

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Virtual Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Wednesday 13th January, 2021.

PRESENT: Councillor B. T. Doleman (Chairman)

COUNCILLORS: R. Davies, A. Griffiths, S. Griffiths, Mrs. S.L. Jones, Mrs. J. Nicholas, C.P. Owens, K. Rush, Mrs. C. Shorten, T. Shorten, D. Stanley, C. Williams, and Mrs. D. J. Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood (Clerk) and Mr. T. Cartwright (Flintshire Streetscene)

24. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM

There were no requests from the members of the public present to ask a question or make comment on any agenda item.

25. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declaration of interests recorded.

26. POLICING MATTER

The Chairman said he was very pleased that PSCO T. Hulse was the Officer for Bagillt.

The Clerk reported that PSCO T. Hulse had asked if Councillors could inform residents that they must report issues directly to the Police by telephoning 101.

RESOLVED: Noted

27. STREETSCEANCE

Mr. T. Cartwright, Flintshire Street scene attended the meeting.

Councillor K. Rush asked if there was an update on the estimates for the Bowling Green. Mr. T. Cartwright said he had received one quotation and was waiting on another, the quote had been sent to Mr. P. Brockley, Flintshire Valuation and Estates but he had yet to receive a response from Mr. P. Brockley.

Councillor A. Griffiths proposed a letter is sent to Mr. P. Brockley's Senior Manager to ask for assistance progressing this matter as Mr. Brockley does not respond to emails and this matter has been on-going since 2019.

Councillor K. Rush also reported that two lights were not working near the Royal Oak and there is also a raised grid that needs repairing. A light at Pen Y Glyn is also not working.

Councillor Mrs. C. Shorten reported the pavement near the new houses on Gadlys Brow has a raised grid which is a trip hazard.

Councillor Mrs. J. Nicholas requested rubbish bags for her and the volunteers to do litter picking in the village.

Councillor A. Griffiths reported a serious issue with amount of dog fouling on the Cob and also an increasing amount of litter. He asked if the County Council can send Enforcement Officers to patrol the area at various times.

Councillor A. Griffiths also said there needs to be checks carried as there appears to be an increased number of people visiting from out of the area who should not be travelling when Covid restrictions are in place.

Councillor C. Williams asked when the meeting regarding London road will be reconvened as it has been cancelled numerous times, namely due to Covid.

RESOLVED: Mr. T. Cartwright said he will investigate all issues and report back to the Council and that the Clerk will write to Mr. N. Cockerton, Flintshire Chief Officer regarding the Bagillt Bowling Green issue.

28. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 11th November, 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

29. CHAIRMAN COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman had no communications to report.

30. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Councillor R. Davies reported the following:

The issues with the temporary lights at the Blossoms junction are resolved, Flintshire County Council attended promptly.

The Headteacher from Ysgol Merllyn made contact regarding youths congregating on the school field, this was reported to the Police via PSCO T. Hulse and they will be sending the Covid team to patrol the area.

Councillor K. Rush reported the following:

He has received numerous calls from residents regarding issues with litter, dog fouling bins full, potholes – all have been reported to Flintshire Street scene.

Councillor Mrs. C. Shorten said the alley way between Merllyn and Beechcroft is full of rubbish and needs clearing. Councillor K. Rush said he had visited the area with Mr. T. Cartwright, Street scene

but the area belongs to Housing, so will report it to them and ask the area is cleared.

Councillor Mrs. J. Nicholas asked if the Council had confirmed if the Old Lockstock Storage Yard had applied for change of use. The Clerk said she would follow this up with Flintshire County Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Flintshire County Council to ask if the Old Lockstock Storage Yard has applied for a change of use.

31. PLANNING

a. Applications Determined – On-Line Consultation Period

App No	Location	Detail
062243	Land opposite Britannia House, Bagillt Road, Bagillt	Outline application for the erection of no 8 apartments in two blocks.

After consultation with West Ward Members, the Council objected to this application due to issues with drainage and sewerage and also issues with access, increased traffic and parking.

RESOLVED: That the objections were shared with the Planning department.

App No	Location	Detail
062017	Ysgol Glan Aber, Bagillt	New standalone building to provide early years and wrap around childcare facility with additional site improvement works

After consultation with West Ward Members, the Council supported this application.

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

32. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Voucher No	Name	Details	Expenditure Powers	£
54	Delyn Press	Christmas Card Inserts	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)	36.00
55	Opus Energy	Community Library Electricity	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S.19)	13.43
56	SLCC	Renewal of Membership	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)	144.00
57	Ebuyer	Purchase of Office Equipment	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)	91.65
58	Ebuyer	Purchase of Office Equipment	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)	14.99
59	Mr. J. Jones – JR's Old Back Yard	Supply of Xmas Tree	Loc. Govt Act 1972, (S.144)	150.00

60	Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk	Clerks Salary & Expenses	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	756.21
61	HM Revenues & Customs	Tax & NI Clerks Salary	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	208.89
62	Clwyd Pension Fund	Employers & Employees' Pension Contribution for Clerk	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)	208.89
63	Mega Electrics NW Ltd	Installation and decorating/lighting of Xmas Tree	Loc. Govt Act 1972, (S.144)	4332.00
64	Wales Audit Office	Audit	Loc.Govt. Finance Act 1982	223.30
65	Flint Town Council	Photocopying Services	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)	16.80

RESOLVED: That the above-mentioned accounts be paid.

33. BAGILLT FORESHORE

There were no reports.

34. CCTV CAMERAS

The Clerk also reported that PSCO Hulse had collected the laptop to check the working order of the cameras. He had sent the images from the CCTV Camera near the Stag Inn, which had been circulated to the Members. He was unable to connect to the CCTV Camera near the Library but said this would hopefully be easily resolved.

The Clerk also reported that she had obtained another quote for the maintenance of the CCTV cameras from Full Circle Security in Flint, which was shared with Members. The Councillors accepted this quotation.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will accept the quotation from Full Circle Security for the CCTV Camera maintenance.

35. COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Clerk reported that Co-Option notices relating to the west ward Community Councillor vacancy were displayed in the village notice boards and on the Council website. The closing date for interest is the 22nd January. The Co-Option will take place at the February Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Co-Option will take place at the February Council meeting.

36. CHRISTMAS TREES

The Clerk reported that following a request from Councillor R. Davies at the November meeting and a request from Councillor B. T. Doleman over the recess period, to put additional trees at the Manor and the Riverbank areas, the Councillor R. Davies and B. T. Doleman met on site with Mega Electrics and a quotation for additional trees this Christmas were provided.

The quotation was shared with Councillors and was accepted.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will accept the quotation from Mega Electrics for the additional two trees for Christmas 2021.

37. ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2020/21

The meeting considered a report of the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer on Estimates for 2021/22, which was prepared in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and taking into consideration the decisions that were made at the November meeting. See Appendix A.

The report indicated the projected decrease in the precept if the proposals, as submitted, were approved.

RESOLVED: That a precept of £41,875.41 be made on Flintshire County Council for 2021/22, which equated to a Band D charge of £28.29, a decrease of £4.82 or 14.6% on the last financial year and the attached report is agreed and approved.

38. INVESTMENTS STRATEGY 2021/22

The meeting considered a report of the Responsible Financial Officer on Local Government Investments, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members. The Appendix to the report advised that all excess funds were to be held in the Business Money Manager Account. See Appendix B.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Investment Strategy for Bagillt Community Council, as prepared by the Responsible Financial Officer and circulated as an Appendix to the report, be adopted for meeting the requirements for this Authority for 2021/22.

39. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

a. Budget Monitoring Report

The meeting considered the Budget Monitoring report and Bank reconciliation statement for the second quarter to 31st December 2020, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members. See Appendix C.

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

b. Checks of Supplier Data

Due to Covid19, the supplier data check was unable to be carried out.

RESOLVED: Noted.

40. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2019/20

The Clerk reported the Annual Return had been returned by BDO External Auditors and shared the issues that BDO had raised with the Council. The Clerk advised that issued had been rectified.

The Clerk also advised the conclusion of audit was being advertised as required by BDO.

RESOLVED: That the annual return be approved; that with regard to the issues arising from the BDO Audit, the actions of the clerk were noted and supported and that the actions of the Clerk concerning giving Notice of Conclusion of the audit as required by BDO be noted.

41. COMMUNITY BROADBAND

Councillor C. P. Owens reported he had been in contact with Mr. M. Dugine, Digital Business Officer regarding broadband in the village, to date, there is nothing to report, however, Mr. Dugine is trying to assist. Councillor C. P. Owens asked Members to pass on any broadband issues they are aware of in the village.

RESOLVED: That Councillor C. P. Owens will report back to the next meeting with any further updates.

42. FOOTPATH, ROYAL OAK

Councillor C. P. Owens said Councillor Rush had dealt with these issues which was reported earlier in the meeting.

43. AUTHORITY FOR ACTION DURING RECESS PERIOD

RESOLVED: To note the actions of the Ward Members on agenda item 9 – Planning and to note the actions of the Chairman and Vice Chairman on agenda item 10 – Accounts.

44. CORRESPONDENCE & CLERKS REPORT

There was no additional correspondence.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's Report is noted.

45. URGENT WARD MATTERS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Chairman raised that the Clerk had circulated an email from Flintshire Youth Service regarding The Consultation for the New Integrated Youth Provision (IYP) survey. He felt aggrieved that this was sent when the County closed the Bagillt Youth Club without any consultation.

Councillors agreed and said that as a Council they will not be completing the survey.

Councillor A. Griffiths proposed a letter is sent to Flintshire Youth Service to share their disappointment that this survey has been sent when they closed Bagillt Youth Club after the Council fought so hard to keep it open for the village.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will send a letter to the Flintshire Youth Service.

Date of Council Meeting	Wednesday 13th January 2021
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