

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 12th June 2019.

PRESENT: Councillor B. T. Doleman (Chairman)

COUNCILLORS: R. Davies, A. Griffiths, 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.

APOLOGIES: Councillors:,Mrs. S.L. Jones

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

21. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declaration of interests recorded.

22. POLICING MATTERS

The Chairman informed the Council PCSO D. Chatham was unable to attend the meeting.

The Clerk circulated a letter from North Wales Police regarding Policing for the Future for Councillors information. The letter stated that as of 3rd June, 2019, the new Chief Inspector is Siobhan Edwards.

The Chairman reported that Inspector G. Cust responded to a letter the Council sent regarding the lack of Policing in the village and poor attendance at Council meetings.

Inspector G. Cust said when he attended the last meeting, no issues were reported or questions asked. I really would encourage the Councillors to contact us as problems emerge rather than await a meeting monthly.

PCSO D. Chatham will attend when able and otherwise please can we be sent any Police issues following the meeting. We do not have the Neighbourhood Policing resources to attend every meeting as we once would.

The Chairman reported that apparently Holywell will have 24 hour Policing, this does not appear to be sharing resources.

Councillor K. Rush said our precept has increased and village resources have decreased. Councillor C. Renshaw added our village has a population of a small town.

Councillor R. Davies proposed we write to Inspector G. Cust to ask for a list of alternative telephone numbers when PCSO D. Chatham is unavailable for Councillors to report issues.

Councillor Mrs. C. Shorten suggested Councillors could report issues to the Clerk throughout the month and these can be forwarded to Inspector G. Cust and/or PCSO D. Chatham for a response and for attendance at the meeting.

The Chairman also reported an invitation has been received from Holywell Town Council for Councillors to attend the North Policing Area Liaison Group meeting at 10.00am on Wednesday

17th July 2019 in the Flintshire Connects Building, High Street, Holywell. The Clerk will forward the invite to all Councillors.

Councillor M .A. Reece asked if we had received an update from PCSO. D. Chatham regarding the CCTV Camera on the High Street. The Clerk reported nothing had been received to date.

Councillor A. Griffiths proposed we write to PSCO D. Chatham asking for an update and also for his attendance at the next meeting with images of what areas the camera is covering.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Inspector G. Cust to ask for Police Office contacts for Councillors to report issues; ask for an update on the CCTV Camera on the High Street and the invitation to the Police Liaison meeting was noted.

23. MINUTES

The following comments were made on the Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council held 9th May 2019.

a. Minute No. 8 – Defibrillator

Councillor Mrs. J. Nicholas informed the Council that a local care homes confirmed they are not obliged to have a defibrillator on site but staff must be CPR trained.

b. Minute No. 10 – Proposed Council Housing Development - Canton Garage

Councillor M. A. Reece reported he is still waiting to meet Flintshire Officers regarding the proposed Council Housing Development at Canton garage site which has been refused due to flood risk.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council held 9th May 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

24. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman informed the meeting he had several invites to Civic Services and an invite from Ms. H. Blythyn for any Council representatives to attend Your Voice, Your Vision event at Thursday 4th July, 7pm at Flint Town Hall. The Chairman hopes to attend.

RESOLVED: That all invitations are noted.

25. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor C. P. Owens reported he was aware that the Community Association had recently had a meeting and asked if the Council representatives, Councillor T. Shorten and Councillor Mrs. C. Shorten were invited.

Both Councillor T. Shorten and Councillor Mrs. C. Shorten advised they had not received an invite and Councillor Mrs. C. Shorten proposed she will contact the Community Association to ascertain why an invite was not received. The Council agreed.

RESOLVED: That, Councillor Mrs. C. Shorten will contact the Community Association on behalf of the Council.

26. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. Applications Determined – on-line consultation period

App No	Location	Detail
0059940	Land opposite Britannia House, Bagillt Road, Bagillt, CH6 6HD	Outline application for the proposed development of 0.05 ha land for the erection of 2 No. affordable homes.

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 Chairman, County Councillor and West Ward Members, the Council supported this application.

RESOLVED: That it was noted the application was supported.

App No	Location	Detail
059932	Sharondale. Bryntirion Road, Bagillt, CH6 6BZ	Single storey extension to the rear.

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 Chairman, County Councillor and East Ward Members, the Council supported this application.

RESOLVED: That it was noted the application was supported.

b. Application Decisions.

App No	Location	Detail	Decision
059062	1 Sea View Terrace, Sunnyside, Bagillt, CH6 6JX	Change of Use and Conversion of an Existing Building to form 3 Apartments	Withdrawn
059549	Ash House, Tyddyn Mesham, Bagillt, CH6 6DG	Proposed 2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension	Approved
059805	Valparaiso, Sandy Lane, Bagillt, CH6 6EY	Proposed erection of a detached garage	Approved
059943	Ysgol Glan Aber, Boot End, Bagillt	Application for the approval of details reserved by condition no. 4 (drainage scheme) attached to planning permission ref. 059371	Approved

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

RESOLVED: That the Application decision were noted.

d. Planning Appeal Notice.

App No	Location	Detail	Appeal start date
059380	The Nook, 1 Chapel Terrace, High Street, Bagillt, CH6 6ED	Change of use to residential from commercial	08/05/19 for 4 weeks

The Clerk informed the Council of the above planning appeal notice that had been received from Flintshire County Council. Information has previously been shared with Members.

RESOLVED: That the Appeal notice was noted.

27. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Voucher No	Name	Expenditure Powers	£
17	Ebuyer	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)	88.06
18	Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	722.31
19	HM Revenues & Customs	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)	217.78
20	Clwyd Pension Fund	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)	141.30
21	Opus Energy	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)	52.30

RESOLVED: That the above mentioned accounts be paid.

28. BAGILLT FORSHORE

The Chairman reported that following a request to Cllr. C. Thomas, Flintshire Cabinet member for Streetscene and Countryside for a dog enforcement officer to patrol the coastal path, this has now been actioned by Flintshire County Council.

Councillor M. Reece reported he met with Mr. T. Woodall, Flintshire Countryside Officer to request wheelchair access up to the Dragon, but as it is not Flintshire County Council land, Mr. T. Woodall advised if the Friends of the Foreshore Group contact the Veolia Environmental Trust to seek funding, if they would fund this, Flintshire County Council would work with Veolia to provide wheelchair access.

Councillor K. Rush asked if the Council had an update regarding the completion of the Coastal Path. The Clerk reminded the meeting, Ms. H. Blythyn had written the Council to say the completion should be done by this summer.

The Chairman reported following his attendance at the Friends of the Foreshore Group, the memorial will be replaced by a garden due to funding.

RESOLVED: That, the response and reports be noted.

29. COUNCIL POLICY DOCUMENTS

The Chairman was asked by Councillor C. Renshaw if the review and adoption of the newly revised Standing Orders could be deferred to the next meeting due to give Councillors more time to read and consider. The Chairman asked the meeting and it was agreed to defer this.

The Clerk advised the Council that the Data Protection Policy was currently under review with the Council's Data Protection Officer and will also be deferred to another meeting.

The following Council policy documents were considered for approval and adoption.

- Annual Risk Assessment
- Financial Assistance Policy
- Retention Policy (new policy)
- Press & Media Policy (new policy)
- Publication Scheme (also known as FOI)

RESOLVED: That the above Council policy documents were considered and approved and were adopted by the Council and the Standing Orders and Data Protection Policies are deferred until the next meeting.

30. REVIEW OF INTERNAL CONTROLS 2019/20

The Council considered a report of the Clerk, copies of which had been previously circulated, which had been prepared in consultation with Councillors A. Griffiths and B.T. Doleman, who were prepared to certify that the internal controls listed were in place and being adhered to by the Council.

The Chairman suggested, that moving forward, the Review of Internal Controls should be certified annually by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

RESOLVED: That the document, as circulated, be constituted as the review of Internal Controls by the Council for 2019/20, following certification by Councillors A. Griffiths and B.T. Doleman, that the internal controls, as listed, were in place and being adhered to by the Council and that the in future years the certification will be completed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

31. ENIRONMENTAL & PARKING ENFORCEMENT FUNDING SCHEME

To consider a letter from Mr. S. Jones, Flintshire Chief Officer, Streetscene & Transportation. See Appendix A.

The Chairman had concerns as to how we decide how many days we employ an Enforcement Officer for and also that we would need to pay for this out of balances this financial year and then budget for this in future years.

The meeting considered the letter and unanimously agreed not to participate in the scheme.

RESOLVED: That the Council will not be participating in the scheme.

32. HIGH STREET – TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME

The Chairman read out the responses from both Ms. H. Blythyn, AM and Mr. K. Skates, AM Minister for Economy and Transport. The response stated that once the Council has agreed with Flintshire County Council a way forward, the Minister's officials will be happy to discuss how you could then proceed with making an application for any future funding.

Councillor M. A. Reese said the Council has followed all procedures. We had a village vote and the village voted to replace the current traffic calming scheme.

Councillor C. P. Owens said these issue needs to be taken the Ombudsman for Wales, but as a minor authority we cannot start the process, it needs to be an individual. We held a democratic vote on advice from Welsh Government and Flintshire County Council, nothing has been done and the people's democratic voice has not been heard.

Councillor C. R. Williams proposed we invite Ms. H. Blythyn, AM to a Council meeting and if a Wednesday is unsuitable, change the Council meeting to a date and time to accommodate Ms. Blythyn's dairy.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will send an invitation to Ms. H. Blythyn, AM attend a Council meeting to discuss this matter further.

33. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Councillor C. P. Owens reported he had not had any information on Christmas lights and asked if this item could be deferred till the next meeting. The Council agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will include this item on the next agenda.

34. LEADWORKS SIGN

Councillor M. A. Reece reported the meeting with Mr. G. Roberts, Flintshire Streetscene Officer had been cancelled and asked if this item could be deferred till the next meeting. The Council agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will include this item on the next agenda.

35. SCHOOL PLACEMENTS

The Clerk circulated the responses received by Mrs. C. Homard, Flintshire Chief Office for Education, Mr. D. Hanson, MP and Ms. H. Blythyn, AM following the recent letter of support the Council sent on behalf of the local residents relating to places at Flint High School.

Councillor K. Rush said as a Governor of Ysgol Merllyn, the Governing Body have sent a letter to Mrs. C. Homard, Flintshire Chief Office for Education to express their disappointment of how many children did not obtain a space at Flint High School.

Councillor C. Renshaw read notes/observations from parents who had recently attended the appeals process. Parents said they asked the panel questions but received no clear answers.

The new development in Oakenholt is causing issues for the local children who have been born and bred in the village and now cannot attend their local High School. This issue is going to affect future generations. What can the Council do to help.

The Chairman said regrettably the Council cannot do any more. As a Governor of Flint High School, he has spoken to the Headmaster, the school have asked for an extension as the school is to maximum capacity.

Councillor Mrs. J. Nicholas said she believed large new housing developments were obliged to build a new school or has this been overridden as its two developers and not one large development. Councillor C. R. Williams said he believed it would be a Primary School built and not a High School.

Councillor C. P. Owens said the Education Authority only has an obligation to provide a school placement for a child and not in a particular school.

Councillor M. A. Reece proposed we send a letter to Councillor I. B. Roberts, Flintshire Cabinet Member for Education to express the Council's full support in an extension at Flint High School to accommodate all children and the growing population.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Councillor I. B. Roberts, Flintshire Cabinet Member for Education to share the Council's support with an extension to Flint High School.

36. 2019-20 NATIONAL PAY AGREEMENT

The Clerk reported that information has been received from the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) where it has been agreed the new pay scales for 2019-2020 to be implemented from 1 April 2019. In accordance with the revised salary scaling the clerk's SCP will change from 25 to 17. This does reflect an increase of 3.2%.

RESOLVED: That the above was noted and approved with effect from 1st April 2019.

37. CORRESPONDENCE & CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported the County Forum meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th June, 6.30pm – 8.30pm at Mold Town Council, Earl Road, Mold.

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

38. MEMBERS ITEMS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councillor C. R. Williams expressed concerns regarding employees at Greenfield Skip having to face threatening behaviour from members of the public who are coming into the skip yard and taking items. These issues do get reported to management but employees are asked to put these incidents in writing, this should not be the case. Can the Council ask why an employee needs to report these issues in writing.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Councillor C. Thomas, Flintshire Cabinet Member for Streetscene to report this issue and ask for clarification of procedures.

Date of Council Meeting	Wednesday 12th June, 2019
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