

## **BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

**PRESENT: Councillor K. Rush (Chairman)**

**COUNCILLORS:** R. Davies, A. Griffiths, G. Hotchkiss, R.K. Jones, Mrs. S.L. Jones, Councillor C.P. Owens, M.A. Reece, T. Renshaw, K. Rush, C. Williams, C.R. Williams, Mrs. D. J. Williams

**APOLGIES:** B.T. Doleman and J. Williams

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. L. Wood (Clerk) and Mr. Mark Hudson (Dinns Project Officer, North Wales Wildlife Trust)

### **18. BAGILLT FORESHORE**

Mr. Mark Hudson, Wildlife Trust Wales attended and presented an overview to the Council on the Dee Invasive Non-Native Species (DINNS).

Mr. Hudson and Councillor M. A. Reece have inspected the following areas:

Cemetery, New Brighton Road

Victoria Park, Off Holywell Road

Both areas are overgrown with Himalayan Balsam (HB).

Mr. Hudson has recommended to the Council that action needs to be taken to remove the HB and can provide training and equipment to volunteer groups within the Community, however funding cannot be provided. It was suggested Schools could also get involved and could organise a 'Balsam Bash' day.

Councillor R. K. Jones asked if Natural Resource Wales can offer funding, Mr. Hudson confirmed this was not an option. Councillor R. K. Jones also asked about the cost of disposal of the HB, Mr Hudson confirmed the HB can be left on site, it is the recommended method therefore no cost.

Councillor. G. Hotchkiss asked how the issue on Victoria Park can be dealt with as it is privately owned, Mr. Hudson recommended the owner is approached and is advised the problems HB causes and if not removed, Legal Proceedings are an option.

Councillor M. A. Reece has offered to assist with the removal of the HB in the Cemetery, New Brighton Road as did Councillor T. Renshaw. Mr. Hudson offered to trim the area that are unsuitable for volunteer work.

Councillor T. Renshaw asked Mr. Hudson for a supply of leaflets to circulate to the community, Mr. Hudson will organise this.

Councillor C. P. Owens reported that he had witnessed Flintshire County Council Street Scene staff cutting Japanese Knotweed at the Poplars area. Mr. Hudson said this was not the correct method of clearing the weed as Toxins need to be injected to destroy the weed.

Councillor C. P. Owens also reported that there is a large Knotweed problem at the Canoe Event, Bala Mill. Mr. Mark Hudson will look into these matters.

On behalf of the Council, the Chairman thanked Mr. Hudson for attending and giving the presentation.

## **19. MINUTES**

The following comments were made on the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

### **Minute No. 15 – By-Pass Crossing**

Councillor M.A. read a response letter to the meeting that he had received from the Welsh Government Minister, Mr. Rhodri Griffiths, Transport, Policy, Planning and Partnerships. The letter detailed information regarding possible capital funding grants which local authorities can bid for.

Councillors K. Rush and A. Griffiths confirmed both Ysgol Merllyn and Councillor R. K Jones confirmed Ysgol Glan Aber have written to David Hanson, MP and Hannah Blythyn, AM regarding this matter as there is a need for a safe crossing for school children in the Village.

It was agreed that Flintshire County Council be requested to apply for possible grant funding towards the provision of a by pass crossing in Bagillt as outlined in the letter from the Welsh Government Minister

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council held 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 20. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman reported the meeting that himself and Councillor A. Griffiths attended the Presenting the Chair and the Crown to the Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2016 in Flint on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May and on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May, both the Chairman and the Vice Chairman, Councillor G. Hotchkiss attended the Urdd National Eisteddfod Reception, in Flint. The Chairman and Vice Chairman were presented with a plaque which will be displayed in the Community Library.

The Chairman had received an invitation to the Mayor of Buckley Town Council's Civic Service on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2016, however was unable to attend and the Clerk declined the invitation on the Chairman's behalf.

## 21. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor A. Griffiths reported to the meeting he attended a presentation by regarding the new Prison in Wrexham at the Springfield Hotel, Pentre Halkyn. Councillor T. Renshaw was also in attendance.

This will be the largest prison in the UK, the prison will be a Category C closed prison holding approx. 2100 adult male offenders. The completion date is February 2017.

Prisoners will be offered training and courses to aid rehabilitation.

## 22. PLANNING

### Applications

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 and the Chairman met with Mr. Mark Harris, Flintshire County Council Planner and Mr. Mark Jones, Flintshire County Council Enforcement Officer in relation to the issue of overlooking of the new properties, and the issue of privacy for existing residents.

**RESOLVED:** The Planning Authority will now make further investigations and report back to Councillor M. A. Reece and he in turn report back to Council.

### 23. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

**RESOLVED:** That the undermentioned accounts be paid.

<i>Name</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>Cheque No</i>	<i>Expenditure Powers</i>
Ebuyer per Mrs. L. Wood	£583.14	101822	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)
Mrs. L. Wood	£684.96	101823	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
HM Revenues & Customs	£134.20	101824	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
Cllr. C. P. Owens	£ 55.31	101825	Loc.Gov.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)

### 24. HIGH STREET – TRAFFIC CALMING

The Clerk advised the meeting that Hannah Blythyn, AM office had made contact to ask if a meeting could be convened between a delegation from the Council and local residents. The Council supported this.

Following comments by Councillor T. Renshaw, it was agreed any further action should wait till after meeting with Hannah Blythyn AM.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will contact Hannah Blythyn's PA to arrange a meeting, preferably before the July Council Meeting.

### 25. COMMUNITY AWARDS

Clerk advised the meeting that the two schools once again want to be involved in the giving of an engraved shield to a pupil selected by them at the end of the summer term.

The Council currently only hold four Shields, two of which are allocated to the schools this year, the Clerk asked for the Council's approval to purchase stock and the Clerk provided the meeting with the costs from Shaw & Sons to re-stock.

**RESOLVED:** Council asked Clerk to seek further quotations from alternative suppliers.

## **26. CENTENARY FIELDS PROGRAMME – PROTECTING VALUABLE GREEN SPACE ACROSS THE COUNTRY**

The Chairman referred to the letter received from Fields in Trust and Royal British Legion. The objective of the Programme is to secure recreational spaces in perpetuity, in honour of the memory of the millions of people who lost their lives in the conflict. The Council have been asked to nominate a recreational space to be dedicated as a Centenary Field.

Councillor R. K. Jones has spoken to Mr. Alan Roberts, Flintshire Leisure Manager and Mr. Roberts advised that the nominated area needs to have links to the Armed Forces. Councillor R. K. Jones suggested Councillors made suggestions for areas to nominate.

## **27. PLAY AREA UP GRADE 2016/17 – MATCH FUNDING**

Clerk updated the meeting with a recent email from Alan Roberts, Flintshire Leisure Manager, indicating that Mr. Ian Bancroft, Flintshire Chief Officer - Organisational change is taking a further report to the Flintshire Forum on match funding for this year, until this has been presented all match funding is on hold for this year.

## **28. CLERK ISSUES**

The Clerk reported to the meeting on the undermentioned:

- a.** Office Equipment – The Clerk advised meeting on the newly purchased items and asked for approval to dispose of previous Clerk's equipment if no longer required.
- b.** Bank Mandate – The Clerk confirmed the HSBC had accepted the mandate change.
- c.** Contract of Employment – The Clerk will e-mail a draft using the SLCC model format to the Chairman and Vice Chairman and then report a final copy to the July meeting.

### **RESOLVED:**

- a.** The Council approved the Clerk can dispose of any un-wanted Clerk office equipment items. The Clerk will inform the insurance company accordingly.
- b.** That the successful change in the bank mandate be noted.

c. That the suggestion of the Clerk concerning a Contract of Employment be agreed.

## **29. MEMBERS ITEMS**

Councillor C.P Owens reported that the occupied caravan alongside a cottage by the Boot and Ship Inn was still parked on the property next to the Boot & Ship although this had been reported to Enforcement.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will send a letter to the Planning Department, Enforcement team asking for an update on the situation.

Councillor A. Griffiths reported that there were Pot holes at the end of the by Pass by the Royal Oak pub.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will send an email to Mr. Neil Hickie, Flintshire Street Scene asking for this to be investigated with a view to a progress report when he attends the July meeting.

Councillor A. Griffiths also made reference to the Planning Application in Old London Road, and it was noted Councillor. M. A. Reece reported that the Planning Application will be in by July Council Meeting.

Councillors R. K. Jones and C.P. Owens both raised concerns over the roll out of BT Openreach in the East and West wards of Bagillt. The provision is incomplete and current service is 'patchy'. It is believed Local Government funded the roll out and that the local Authorities were given the funding, however no one at the authority is aware of this.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will send an email to both Hannah Blythyn, AM and to BT Openreach to try to ascertain ask who is responsible for the managing and completion of the roll out.

## **PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 – EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED:** That the public and press be excluded for the next items of business in view of the confidential nature.

## **30. CLERK ISSUES**

a. Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) - the Clerk advised the outcome of a meeting held on the 3rd June 2016 with Helen Burnham Flintshire Pensions Administration Manager and Kerry Robinson, Pensions Communications Officer. The Clerk advised the Council that a Service Level Agreement and a Local Government Pension Scheme Discretionary Policy had been prepared for Council approval.

**b.** Salary Award – The Clerk reported a communication from the NALC regarding Clerk’s Salary increasing by 1% in 2016/17 and 2017/18.

**RESOLVED:**

**a.** The Council acknowledged and approved the Service Level Agreement and a Local Government Pension Scheme Discretionary Policy.

**b.** That the Pay Award for the two year period be noted and implemented as reported by the Clerk.

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016</b>
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<b>Member</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Minute No. Refers</b>
There were no Declarations of personal interest		

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**Chairman**