

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of meeting the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 8th February 2023.

PRESENT: Councillor A. Griffiths (Vice Chairman)

COUNCILLORS: R. Davies, B. Doleman, B. Gittins, Mrs. S. L. Jones, Ms. A. Locker, K. Rush, Mrs. Y. Rush, Miss. T. Strong, C. Williams, and Mrs. D. J. Williams.

APOLOGIES: Councillor J. Humphreys and Mrs. W. Owens

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Wood (Clerk), PCSO T. Hulse and Members of the Public.

121. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM

Members of the Public were present and asked to speak on Agenda Item 4 – Bowling Green and Agenda Item 11 – Financial Applications

122. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

123. BAGILLT BOWLING CLUB

Ms. L. Williams, Bowling Club representative reported they have had to change bank accounts to be a non profit making organisations and this is in the process of being set up. Once the account is open, they will be able to apply for funding.

Although some works have started on the bowling green, it is unlikely the club will re-open until the earliest, the end of the year, if not next year.

RESOLVED: That Ms. L. Williams will attend a future meeting to provide a further update.

124. POLICING MATTERS

PCSO T. Hulse attended and introduced himself to the newer members.

Councillor Mrs. S. L. Jones reported parked caravans which are for sale caravan near the old Royal Oak junction of the High Street and the A548 are a hazard to drivers. PCSO T. Hulse explained this is not a Police matter as they are not obstructing the Highway, it is a matter for Flintshire County Council.

Councillor Miss. T. Strong reported vehicles parking on yellow line. PCSO T. Hulse said he had spoken to the vehicle owners. Councillor Miss. T. Strong added she had noted more Police presence in the village.

Councillor Ms. A. Locker reported an issue with people parking and blocking private drive ways. PCSO T. Hulse said if number plates are provided, he can look into issue.

RESOLVED: That PSCO T. Hulse will investigate the issues reported.

125. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council, held on 11th January 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

126. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

There were no Chairman communications to report.

127. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Councillor R. Davies reported the following: that regarding the conifers on High Street opposite Reeces Terrace, they should be taken down and completed early March.

The potholes on Highfield Road, Bron-y-Wern and the junction at Old London Road and Merllyn Lane have now been filled.

As a Bagillt County Council representative, I attend the West Flintshire Group and feels it would be beneficial to request an invite for Councillor B. Gittins in connection with his role in the Bagillt Community Volunteers Group as well as representing Bagillt Community Council. The Council currently do not have a representative attending as in May 2022, the Council agreed to not attend these meeting. Councillors agreed for Councillor B. Gittins to attend as a representative for the Council.

Flintshire County Council are considering the continuation of the present cycle/foot path from the 'safe crossing' at the Blossoms Junction, running roughly from Blossoms Junction, Bagillt High Street, alongside the B road, to the existing Manor/Flint cycle/foot path. I have been informed that consultants have been engaged to look at developing an Active Travel Link between these points, which would include the possible connection from existing cycle/foot path at the Boot End to existing cycle/foot path at Greenfield Valley.

Councillor K. Rush reported he attended a site visit with Mr. T. Cartwright, Flintshire Street scene regarding the 'sink hole' by the Library, it is not a 'sink hole' as such, but it is very deep and it has been requested, that the area has secure fencing placed around it. It was noted there are a few footpaths in the village that need re-tarmacking.

RESOLVED: That Councillor B. Gittins will represent Bagillt Community Council at the West Flintshire Group and that the County Councillor reports be noted.

128. PLANNING

Applications for Consideration

App No	Location	Detail
FUL/000126/23	85 Bron Y Wern, Bagillt, CH6 6BS	Erection of rear part single, part two storey extension.

RESOLVED: That the Council support the application and the Clerk will inform Flintshire Planning department accordingly.

129. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Voucher No	Name	Details	£
84	Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk	Clerks Salary & Expenses	760.43
85	HM Revenues & Customs	Tax & NI - Clerks Salary	205.68
86	Clwyd Pension Fund	Employers & Employees' Pension Contribution for Clerk	220.53
87	Opus Energy	Community Library Electricity	194.31
88	Flint Town Council	Printing services	27.00

RESOLVED: That the above-mentioned accounts be paid.

NOTE: Councillor C. P Owens entered the meeting.

130. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A member of the public asked the Council to re- consider the amount of a financial donation made at the last meeting.

It was explained to the member of public as per the Council's Standing Orders, once a resolution has been agreed by the majority of the Councillors, that item cannot be discussed for six months, unless five members of the Council write to the Chairman to ask for the item to be re-opened for discussion.

The Council considered two applications which had been received after the printing of the agenda.

An application was received from the Forgotten Riders, however more information was required before the Council can make a decision. Members of the Forgotten Riders were present at the meeting and they gave information regarding their application and agreed to re-submit a more detailed application next month. The Council supported the idea of a Community Event and expressed they hope to work together with the Forgotten Riders for the benefit of the community and would be willing to meet and discuss the application process.

RESOLVED:

1. That in accordance with Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, the following donations be agreed for this financial year:

Voucher No	Name	£
89	Bagillt Royal Star Morris Dancers	500.00

2. That in relation to the application from the Forgotten Riders, this application will be re-submitted with more information for the Council to consider.

131. STREET FURNITURE INSPECTION

The Clerk reminded Councillors it had been agreed that the inspection would be carried out on a rota basis between Councillors. Councillor Ms. A. Locker and Councillor Miss. T. Strong carried out last year's inspection.

Councillor Ms. A. Locker and Councillor Miss. T. Strong shared concerns that some of the issues reported last year, had still not be rectified and proposed a letter, prepared by Councillor Ms. A. Locker is sent to Arriva Bus Services regarding the signage. Councillors agreed.

The Clerk did remind Councillors that the Street Furniture Inspection was only for Council owned furniture.

Councillor B. Gittins offered as a member of the Bagillt Community Volunteers group, that if the Council purchased cleaning products, the group can clean the Council owned benches etc in the village. Councillors agreed.

The Council agreed for Councillor Mrs. T. Strong and Councillor Mrs. A. Locker would carry out the Street furniture inspection for 2023/24.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will send the Inspection report to Councillor Mrs. T. Strong and Councillor Mrs. A. Locker; that Councillor Ms. A. Locker will prepare a letter to send to Arriva Bus Services and that the Council will pay for cleaning products for the Bagillt Community Volunteers Group to clean the Council owned furniture.

132. JDH BUSINESS SERVICES LTD

The Clerk requested the Council agree to continuing to use JDH Business Services Ltd for Internal Audit Services and agreed the increase in service costs.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will write to JDH Business Services Ltd advising them of the Council's decision to continue to use their services.

133. COUNCIL POLICES

The Council considered the following Policies for approval and adoption:

Code of Conduct
Financial Regulations
Social Media Policy
Press & Media Policy

RESOLVED: That the following Council policies Code of Conduct, Financial Regulations, Social Media Policy and Press & Media Policy were approved and adopted.

134. COUNCIL FACEBOOK / SOCIAL MEDIA PAGE

Councillor Miss. T. Strong proposed that the Council should have a Council facebook page. This could be used to ask residents for their views and comments on future Council projects. Social Media is the way forward.

Councillor. C. P. Owens said the Council website has all the information residents should need and not everyone uses facebook so could only be for a select audience.

Councillors also were concerned that a facebook page could be used for individual views but interrupted as the views of the Council as a whole. The Clerk did inform Council, that they would nominate a small number of admin users for the page and posts would be considered at Council prior to publication.

The proposal was not seconded.

RESOLVED: That the proposal was not supported, therefore did not go to a vote.

135. PROPOSED CYCLE/FOOTWAY TO FLINT

Councillor Ms. A. Locker reported that the cycle / footpath which follows the A548 stops at the Blossoms public house traffic lights and proposed a letter is sent to Flintshire Highways to request the cycle / footpath is extended to Flint via the Manor. This would provide a safe route for both cyclist and pedestrians.

Councillors agreed to send a letter to Flintshire Highways for comments on this proposal.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Flintshire Highways for comments regarding extending the cycle/footpath from Blossoms Public House traffic lights to Flint via the Manor.

136. CORRESPONDENCE & CLERKS REPORT

RESOLVED: The Clerk report was noted.

137. URGENT WARD MATTERS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no urgent ward matters or future agenda items.

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<p>.....</p> <p>Vice Chairman</p>	