

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 12th July 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, C. Shorten, T. Shorten, C. Williams, C.R. Williams, Mrs. D. J. Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood (Clerk), Police Officers, Mr. A. Stanford, Flintshire Highway Strategy Manager, Mr. D. Charlton, Flintshire Operational Manager, Streetscene, Mr. N. Hickie, Streetscene Supervisor and Member of the Public.

31. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM

A Member of the Public attended to discuss Footpath number 10, the footpath is blocked by a drive being extended and a wall being built. The local resident lives at Dee Bank Villa and has been involved with this issue for nearly 30 years and is in regular contact with Mrs. C. Higgins, Flintshire Legal Officer. The resident has also emailed Mr. D. Hanson, MP.

Councillor B. T. Doleman agreed the No 10 public footpath issue has been on-going since 1988 and he has a large file containing all the correspondence from over the years. Councillor. B. T. Doleman said the County Footpath Inspector agreed the site, which was halfway up the drive to Bryn Rhosyn and a style was put in, which the property owner took out. The resident confirmed this was correct and that the owner took his hedge down and built the wall.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said it was reported to a County Footpath Officer that from footpath 10 you cannot access the High Street. Footpath 10 is on the definitive map which is set in law. This is not an issue for the Community Council but for Flintshire County Council.

Councillor. M. A. Reece said he had spoken to the Flintshire Legal Officer, Mrs. C. Higgins and she had no update to provide to date.

32. POLICING MATTERS

The Clerk informed the Council that PCSO Chatham was unable to attend the meeting, however Sargent Steve Lloyd sent two Police Officers in PCSO Chatham's place.

Councillor M. A. Reece reported two vehicles that had been left untaxed opposite the Feathers Public House, one is a car and one is a van. The Police Officers said if they are on private land, they cannot ask for the vehicles to be moved but will investigate.

The Chairman referred to the letter which the Clerk had received from Mr. A. Jenks-Gilbert, Complaints Manager, Professional Standards Dept. North Wales Police following on from the complaint the Council sent to the Chief Inspector in Mold regarding the lack of commitment to Bagillt, both within the Community and attending the Council meetings. The Chairman added that it is also difficult to contact PSCO Chatham via the telephone. The Police Officers will report this and advised Sargent Steve Lloyd is a good point of contact.

Councillor C. P. Owens shared concerns that the Community Library is affected by anti-social behaviour. Youths are climbing on the roof, smoking and drinking, this has been previously reported.

Councillor M. A. Reece asked if the speed gun could be located on the By Pass, the Police Officer said he will email the request to Go Safe. Councillor T. Shorten added that crossing the by-pass near the Stag Crossing is very dangerous due to speeding cars.

Councillor C. Renshaw said as the summer holidays are upon on, Youths can congregate and cause noise issues, playing music and drinking, usually starts from around 10pm onwards. If Police could have a presence in the village to monitor this.

The Police Officers will investigate and report all the issues to the relevant departments.

33. HIGH STREET – TRAFFIC CALMING

The Chairman welcomed Mr. A. Stanford, Flintshire Highway Strategy Manager and Mr. D. Charlton, Flintshire Operational Manager, Streetscene for attending to provide an update and overview on the proposed revised traffic calming scheme on the High Street.

Mr. Stanford said following the Community Council's request to revise the scheme due the level of public feeling that the current scheme is not required, a meeting was held with Ms. J. Stevens, Road Safety Senior Policy Advisor which a delegation of Community Councillors attended.

Mr. Stanford said Ms. J. Stevens was happy with the current system of the traffic calming in place, approved the design and believed it was working and stated it was warranted based on the accidents records, however Ms. Steven's was committed to consider an alternative scheme in view of the public feeling to change the scheme.

The alternative scheme is based on the Community Council's request for the existing cushions to be replaced with raised tables. The County Council's task was to draw up and cost the replacement scheme for Welsh Government to consider for future funding. Mr. Stanford shared a draft large scale drawing of the revised scheme to the Council.

Mr. Stanford explained the revised scheme is to replace the existing cushions with raised tables, also the priority system would be removed and replaced with a table however the

cushions would be retained at either end of the village. This was a request by the Community Council as these cushions were not causing any undue concern.

Mr. Stanford explained any change to the existing traffic calming scheme requires a full 21 day Statutory Consultation period. A revised consultation process went through Cabinet last year, so rather than Flintshire Council County conducting a local ballot, the process is the County Council meet with local County Councillors to obtain approval then it goes to the Community Council, which is why we are in attendance this evening and if the revised scheme receives the agreement of the Community Council, the Community Council then circulates the information to local residents regarding the consultation period and reports the views of the community back to Flintshire County Council. Councillor B. T. Doleman shared his support for this process, this Council want to communicate with the village and this should have happened in the first instance.

Mr. Stanford said If the Council wish to proceed, the Council needs to apply for funding from Welsh Government. Funding cannot be considered under the Road Safety Grants Scheme as this is not a new scheme. Welsh Government consider these applications at the end of the financial year using 'slippage funding', when available. Welsh Government usually ask can the scheme be implemented before the end of the financial year, If the Council had to then complete the full 21 day statutory consultation period, the scheme could be considered as 'high risk', as if the scheme does not get the approval from the consultation, Welsh Government will not have spent the money before the end of the financial year. Mr. Stanford's advice would be to progress statutory consultation period as soon as possible.

Councillor C. P. Owens asked if scaled down copies of the plans could be supplied in order to share with residents, Mr. Stanford confirmed yes.

Councillor C. P. Owens also asked if funding was rejected, would this effect the Council's right to go the Ombudsman as the Council do feel the original scheme was implemented under maladministration. Mr. Stanford said the Council would be within their rights to go to the Ombudsman and that the County Council would assist in this matter.

Councillor M. A. Reece proposed the Council approves the revised plan and starts the consultation process.

Councillor B. T. Doleman asked when the chicane, which the Council refer to as a Priority System is removed, will the speed hump be moved further down the village as it causes issues for the refuge lorry entering Alston Court and effects his planning application which was submitted in 2006.

Mr. Stanford said the distance between speed humps is governed by intervals, however if there is scope with distances, we will consider this. Mr. Stanford said we are committed to, as part of the detailed design of this process to look at that individual features which is proposed to be a flat top hump.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said when he attended the original consultation meeting in the village, to look at plans and asked what was going to be outside of his proposed planning development. No features were shown outside the development.

Mr. Stanford said his recollection was the priority system was not initially proposed at this location but following an objection from Councillor B. T. Doleman, which was, you did not want cushions outside your property, they were moved further down. Also, residents in Councillor M. A. Reece's ward, requested less physical features as they cause vibration so these were replaced with sudo features.

Mr. Stanford said Councillor B. T. Doleman's planning application did not show accesses to the development and this would be helpful for the revised scheme. Councillor B. T. Doleman said the plans are with Flintshire County Council Planning Department and have been since 2006. Councillor B. T. Doleman asked Mr. Stanford, when the original traffic calming scheme was planned, were checks made with the Planning Department? Mr. Stanford responded yes and the response at that time was although the area subject to planning, no defined accesses were shown.

Mr. Stanford said he wished to make the Council aware, that as part of the consultation, the Emergency Services will need to be consulted and it is possible the Emergency Services may object to the revised plans and the reason for this is, the wider wheeled vehicles are affected more by tables than cushions and these could impede on the Emergency Services response times.

Councillor K. Rush asked if 80 meters is the minimum distance behind tables, what is the maximum distance. Could we lose one table, spreading the tables out, this will save money and assist the refuse lorries and Councillor B. T. Doleman's planning application.

Mr. Stanford said he will confirm the maximum distance. Mr. Stanford also said the revised scheme will be governed by the previous features. The principles of a traffic calming scheme is to maintain speed, for example, traffic calming cushions reduce speed over a defined length, the distance between spacing is to retain a consistent speed of vehicles.

Councillor K. Rush said if the Emergency Services object, who lodges the objection and would they provide figures of response times. Mr. Stanford said it is the Chief Inspector who would object and times would not have to be presented as objections are made in principle.

Councillor C. R. Williams said if the Emergency Services object, can the whole traffic calming scheme be taken out. Mr. Stanford replied that as evidence was provided that a scheme was needed, this would not be possible, the village must have a traffic calming scheme.

Mr Stanford said the reason why the traffic calming scheme was implemented was due to accidents figures provided by the Police which were backed up by the Welsh Government. Councillor C. R. Williams disputed this fact and Mr. Stanford said if the Council has evidence

from the Police stating there has been no accidents on the High Street, this is worrying as the Police have provided the County Council with accident figures.

Mr. Stanford said the principle of a traffic calming scheme is if a vehicle hits a pedestrian at 30 mph, the outcome is far worse than if hits a pedestrian at 20mph. Mr. Stanford said we do not look at who is to blame, who is at fault, the driver or the pedestrian, we look at preserving life. If you have a traffic calming scheme, it reduces the potential for accidents.

Councillor K. Rush said he attended the meeting with Ms. J. Stevens and 4/5 accidents reported were minor but Ms. Stevens said an accident is an accident. We do need a traffic calming scheme in the village and if the Council was to ask for the scheme to be taken up, and have nothing and then an accident took place, I would not want the responsibility to be ours.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said he understands the points raised but he has witnessed cars driving extremely fast over the speed humps, up to speeds of 50mph. Mr. Stanford said yes this is a valid point but we want to do everything we can in our power to try and prevent speeding.

Councillor Mrs. S. L. Jones asked if we apply to Welsh Government for funding and it is not available, what happens next? Mr. Stanford responded that the County Council will assist the Community Council as best they can to obtain this funding via Welsh Government but we have no control over their decision, if you aren't successful, then you can apply next year. If Welsh Government take the stance that we will not be able to consider this application again, then the Community Council have the choice to go to the ombudsman if they so wish.

Councillor B. T. Doleman who was also in attendance at the meeting with Ms. J. Stevens, said it was confirmed the scheme will be looked at favourably by Welsh Government and if the funding is refused, the Council will go back to Ms. Stevens.

Councillor M. A. Reece asked if the County Council would be able to provide assistance with printing the consultation letters or supplying paper/ink. Mr. Stanford said he would be able to offer some assistance and will provide plans and drawings for purposes of the consultation.

Following on from a concern made by a Member of the Public, the Chairman queried the height of the platform by the Old White horse public house, Mr. Stanford said this was discussed with the County Councillors and the thought is it could be due to the footway level but we have made a commitment to look into this as part of the scheme.

The Councillors agreed a delegation of Members should prepare the consultation letter, it was agreed that the Chairman and Councillors R. Davies, B.T. Doleman, C.P. Owens, M.A. Reece and K. Rush would form the group.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Stanford and Mr. Charlton for attending.

RESOLVED: That the Council approve the revised scheme pending further measurements and once received via Mr. Stanford start the 21 day Statutory Consultation period as soon as possible.

34. STREETSCENE BAGILLT

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Neil Hickie, Streetscene Supervisor.

Mr. Hickie updated the Council on issues since he last attended:

A new bin has been installed at Bettisfield.

The Recycling Centre has been fenced off to prevent fly tipping.

The Tidal Flap has been budgeted for replacement.

Upper Riverbank, Gully has been jetted and waiting for works to be done on the outlet.

Trees on Old London Road will be cut back in September / October time.

The Village had a deep clean and this will be maintained and the sweeper will attend.

Councillor Mrs. S. L. Jones said that fly tipping is still taking place at the re-cycling centre, not large items but smaller items. Also, the grid in Upper Riverbank is still flooding.

Councillor R. Davies reported pot holes in the Wern. Mr. Hickie will look into this matter.

Councillor C. Shorten asked if the trees could be cut back near The Stag on A548, as you have to step into the road to see if clear to cross. Mr. Hickie said this has been previously reported.

Councillor C. P. Owens asked about the knotweed, opposite Lyons Den, it was left untreated, then mowed which spread it. Mr. Hickie said the contracted firm do a 3 year treatment which involves stem injections in the months of April and September.

Councillor T. Shorten reported a street light out opposite Highfield in Merllyn Lane and a road sign for the London Road is totally obscured by trees. Mr. Hickie noted this for action.

Councillor K. Rush said resident in Bryn Aber requested a dog fouling bin. Mr. Hickie said he only had an allocation of 6/7 bins and these are already allocated but will add this to the list.

Councillor J. Williams said the glass recycling are leaving splinters of glass on driveways and roads along Old London Road. Mr. Hickie will report this.

Councillor M. A. Reece asked about the lowering of drains following the resurfacing and installation of traffic calming on the High Street. Mr. Hickie said issue was due to the finished tarmac level being too high on a number of vehicle crossings and road gullies. The kerbing works have been completed but has left isolated ponding (pools of water), this will have class 1 patching carried out from The Blossoms public house to Manor Estate.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Hickie for attending the meeting.

35. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held 14th June 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

36. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

The Council considered that email response from Mr. R. M. Harris, Flintshire Planning Officer relating to the request for a Planning Officer to attend a Council Meeting to address both Councillors and Members of the Public on this Planning Application. Mr. Harris said it is not practice for Officers to attend a Community Council meeting to discuss a planning application as the forum for a public debate on the merits or otherwise of a proposed scheme has to be reserved for Planning Committee. Officers would however be prepared as they have done in the past on applications to meet a small representation (Max 4) made up of (the Local Member /Member of Town Council /2 residents) to listen to and allow their concerns to be raised with officers prior to the application being reported to committee for formal determination.

Councillor M. A. Reece circulated photographs of the fences which a resident had passed onto him. The resident informed Councillor M. A. Reece that Mr. Harris, Flintshire Planning Officer had contacted him to ask for entry into a property, the resident was acceptable to this but to date, Mr. Harris has not arranged a date to attend.

Councillor C. P. Owens said when the small group of Councillors and Residents meet Mr. Harris, they must be disciplined with their approach.

Councillor K. Rush said he had spoken to residents and said that only two residents must attend the meeting as requested.

Councillor C. R. Williams suggested Councillor M. A. Reece is the Council's representative to attend the meeting along with former Community Councillor Mr. T. Renshaw. Councillor M. A. Reece agreed.

RESOLVED: That, Councillor M. A. Reece, Mr. T. Renshaw and two residents will meet Mr. R. M. Harris, Flintshire Planning Officer and the Clerk will ask Mr. Harris to convene a date for a meeting on site.

37. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: That the undermentioned accounts be paid.

<i>Name</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>Voucher No</i>	<i>Expenditure Powers</i>
Mrs. L. Wood	710.08	27	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
- July			
HM Revenues & Customs	131.53	28	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
- July			
Clwyd Pension Fund -	130.18	29	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
- July			
Opus Energy	44.86	30	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)
Bagillt Bowling Club	480.00	31	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act.1976(S.19)
Compacc Services	35.00	32	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)
Ebuyer.com	18.42	33	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)
C. M. Scott	30.55	34	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.5)
Mrs. L. Wood - August	661.96	35	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
HM Revenues & Customs	132.44	36	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
- August			
Clwyd Pension Fund –	130.18	37	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
August			

RESOLVED: That the abovementioned accounts be paid.

38. BAGILLT FORESHORE

Councillor C. Renshaw shared that he was very impressed with the scale model of the sun dial memorial. The sun dial memorial will be placed at the Bettisfield Colliery.

Councillor C. Renshaw reported that an area of land near by Pentre Bach has been cleared. A traveller cleared the land therefore it is suggested Flintshire County Council are made aware.

Councillor M. A. Reece had reported this to the relevant office within the Planning Department there is no evidence to suggest Travellers will site here. The Council cannot stop the site being cleared.

39. COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Chairman will be presenting Community Award at Ysgol Merllyn to Mia Simon and Past Chairman, Councillor K. Rush will be presenting the Community Award at Ysgol Glan Aber to Alex Meacock before the end of the Summer term.

40. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Council considered the email from Flintshire County Council asking if the Council would like to order large ceramic poppies to be added to lampposts around the towns and communities ready for Remembrance Sunday. It is now customary to have them to mark the route of any parade for Remembrance Sunday.

The Clerk explained to the Council that there would be no charge, however, Council's would be responsible for the organising of having the poppies put on the lampposts within the village.

RESOLVED: That this be noted but no further action is taken.

41. BAGILLT YOUTH CLUB

The Council considered the letter received from Mrs. C. Homard, Flintshire Interim Chief Officer, Education & Youth regarding the closure of the Youth Club. The letter stated that the position has not changed.

Councillor. K. Rush expressed how dissatisfied he is with this response and why has Flintshire County Council got the authority to close Bagillt Youth Club and not other clubs that are very poorly attended. Councillor. K. Rush suggested that Bagillt's County Councillors, Councillor M. A. Reece and Councillor R. Davies meet with Mrs. Homard to discuss this matter. The response will be Bagillt had low attendance but children won't attend if they have no facilities, we need to re-open the club in time for the winter months.

Councillor C. P. Owens said we need our County Councillors to take the Council's opinion to Flintshire County Council.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said Flintshire residents pay rates therefore we pay County Council staff, so our views must be taken on board.

Councillor M. A. Reece said Councillor I. Roberts, Cabinet Member for Education should also attend a meeting.

RESOLVED: Councillor M. A. Reece and Councillor R. Davies will arrange a meeting with Mrs. C. Homard, Flintshire Interim Chief Officer, Education & Youth and Cabinet Member for Education, Councillor I. B. Roberts to discuss the closure.

42. PLAYScheme 2017

The Clerk previously circulated copies of Play scheme Posters for the village schemes which was sent from Mrs. J. Roberts, Flintshire Play Development Officer and confirmed the posters will be displayed on the Notice Boards in the village.

43. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF EXSISTING AND NEW POLICIES

The Clerk asked for the Councils approval to adopt the revised Standing Order based on the latest model format as forwarded by One Voice Wales. The Clerk also advised that the Councils Complaints Procedure and Publication Scheme required updating and the Council were required to adopt a Data Protection Policy and a Grievance Policy. After advice from the Flintshire Monitoring Officer, the Clerk reported to the Council, that they should also adopt a Local Resolution Procedure based on a model format forwarded by One Voice Wales, copies were circulated at the meeting. All of the Policies were prepared by the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

RESOLVED: That all of the above Policies are approved and adopted.

44. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The meeting considered the Budget Monitoring report and Bank reconciliation statement for the first quarter to 30th June 2017, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members.

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

45. AUTHORITY FOR ACTION DURING THE RECESS PERIOD

RESOLVED:

1. That in accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, acting as a Sub-Committee, be given power to act on matters of an urgent nature during the recess period.
2. That in accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, together with a local Member(s) (excluding planning applications), acting as a Sub-Committee, be given power to act on matters where local Member involvement would be helpful during the recess period.

46. CLERKS ITEMS

The following correspondence were received and circulated at the Meeting.

- SP Energy Networks information
- Cardiacsafe – Defibrillator for the Community campaign

The Clerk asked for the Council's approval in disposing of the Philips Transcribed Kit which was surplus to requirements.

The Clerk advised that the current insurance cover for 'Office Contents' was £653.73. The Clerk suggested this cost was lowered to £126.31, which is the up to date current cost of the items included in 'Office Contents'.

The Clerk also suggested that the Council should consider insuring the Metal Memorial bench at the War Memorial. This bench was bought by the Community and received a £200 contribution from the Community Council. The revised premium per annum would increase by approximately £6.50, however with the above disposal and amendments, the revised premium per annum would increase by approximately £2.50.

RESOLVED: Correspondence noted and the insurance issues were agreed and accepted, the Clerk will inform the Insurance company accordingly.

47. MEMBERS ITEMS

a. Councillor C. P. Owens informed the Council that the Community Library has purchased a new high volume printer with the money that the previous Chairman of the Community Council kindly donated. The printer is for all to use.

b. Councillor C. P. Owens also asked Members, if they had available time on Saturday, a group were meeting at the Library to do a clean-up and painting.

c. Councillor C. Renshaw said around Flintshire, many Towns and Villages have 'Welcome Signs' detailing information such as, Historic Market Town, Home to a Castle etc. Bagillt is the only Flintshire village that can claim, 'Birth place of a Prince' and suggested the Council ask if Bagillt could have a welcome sign when entering the village. Councillor K. Rush agreed with this suggestion and believes H. Blythyn AM for Delyn would be able to assist with this matter.

Councillor C. Renshaw also said Ffordd y Dre has a road sign stating 'Old Bagillt Road', Councillor C. Renshaw believes this is incorrect and should be signed 'Ffordd y Dre'.

d. Councillor C. Renshaw also asked if the local Schools could provide the Council with a progress report, report their achievements, any needs etc.

e. Councillor B. T. Doleman said some years ago Bagillt was twinned with the Isle of Man, Laxey and I suggest we should also have a sign in the village stating this. The previous Clerk looked into this but with no outcome.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will write to the appropriate Officers regarding all of the above issues.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Date of Council Meeting	Wednesday 12th July 2017
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Member	Item	Minute No. Refers
There were no Declarations of personal interest		

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Chairman