important issue of brown tourism signage along the A55 in our area during the Assembly's plenary session with the Cabinet Secretary for the Economy and Infrastructure. It was underlined the need for urgent

action on this matter and stressed the importance of enhanced brown signage to our tourism industry and local economy. The Cabinet Secretary agreed that we need to look afresh at

signage, and promised greater control regarding the speed and delivery of brown signage in the future.

Ms Blythyn offered to come and meet with council members to discuss this issue further and find out more about the ideas for signage in Bagillt.

Councillor C. Renshaw said we need to make more of our Nation's history. We have an unique situation in our County regarding the 'Birth place of a Prince'. Councillor Mrs. S. L. Jones agreed.

Councillors agreed a small delegation of Councillors should meet Ms. H. Blythyn AM and it was proposed that Councillors R. Davies, B. T. Doleman, M. A. Reece and C. Renshaw attend the meeting.

The Council also considered the response from Flintshire County Council regarding the 'Twinned with Laxey' road sign. Mr. N. Williams, Flintshire Technical Officer, Streetscene said that Bagillt could have a Boundary Sign with that logo and twinned 'with' in text but it would be at the Community Council cost. Flintshire County Council would require a quality jpeg of the crest and also the wording for the sign. Mr. Williams did raise the question, has anyone checked that it is twinned with this other town.

Councillor B. T. Doleman passed the email address to the Clerk for Mr. P. Burgess who the Council met when they visited the Isle of Man and Mr. Burgess will be able to confirm the Twinning before we proceed with the village sign.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk responds to Ms. H. Blythyn AM and requests a meeting and the Clerk emails Mr. P. Burgess to confirm the Twinning agreement is still in place.

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

The Council considered a letter the Clerk received from the Secretary to the Church Council, but stated she is writing on a personal basis and not as Secretary. The letter is regarding land behind the Community Centre which is overgrown and needs attention. In 2013 the Community Association approached the Parochial Church Council of the Parish Church stating leaves falling from the trees in the Church grounds, during the autumn period, were causing an issue with dampness to the back wall of the Community Centre.

The lady explained that as the Church did not have funds to have the trees removed, her late husband paid a substantial amount of money to have these works carried out. However, it was on the understating that the Council or Community Centre Association would maintain the land which she states has not been done. The letter states this was agreed with the Rector of Flint and attached background and extracts of e-mails to her letter.

The lady is asks if the area could be cleaned and tided, if only in the memory of her late husband.

Councillor J. Nicholas said she was previously part of the Community Association and recalls this situation. Deeds were checked and the land is owned by the Church and not the Community Centre.

Councillor C. Renshaw said this is our Parish Church therefore we need to assist if we can help. Prior to 1839, the village had no church and residents had to go to Holywell or Flint.

Councillor C. P. Owens believes the agreement Mrs. Urwin refers to is between an individual and the Community Centre. The Council has not been involved in this matter and does not have legal powers to make a payment to an individual. The landowner is the Church and this is between the Church and the Community Centre, maybe the Council can mediate.

Councillor C. R. Williams said the Church has no money and this a Community Church. The Church needs tidying up and the car park is overgrown, the village is effected by this, as it looks untidy. The Community Council has a responsibility to help keep the village tidy.

Councillor C. Renshaw said he feels maybe the Church is looking for guidance and assurance. Who else can they appeal for help too, the Council is the voice of the Community.

Councillor B. T. Doleman quoted from the letter where Rev. Harvey refers to speaking to the Chairman. Councillor B. T. Doleman said he was the Chairman at that time and advised the Parish Church should write to the Community Council asking to be considered for financial assistance. The Council never received a request.

Councillor Mrs. S. L. Jones said the Community Council supports the local Bowling Green, the Community Centre therefore we should also support the Church. All residents including all members of this Council have used the Church at some time or another and will continue to do so. A suggestion could be that young offenders can clear the area, we can say we can help arrange this but the Church must maintain the area afterwards.

Councillor C. Renshaw suggested we invite Members of the Parish Church to a Council meeting to discuss this matter further.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will respond to Mrs. Urwin inviting Members of the Parish Council to attend a Council Meeting.

59. PUBLIC FOOTPATH No. 10

The Council considered an email received from Mr. D. Hanson MP regarding Flintshire County Council's response to the letter sent on behalf of Bagillt Community Council relating to Public Footpath No. 10.

Mrs. C. Higgins, Flintshire Legal Officer said footpath No. 10, has been on-going issue for a considerable period of time. Extensive research work has been undertaken over the years and there is a considerable amount of documentation to be considered to determine the case. The adjacent landowner/farmer was approached some years ago seeking the prospect of a diversion, which was refused. This case will ultimately require enforcement, whatever the determined outcome.

In relation to public footpath Public footpath No. 91 'by the Legion' has ongoing negotiations as the works required to the wall running alongside the public footpath are considered dangerous hence the reason the public footpath is currently closed.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said he met with the Rambler's Association together with Councillor M. A. Reece and he has decided he is going to write to the Chief Executive of Flintshire County Council to ask if no progress in over 35 years, could he please advise how this situation will move forward.

60. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2016/17

The Clerk reported the Annual Return as required by BDO External Auditors and shared the three issues that BDO had raised with the Council. The Clerk advised the issue concerning the Asset Register discrepancy has now been rectified. The issue relating to answering Trust Funds Disclosure note was noted and the issue regarding the Internal Auditors comments relating to Financial Controls, has been checked with the Councils Internal Auditors JDH. The Clerk also advised the conclusion of audit was being advertised as required by BDO.

RESOLVED:

1. That the annual return be approved.
2. That with regard to the issues arising from the BDO Audit, the actions of the clerk concerning the amendment in the Asset Register and the actions taken to address the financial controls as dealt with at the May Council Meeting be supported.
3. That the actions of the Clerk concerning giving Notice of Conclusion of the audit as required by BDO be noted.
4. That the Clerk advise BDO accordingly in relation to the above items.

61. CLERKS ITEMS

The following correspondence were received and circulated at the Meeting.

- Planning Aid Wales Training information for Councillors
- Clustering: funding support available in 2017-18

62. MEMBERS ITEMS

Councillor M. A. Reece reported he has written to Mr. N. Cockerton regarding the asbestos issue at the Community Library. It is a Council property therefore their responsibility. Mr. N. Cockerton said they need to commission an asbestos survey on the outside.

Councillor C. Renshaw asked who is responsible for Railway platforms. Councillor B. T. Doleman advised it was Network Rail.

Councillor C. Renshaw asked if the Community Council could get in touch with neighbouring councils to find out their thoughts on applying to have the platforms reinstated, maybe similar to the Wirral lines, they have shelters and electronic notices of train times.

Councillor C. P. Owens shared information regarding this, Bagillt Heritage Society have a licence from Network Rail to do remedial work to the up line platform and have obtained a grant to start this work which will initially be for fencing on the Community Garden side of the platform. The hope is in future years to lease the platform for possible development of a railway museum and a line to Holywell Junction.

Councillor M. A. Reece said Greenfield have already applied to reinstate platforms due to the industry in the area, for people to get to work.

Councillor C. Renshaw reported Old London Road leading to Gadlys Lane, Bagillt has access problems, namely due to residents parking on the road also part of Old London Road has been in a poor state of repair for some time due to lack of maintenance. Councillor C. Renshaw said it is possibly one of the last of the cobbled roads left in Flintshire.

Councillor C. Shorten reported that Condie's Pond is losing water. Councillor M. A. Reece said he met with the Rangers and the Fisheries and they say the pond needs digging out and the trees cutting back. The Rangers are seeking funding from Flintshire County Council.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said the pond started to lose its depth after the quarry closed. The water that used to go towards Condie's via underground streams is now going behind the Poplars. It used to be full all year round.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will write to Mr. J. Hill, Flintshire Public Rights of Way Officer to report the issue on Old London Road.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Date of Council Meeting	Wednesday 13th September 2017
--------------------------------	---

Member	Item	Minute No. Refers
There were no Declarations of personal interest		

.....
Chairman