

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 12th September 2018.

PRESENT: Councillor C. P. Owens (Chairman)

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors M.A. Reece, K. Rush & C.R. Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood (Clerk) and Members of the Public.

53. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM

A member of the public asked the council for help regarding on going disturbances and anti-social behaviour from neighbouring properties, Thomas row which are Wales and West properties and a local Refuge. Cars are constantly parked everywhere due to insufficient car parking spaces, often blocking her own access. The road and path sweepers cannot gain access to carry out their duties and we have difficulties maintaining our hedges and trees, again due to access.

A number of cars do not belong to the residents of Thomas Row, but we believe car repairs are being carried out from one of the properties. This was reported to Councillor M .A. Reece and to Wales and West. One resident often sits in her car, playing loud music and we believe she is smoking drugs. The noise is constant with all the comings and goings.

When the member of the public has approached these residents, she has received verbal abuse. Incidents have been reported to the Police and Flintshire County Council, who suggested all incidents should be recorded. Wales and West have also been contacted but all they offered was mediation between neighbours.

The impact on our lives is dreadful, when these homes were given planning permission, they should have taken into consideration the effect and intrusion on the existing properties and provided sufficient car parking spaces.

Councillor A. Griffiths proposed the Council should write to both Wales and West and the local Refuge to share the complaints of the member of the public as this is detrimental to the area and is an anti-social behaviour issue.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said we also need to address the car parking issues with both Wales and West and the local Refuge and report the appalling behaviour from tenants.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to both Wales and West Housing Association and the Refuge.

54. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There was no declaration of interests recorded.

55. POLICING MATTERS

The Clerk informed the Council that PCSO D. Chatham was unable to attend the meeting however asked I informed members that he had spoken to the CCTV company, Connected Security regarding the camera and it has now been set it up 'on tour' to cover various spots on the High Street.

Councillor B. T. Doleman asked for either a demonstration of the CCTV cameras working or images of the footage so the Council can see what is being monitored and the quality of the footage.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will ask PCSO D. Chatham for images of the footage.

56. SCHOOL GOVERNOR NOMINATION

The Chairman brought this item forward and explained that he will be removing this item, as a Community Council does not have the power to elect a Community Governor. The Board of Governors would do this.

57. MINUTES

a. Minute No. 39 – Streetscene

Councillor C. Renshaw referred the comment from Councillor B. T. Doleman regarding too much information on the new village signs, he felt if the sign had just referred to the Prince of Wales, this would have not been the case.

Both the Chairman and Councillor B. T. Doleman confirmed the signs were actually proposed for the Twinning of Laxey in 2012 but due to a delay caused by the commissioners in Laxey, this was not actioned.

Councillor C. Renshaw said a number of residents were unaware that Bagillt is twinned with Laxey and assumed there would have been a ceremony or announcement. Councillor B. T. Doleman shared the background of how Bagillt and Laxey became Twinned.

b. Minute No. 43 – Planning

Councillor C. Renshaw commented on Planning Application 058301, 1 Seaview Terrace, Sunnyside, Bagillt and asked why this application was not discussed at a Council Meeting.

The Chairman explained that when applications are received in between meetings and the comments period is before the next meeting, it is policy that the appropriate ward members are consulted and comments are submitted on behalf of the Council. When there is no clear view, the Chairman and Vice Chairman will determine the matter after being advised of the responses received from ward members.

c. Minute No. 50 – Bagillt Youth Provision

Councillor B. T. Doleman has been informed by residents that the ‘pop up’ youth provisions were not located in the village, it was noted youth staff were handing out leaflets to children suggesting they go to Greenfield Valley. Also looking at the timings for the ‘pop up’ youth provisions, this was not achievable to get from one location to another in that short time period.

Councillor A. Griffiths also asked why all the locations were in the Boot End.

Councillor Mrs. S. L. Jones said a better option would have been to have one location for the ‘pop up’ youth provision and this location could have been advertised around the village.

Councillor Mrs. C. Shorten proposed a letter is sent to the Flintshire Youth Service to say no evidence was produced to show these ‘pop up’ youth provisions took place as stated in the email.

The Chairman added we would like information on where the ‘pop up’s’ were advertised and what are the future plans for youth provision in the village, as currently there is no youth provision at all.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Councillor I. B. Roberts, Flintshire Cabinet Member for Education and Youth and Flintshire Youth Service Officer regarding Bagillt Youth Provision and that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held 11th July 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

58. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor B. T. Doleman reported that the heritage society gardens are still under development.

59. PLANNING

a. Applications Determined – on-line consultation period

App No	Location	Detail
058362	P&O Lloyd Coaches Ltd, Rhydwen Garage, Walen, Bagillt, CH6 6JJ	Change of Agricultural land to commercial, providing additional hardstanding for staff parking, coach and bus off road parking, ancillary to the existing bus and coach company

The Clerk reported that due to the on-line consultation period ending before the next Council Meeting, the above Planning Application was considered by the West Ward Members, the Council supported this application on condition the cars are moved off the road and into secure car parking; the noise and disruption to the surrounding residents is considered, as is the pollution from the coach fumes before the application is approved. These comments have been shared with the Planning department.

RESOLVED: That it was noted that the application was supported.

App No	Location	Detail
058517	The Farmhouse, Panton Hall, Old Bagillt Road Bagillt, CH6 6ER	Erection of a barn/storage curtilage building for agricultural storage adjacent to the existing farmhouse.

The Clerk reported that due to the on-line consultation period ending before the next Council Meeting, the above Planning Application was considered by the West Ward Members and the Council supported the application. These comments have been shared with the Planning department.

RESOLVED: That it was noted that the application was supported.

b. Applications for Consideration

App No	Location	Detail
058842	2 Bryn Eglwys Cottages, Merllyn Lane, Bagillt, CH6 6BJ	Erection of 1 garage

Councillor Mrs. C. Shorten has received concerns from residents about the proposed garage, which will house 4 cars, the concern is the weight of the garage on the retaining wall. Also it will be overbearing and will impact on the privacy of existing residents.

Councillor T. Shorten said the garage plans show a window at the rear, which will look directly into neighbour's bedrooms.

The Chairman added it appears no environmental impact assessment has been taken.

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

c. Application Decisions

App No	Location	Detail	Decision
057606	The Garage, High Street, Bagillt, Flintshire, CH6 6ED	Change of use to builders storage yard and associated office	Approved

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

RESOLVED: That the Application decision was noted.

d. Planning Procedures

The Clerk asked the Council to agree the revised procedure for considering planning applications. See Appendix A.

RESOLVED: That the Council agree and approve the planning application procedures.

60. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Voucher No	Name	Expenditure Powers	£
36	North And Mid Wales Association Of Local Councils	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)	16.00
37	North And Mid Wales Association Of Local Councils	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)	40.00
38	Opus Energy	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)	37.13
39	Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	670.99
40	HM Revenues & Customs	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	207.45
41	Clwyd Pension Fund	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)	135.64
42	Opus Energy	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)	9.87

RESOLVED: That the above mentioned accounts be paid.

61. BAGILLT FORSHORE

Councillor Mrs. J. Nicholas reported that the Rangers have organised a litter pick on Saturday 15th September and asked if any Councillors were aware of the 'Battle over the Nations' event which is apparently a Flintshire County Council event. Councillors were unaware.

The Clerk reported that no full response had been received from either Flintshire County Council or Ms. H. Blythyn, AM regarding the letter the Council sent in January 2018 regarding the completion of the Dee Coastal Path, Flint to Bagillt.

Councillor B. T. Doleman shared that apparently Holywell Town Council have received a Welsh Government grant to complete the cycle path. The Flint to Bagillt coastal path is still not complete, therefore propose we invite Ms. H. Blythyn, AM to attend a Council meeting to discuss this matter.

The Chairman said if Ms. H. Blythyn, AM was unable to attend an evening Council Meeting, then a small delegation of Councillors could meet at a mutually convenient time.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs. J. Nicholas will contact the Rangers to ask for more information relating to the 'Battle over the Nations' event and the Clerk will contact Ms. H. Blythyn, AM to request a meeting relating to the completion of the Flint to Bagillt coastal path.

62. HIGH STREET TRAFFIC CALMING

The Clerk reported an email from Ms. J. Barry, Flintshire Highways Officer confirming a two Objections to the proposal were received during the Consultation period. To comply with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996, the Authority must

consider all Objections submitted during the Consultation period.

One Objection received, was in relation to a challenge regarding the design and will subsequently be overruled. The second Objection received, was in relation to the position of a raised feature, which may impact on a potential future development. This Objection will be upheld.

Mr. A. Stanford advised the next stage of the process would be for the Community Council to again contact Ms. J. Stevens, Welsh Government informing her of the outcome of the recent consultation event and stating that we are now in a position to proceed with the revised scheme should slippage funding become available.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Ms. J. Stevens to ask to be considered for slippage funding in relation to the revised traffic calming scheme.

63. FOOTPATH NUMBER 10

The Clerk reported an email from Ms. B. Jones, Legal Officer. Ms. Jones explained the case is still with the land specialist and further information is still needed to establish the correct route of the footpath. However, a case statement from the land specialist will not be sufficient evidence as to where to place the public footpath on the ground today and we will need further guidance from a land surveyor to implement this.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said he has over 30 years of information and maps relating to this footpath. The Chairman proposed that we write to Ms. B. Jones, Legal Officer and suggest they may wish to contact Councillor B. T. Doleman and he can share the knowledge and information he has.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Ms. B. Jones, Legal Officer to pass on contact details for Councillor B. T. Doleman.

64. ADDITIONAL CROSSING TO COASTAL FOOTPATH

The Chairman advised the meeting that Councillor R. Davies had a request not a report he wished to speak about at the meeting.

Councillor R. Davies asked for the Councillors support to re-apply for a crossing from near the Stag Inn over to the Coastal Path. Fellow County Councillor, Councillor M. A. Reece is also in support.

RESOLVED: That the Council supports Councillor R. Davies.

65. BAGILLT BOWLING CLUB

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from a Mr. M. Thompson asking for financial support in reopening of Bagillt Bowling Club.

The Clerk also reported that Councillor M. A. Reece had spoken to Mr. J. Allen, Flintshire Senior Valuer about the club re-opening and Mr. J. Allen confirmed that Flintshire County Council would be prepared to recommend that this community facility is brought back into use and have asked

Streetscene if it is possible to put the now overgrown Crown Green back into use and are awaiting a response together with an estimate of cost if it turns out that the Green can be reclaimed. This cost for this would have to be borne by the new membership.

In addition they would have to be prepared to sign up to a Management Agreement which would allow or the recharge of the regular cost of maintenance of the Green and set down regulations for the running of the facility.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said as a Council we should support any Community facility but would need more information about his intentions and the amount of financial support he requires.

Councillor Mrs. S. L. Jones said she has seen information on social media from Mr. M. Thompson, ascertaining the interest in re-opening the club.

The Chairman proposed we invite Mr. M. Thompson to the next Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Mr. M. Thompson to ask he attend a meeting to provide further information.

66. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2017/18

The Clerk reported the Annual Return as required by BDO External Auditors and shared the issue that BDO had raised with the Council. The Clerk advised the issue was concerning the recommendation made by the internal auditor, which was to improve the financial systems of the council, the checks of supplier data has been put into place and this was confirmed 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 financial systems 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.

66. RECESS PERIOD

To note the actions of the West Ward Members on agenda item 9 – Planning and to note the actions of the Chairman and Vice Chairman on agenda item 9 – Accounts for Payment.

67. CORRESPONDENCE & CLERKS REPORT

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

- Flintshire County Council Road closures for Events

- Share Your Lunch Celebration and Next Steps In Tackling Food Poverty in Flintshire Event to be held on 1st October 2018, 11.30am – 1.30pm – Deeside Leisure Centre

- County Forum Meeting on 23rd October 2018, 6pm – 8pm at County Hall, Mold

RESOLVED: That the Correspondence and Clerk’s Report be noted.

68. MEMBERS ITEMS

a. CCTV Camera’s

Councillor Mrs. S. L. Jones has been asked by residents if the CCTV camera near the Community Library is a 360 degree camera. The Chairman confirmed it is a static camera and is currently monitoring both lanes either side of the Community Library, but can be moved as and when required.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL’S CODE OF CONDUCT

Date of Council Meeting	Wednesday 12th September 2018
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Member	Item	Minute No. Refers
There were no Declarations of personal interest		

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Chairman