

## **BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of meeting the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**PRESENT: Councillor A. Locker (Chairwoman)**

**COUNCILLORS:** R. Davies, B. T. Doleman, B. Gittins, A. Griffiths, J. Humphreys, S. L. Jones, K. Rush, Y. Rush, T. Strong and C. Williams.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors: C. P. Owens, W. Owens and D. J. Williams.

### **113. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM**

There were no Members of the Public present.

### **114. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor R. Davies declared an interest on Minute Number 120 (Planning).

Councillor B. T. Doleman declared an interest on Minute Number 120 (Planning).

Councillor C. Williams declared an interest on Minute Number 121 (Accounts).

**RESOLVED:** That the declaration of interests are noted and the register is updated.

### **115. POLICING MATTERS**

Councillor K. Rush reported on going issues with parking on the junction outside the Blossoms Public House, this causes reduced visibility and is an accident waiting to happen.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will write to PSCO T. Hulse to report the going issues with parking on the junction outside the Blossoms Public House.

### **116. MINUTES**

Councillor B. Gittins shared his objection to the amendment of January 2024 - Minute 99, he was absent from the meeting and the original wording of the report in the minutes were correct.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council, held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairwoman.

### **117. STREETSCENE MATTERS**

The Clerk reported that the Streetscene Officer, Mr. T. Cartwright had confirmed all the previous

meeting issues had been actioned or are in the process of being actioned.

Councillor Y. Rush reported that the pathway opposite the Lyons Den was covered in mud and asked this was cleared.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will write to the Streetscene Officer, Mr. T. Cartwright to report the issue relating to the pathway opposite the Lyons Den.

## 118. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

There were no Chairwoman communications to report.

## 119. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Councillor K. Rush reported the following:

That the tree by the Old Café had been reported to the Flintshire Tree Safety Officer.

A resident had complained about full dog bins on the coastal path, this has been reported and a request has been submitted for more bins in this area.

The flooding near the Kissing Gate on the Coastal Path has been reported.

The Bus stop sign at Tynydd Messham was missing and the bus was not stopping, this has been reported to Flintshire County Council and they will contact Arriva to advise that this is a designated bus stop and will replace the sign.

**RESOLVED:** That the report was noted.

## 120. PLANNING

a. Applications Determined - due to on-line consultation period closing prior to Council meeting.

App No	Location	Detail
FUL/001107/23	Bagillt Community Library, Gadlys Lane, Bagillt, CH6 6EQ	Proposed single storey side extension and internal alterations

After consultation with West Ward Members, the Council supported this application and these comments have been shared with the Planning department.

b. Applications received for consideration.

App No	Location	Detail
FUL/000254/22	Treboom Brewery Limited, Top Works, Bagillt, CH6 6HZ	Proposed erection of structure together with formation of access (Partly Retrospective)

**RESOLVED:** That the Council support the change of address on the application and the Clerk will inform Flintshire Planning department accordingly.

App No	Location	Detail
OUT/000028/24	The Crest, Sandy Lane, Bagillt, CH6 6EY	The proposal relates to the demolition of the existing dwellings and the construction of eight dwellings based upon 3 no pairs of semis and 2 no detached, Vehicular access to be upgraded.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council will support if the previous objections relating to the badger set and subsistence have been considered. The Clerk will write to Flintshire Planning department accordingly.

**c. Application Decisions – for information only.**

App No	Location	Detail	Decision
FUL/001107/23	Bagillt Community Library, Gadlys Lane, Bagillt, CH6 6EQ	Proposed single storey side extension and internal alterations	Approved

**RESOLVED:** That the decision was noted.

**d. Connah’s Quay Lower Carbon Power Project**

An email from the Planning Inspectorate relating to Connah’s Quay Lower Carbon Power Project was considered.

**RESOLVED:** That the email was noted.

**121. COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

The Chairwomen brought this matter forward.

Councillor J. Humphreys reported the reason he has brought this item back on the agenda is due to the Community Library’s recent planning application to extend the premises, which raises additional concerns regarding the electricity costs. I feel the Council agreement to cover the electricity costs was made over 10 years ago and that other groups in the community have never had the privilege of this lengthy assistance.

After requesting copies of the electricity invoices, myself and fellow Councillor B. Gittins have spent time looking at the information and we have three additional points that we would like the Community Library Committee to address:

The invoices are extremely misleading and are made out to Bagillt Community Council, I believe this is wrong as the Council does not run the premises, therefore the invoices should be made out to the Bagillt Community Library group and then the Council can reimburse the group. As if Council funds were low and we could not make the payment, this could leave the Council with bad credit, which I presume Flintshire County Council would not be happy with.

The next point which is alarming is the UK average charge per KWH is 29p, the price the group is currently paying is £1.16, 4 times more. Why has the group not addressed this matter.

For clarification, why are there three meters in the Community Library building, this is what you would expect to find in an industrial unit.

Councillor J. Humphreys proposed that the Community Library is made a standing item on the agenda until the issues have been addressed which will allow future discussions as in times of austerity we need to ensure these matters are fully considered.

Councillor K. Rush said he is aware that the Community Library is looking into Solar Panels on the building and he is also aware the group is in the process of addressing the electricity issues with the current electricity provider and hopes for a refund.

The Chairwomen, Councillor A. Locker referred to an email that Councillor C. Owens had sent the Clerk clarifying he is in contact with Opus energy and was looking to move providers.

Councillor C. Williams confirmed the Community Library were no longer in contract with Opus Energy and that the group had recently been given a charity status, which enabled different options. The decision for the Council to pay the bills directly was in order to re-claim the VAT.

Councillor B. T. Doleman said there is a Policy document which was written in approximately 2013 by the previous Clerk which agreed that the Council covers the Electricity and Insurance costs for the Community Library and this needs to be brought the next meeting before any decisions can be made.

The Clerk reported she was not in ownership of this policy and would endeavour to find the policy via the archives or information from the previous Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will endeavour to locate a Community Library Policy and that the Community Library would now be a standing item and discussions will continue at the next meeting.

## 122. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Councillor J. Humphreys asked for it be noted his intention was to propose an objection to paying the Community Library Electricity payment this month, however, due to the Community Library Policy being referred to in the previous discussions, Councillor J. Humphreys revoked his proposal and is awaiting to see this Policy at a future meeting.

Voucher No	Name	Details	£
81	Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk	Clerks Salary & Expenses	910.34
82	HM Revenues & Customs	Tax & NI - Clerks Salary	273.30
83	Clwyd Pension Fund	Employers & Employees' Pension Contribution for Clerk	299.75
84	Opus Energy	Community Library Electricity	592.52

85	Old Back Yard	Xmas Trees	450.00
86	Flint Town Council	Printing Charges	11.80
	HSBC	Bank Charges	5.00

**RESOLVED:** That the above-mentioned accounts be paid.

### 123. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Council considered the applications.

Councillor K. Rush proposed we deferred the applications from Busy Rascals pending asking how many children attend the club and also proposed we ask the Bagillt Volunteer Group for more financial information. Councillors agreed.

**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	£
87	Ysgol Glan Aber	300.00
88	Urdd Gobaith Cymru	100.00

2. That in relation to the application from the Bagillt Volunteer Group and Busy Rascals, these application will be re-submitted with more information for the Council to consider.

3. That in relation to the application from the Holywell Leisure Centre, no donation to be made.

### 124. 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 A. Locker and Councillor 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 from previous years were still outstanding.

The Council agreed for Councillors A. Locker and T. Strong would carry out the Street furniture inspection for 2024/25.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will send the Inspection report to Councillors A. Locker and T. Strong.

## **125. 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.

## **126. COUNCIL POLICES**

The Council considered the following Policy for approval and adoption: Financial Regulations.

**RESOLVED:** That the Financial Regulations Council Policy was approved and adopted.

## **127. YOUTH SHELTERS**

Councillor Y. Rush reported she had no further information to report.

## **128. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Councillor C. Williams reported he had been unable to find a key to check the electricity socket at the Cenotaph so they can arrange for a speaker at the Remembrance Service this year. Councillor B. T. Doleman said he had a key.

Councillor B. T. Doleman proposed that the Council takes over the organising of the Remembrance Service and said he is willing to do this on behalf of the Council. Councillors agreed.

Councillor B. T. Doleman also informed the Council that a grant had been applied for to repair and clean the Cenotaph and a local resident following the passing of her father, Mr. D. Hughes, had donated £512 toward the project.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor B. T. Doleman and with assistance from fellow Councillors will take over the organising of the Remembrance Service.

## **129. CORRESPONDENCE & CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk reported that Mr. A. Stanford, Flintshire Highways had replied relating to Speed Calming Measures, confirming that new Welsh Government Legislation means that speed calming measures are not required in 20 mph areas and those that have speed calming measures would not gain funding for new traffic calming or amendments to existing schemes.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerks report was noted.

## **130. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items.

**Date of Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2024**

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**Chairwoman**

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