

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 13th July 2016.

PRESENT: Councillor K. Rush (Chairman)

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors R.K. Jones and J. Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood (Clerk), Mr. Michael Jones, Flintshire Transportation Team, Mr. Neil Hickie, Streetscene Supervisor and Mr. John Williams, Waste and Recycling Supervisor.

31. PLANNING APPLICATION

This item was brought forward to the start of the meeting by the Chairman due to a number of Members of the Public in attendance attending.

App. No.	Location	Detail
055423	Field to South of Old London Road Bagillt, CH6 6BP	Erection of agricultural building, private stables for livery use, formation of manage and access track

A number of Members of the Public attended, some for and some against the above Planning Application. The Chairman asked for a spokesperson from the 'for' and 'against' groups.

The 'for' group supported the application as they feel the Livery will provide local residents to have a place to go to look after horses and ride, creating a community feel and also improving the appearance of the area.

The 'against' group have concerns regarding the entrance and issues with flooding. It was also raised works had started before the consultation period was over. The Chairman and Councillor A. Griffiths shared the same concerns.

Councillor T. Renshaw believed the entrance has for many years been used as an Agricultural entrance and the as the road is an adopted road therefore a public road. In addition, Councillor Renshaw added, if the Council wanted to object we would need to provide an objection based on Planning grounds and that the Council can only pass comments and not make Planning decisions.

Councillor R. Davies asked if the footpath will be reinstated. Cllr. M. A. Reece will ask the Local Authority and report back to Council.

Both the Members of the public and the Councillors had many concerns and unanswered questions regarding this application and Councillor C. P. Owens proposed the Council opt to defer comments until the Authority provide more information on the application.

Councillor M. A. Reece was unable to comment due to being a member of the Flintshire County Council Planning Committee and abstained from voting.

RESOLVED: The Council agreed to defer comments and the Clerk will write to the Planning Officer at Flintshire County Council detailing all concerns and ask for more information.

32. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

The Chairman welcomed Mr. M. Jones from the Flintshire Transportation Team to the meeting. Mr. Jones explained he was attending to provide an update on the progress and to agree the next steps of the Community Transport process.

Mr. Jones reported expression of interest were received from 18 Community's and 4 sections have been identified to create a partnership - Buckley, Mold, Holywell and Queensferry. The first stage of the Rural Development Funding has been complete and FCC are requesting £160,000. There is £145,000 from the Local Transport Fund for Bus Hubs

Mr. Jones explained that Flintshire County Council will organise drop in centres to enable members of the public to advise what they need, where people need to go, the areas transport required etc. Local taxi and bus companies will also be invited. Information from these centres will be collated and then decisions can be made to what type of transport will be provided and where.

Councillor C. P. Owens asked what the time scale is for the scheme, Mr. Jones reported it will be 2018, however the working groups will be set up within the month, then soon after the drop-in centres will open.

Mr. Jones asked the Council to nominate two Members to represent Bagillt and form part of a working group.

Councillor M. A. Reece asked why certain services have been cut, Mr. Jones response was the service has been reduced due to funding and journeys were cut as they were not commercially viable.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Jones for attending.

RESOLVED: The information from Flintshire County Council be noted and that the working group suggestion be supported with Councillors T. Renshaw and B. T. Doleman representing Bagillt.

33. STREETSCENE BAGILLT

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Neil Hickie, Streetscene Supervisor and Mr. John Williams, Waste and Recycling Supervisor to the meeting.

Councillor G. Hotchkiss reported the following:

The 'Give Way' sign at the bottom of Riverbank has a flickering light.

The grids in Riverbank are not functioning causing flooding and blockages.

An issue with weeds growing on the pavements in Riverbank.

Issues with Pot Holes on the road at the bottom of Riverbank.

Mr. Hickie noted all of the above. Regarding the pot holes, this falls under the remit of Mr. N. Seabury and will therefore pass this issue on.

Councillor T. Renshaw asked if Mr. S. Jones, Flintshire's Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) had provided the smaller refuge lorry to service 'Alston Court' area due to the normal size refuge lorry being unable to turn without mounting the pavement due to the chicane. Mr. Williams will investigate this and report back.

Councillor M. A. Reece raised an issue with ragwort weed along the by-pass, Mr. Hickie reported that work to resolve this issue starts week commencing 25th July.

Councillor C. P. Owens reported that in May / June this year, Flintshire County Council Streetscene staff strimmed the land at the Poplar's area which had Japanese Knotweed growing, which has caused the Knotweed to spread. Also at the Poplar's, the top grid is blocked. Mr. Hickie noted both issues.

Councillor. M. A. Reece reported flooding issues at Reece's Terrace. Mr. Hickie noted this.

Councillor C. R. Williams reported problems with dog fouling in the Top Hill area and requested the road is cleaned. Mr. Hickie noted this.

Councillor. C. Williams reported low lying branches on Old London Road which need trimming as may cause problems with larger vehicle's, such as emergency services accessing properties. Mr. Hickie noted this.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Hickie and Mr. Williams for attending the meeting.

34. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held 8th June 2016 be confirmed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of Councillor Mrs. J. D. Williams in the list of those present and signed by the Chairman.

35. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman reported his attendance at the County Forum Meeting on Thursday 30th June and advised Councillor he had agenda and handouts if anyone wished to see them.

The Chairman also reported his attendance at the Chairman of Flintshire County Councils Civic Service on Sunday 10th July in St. Winefrides Church, Holywell.

36. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor C. P. Owens and Councillor B. T. Doleman advised the Council that the Heritage Society will automatically nominate the Chairman as a member of the Society and Councillor B. T. Doleman will advise the Council when the next meeting will be held.

37. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Councillor M. A. Reece has been advised by the Authorities Planner that they will be visiting the site next week and taking measurements between the properties, they will then consult with both the Developer and Residents and report back to Councillor M. A. Reece.

RESOLVED: Councillor M. A. Reece will update the Council when information has been received by Flintshire County Council

38. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: That the undermentioned accounts be paid.

<i>Name</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>Cheque No</i>	<i>Expenditure Powers</i>
Mrs. L. Wood - July	660.47	101826	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
HM Revenues & Customs - July	118.00	101827	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
Clwyd Pension Fund - June, July	237.72	101829	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
Cllr. C. P. Owens	87.78	101830	Loc.Gov.(MP) Act 1976 (S19)
David Ogilvie Engineering Ltd	200.00	101831	Parish Councils Act 1957
North & Mid Wales Assoc. Of Local Councils	15.00	101832	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.111)
Bagillt Bowling Club	480.00	101833	Loc.Govt.(MP) Act.1976(S.19)
The Gatemaker	450.00	101834	Parish Councils Act 195
The Gatemaker	375.00	101836	War Memorials Act 1923 (S.1)
C. M. Scott	30.55	101836	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.5)
Mrs. L. Wood - August	621.88	101837	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
HM Revenues & Customs - August	125.60	101838	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)
Clwyd Pension Fund – August	118.86	101839	Loc.Govt.Act 1972 (S.112)

39. HIGH STREET – TRAFFIC CALMING

The Chairman reported that a meeting was held in the Community Library by Hannah Blythyn, AM on Friday 8th July to discuss this issue. A delegation of Councillors represented the Council, Councillors T. Renshaw, B. T. Doleman, M. A. Reece and the Chairman. Local residents also attended the meeting.

The Chairman asked Councillor T. Renshaw to update the Council about the meeting. Councillor T. Renshaw reported that he had bought Hannah Blythyn up to date with the traffic calming issues, the history and where the Council are now at. Hannah Blythyn noted all information from the meeting and had said she will report it back to Ken Skates, Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure and then report back to the Council in due course.

RESOLVED: The Council agreed to wait for a response back from Hannah Blythyn AM before taking any further action.

40. BY-PASS CROSSING

Councillor M. A. Reece reported that Councillor R. K. Jones had been advised by Mr. S. Jones, Flintshire's Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) that if funding is granted, by-pass crossing's maybe located by the Blossoms and the Lyons Den. Councillor M. A. Reece has told Mr. Jones that the Lyons Den is not suitable place for a crossing.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said a by-pass crossing by the Blossoms would also be totally unsuitable as to access the coastal path people would need to go under a railway bridge with barred wire, walk across a muddy field, climb over fence and a ditch before climbing up a bank to access the public footpath.

Councillor B. T. Doleman asked the Council to support the view that any site for a by-pass crossing should be with the agreement of the Community Council with Bagillt County Councillors being requested to escalate the decisions to the Local Authority.

The Council discussed the best places for crossing would be, Councillor M. A. Reece suggested Bettisfield as this has an underpass for wheelchair users, Councillor B. T. Doleman suggested Station Road and Councillor's S. Jones and G. Hotchkiss suggested Lady Smith Bridge.

RESOLVED: The Clerk is to write to Mr. S. Jones, Flintshire's Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation) indicating the Community Councils preferred sites for a by-pass crossing and to share the Council's view regarding the decision making process.

41. COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Chairman advised the meeting he will be presenting Community Awards at both the local Schools, Ysgol Merllyn and Ysgol Glan Aber before the end of the Summer term to Garrett Nicolson and Stevie Duncan respectively.

The Clerk shared with the meeting three quotations for the re-stock of the Heraldic Shields used for such awards. The Clerk made recommendation to the Council that they purchase the Shields from Fattorini's, Birmingham due to competitive price offered and their excellent reputation.

RESOLVED: The awarding to the named pupils be noted and the Clerk be authorised to order 10 Heraldic Shields from Fattorini's, Birmingham, at the cost of £387.00 + VAT.

42. 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.

43. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The meeting considered the Budget Monitoring report and Bank reconciliation statement for the first quarter to 30th June 2016, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members.

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

44. MEMBERS ITEMS

Councillor M. A. Reece reported that complaints had been received by residents regarding speeding in Tyn Twll Lane. The speed limit is currently 60mph and feels this should be reduced to 30 mph.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will write to both Mr. A. Stanford, Flintshire Highway Strategy Manager and Mr. D. Jones, Flintshire Operational Manager to request this.

45. CLERKS ITEMS

The Clerk reported information regarding Holywell Leisure Centre Community Asset Transfer. As representatives of a CH8 community, the Council were invited to send a representative to an early briefing about the circumstances and plans for HLC.

The Clerk reported that the Big Lottery Fund are launching Celebrate, a new funding programme that aims to bring people together. Grants of up to £2,000 will be awarded to help communities celebrate what's most important to them. Events are being held in Wrexham and other areas to answer questions and look at grant programmes.

46. 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.

47. CLERK – CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

The Clerk shared the Clerk’s Contract of Employment to the Council.

RESOLVED: Approved and the Chairman and Clerk signed the contract.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Date of Council Meeting	Wednesday 13th July 2016
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Member	Item	Minute No. Refers
There were no Declarations of personal interest		

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Chairman