

## **BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the Virtual Ordinary meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

**PRESENT: Councillor Mrs. S.L. Jones (Chairman)**

**COUNCILLORS:** R. Davies, B. T. Doleman, A. Griffiths, Mrs. A. Locker, C.P. Owens, Mrs. W. Owens, K. Rush, Mrs. C. Shorten, T. Shorten, Miss. T. Strong, C. Williams and Mrs. D. J. Williams.

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

### **131. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There was no declaration of interests recorded.

### **132. PUBLIC INQUIRY ITEM**

Member of the Public were present and asked to speak on Agenda Item 5 - Bagillt Bowling Club and Agenda Item 6 – St. Mary's & St. Peter's Church.

### **133. COUNCIL VACANCY**

The Clerk reported that a vacancy had arisen due to non-attendance of Councillor S. Griffiths. Due to the close proximity of the Elections in May, Flintshire Elections Office have advised we do not need to fill the vacancy, however, this is a Council decision.

Councillors agreed to leave the West Ward Councillors position vacant until the May Elections.

**RESOLVED:** That the vacancy for a West Ward Member will remain vacant until the May Elections.

### **134. BAGILLT BOWLING CLUB**

Ms. L. Harper, Bowling Club representative reported they had received another quote for the works. The quote was shared with the Council. Ms. L. Harper also reported they were still awaiting the legal paperwork from Flintshire County Council so they can complete the community asset transfer.

Councillor K. Rush said he will contact the County Council to chase the paperwork and also asked if Ms. L. Harper could ask for a breakdown of costs from the contractor as maybe locals can help with some works to keep costs down as the Council is unable to fund the full amount of the quotation.

Councillor Mrs. C. Shorten asked if the Bowling Club can apply for grants towards the works. Ms. L. Harper said until the community asset transfer has completed, they cannot apply for grants.

**RESOLVED:** That Ms. L. Harper and/or Ms. L. Williams will attend the March meeting to provide a further update.

### **135. ST. MARY'S & ST. PETER'S CHURCH**

The Clerk reminded Council that Rev. K. Evans had previously sought financial support from the Council to pay towards a handrail on the pedestrian steps. The Council agreed a figure of up to £3,000 but asked the Reverend to seek quotations.

Rev. K. Evans shared two quotations for the works and said she was awaiting a third quotation.

The Chair confirmed the Council will provide the £3,000 as agreed, however, the Council cannot transfer the funds until a contractor has been confirmed and the works are commencing.

Rev. K. Evans thanked the Council and will update the Clerk accordingly.

**RESOLVED:** That Rev. K. Evans will inform the Clerk once works are set to commence and then the Council £3,000 financial donation will be transferred.

### **136. POLICING MATTERS**

The Clerk reported that following the Council's request to arrange a meeting with a small delegation of Councillors, Inspector S. Roberts and the Mr. A. Dunbobbin, Police Crime Commissioner have arranged to meet with Councillors on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Councillor C. P. Owens reported that residents are complaining about cars parking near the Chemist, on the pavements and blocking access.

Cllr. K. Rush reported speeding vehicles near Foel Gron around School pick up times and asked if this area could be patrolled.

**RESOLVED:** That the Councillors will report back to the April Council Meeting following the Police Meeting and that the issued raised be reported to PCSO T. Hulse.

### **137. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council, held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **138. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chair informed the Council that she would be donating her Chair's Allowance equally between, the Community Garden, Busy Rascals After School Club, St. Mary's and St. Peter's Church and the Morris Dancing troop.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will make the payments to the Community Garden, Busy Rascals After School Club, St. Mary's and St. Peter's Church and the Morris Dancing troop.

### 139. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Councillor K. Rush reported he attended a site visit at Beechcroft with Flintshire Highways Officers regarding off street parking, unfortunately at this present time, no money or grants are available and the advice was to pursue the Housing Office.

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

### 140. PLANNING

**Application Decisions – for information.**

App No	Location	Detail	Decision
062488	Rose Cottage, Foel Gron, Bagillt, Flintshire, CH6 6BB	Erection of single dwelling	Refused
063842	Pen Y Bryn Residential Home, Fron Deg, Bagillt, Flintshire, CH6 6HU	Application for the approval of details reserved by condition no. 9 (Full Travel Plan and Transport Implementation Strategy) attached to planning permission ref. 059174	Approved

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Application decisions were noted.

### 141. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Voucher No	Name	Details	£
85	Gwyn the shoe	Riverbank Notice Board Lock Change	85.00
86	NR Windows	Community Library UPVC Door	1230.00
87	Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk	Clerks Salary & Expenses	727.97
88	HM Revenues & Customs	Tax & NI - Clerks Salary	190.81
89	Clwyd Pension Fund	Employers & Employees' Pension Contribution for Clerk	203.68
90	Opus Energy	Community Library Electricity	81.26
91	Bagillt Web Design	Website Accessibility update	450.00

92	Flint Town Council	Photocopying services January	16.00
93	Flint Town Council	Photocopying services February	15.00

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

#### 142. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Council considered a report by the Clerk on Applications for Financial Assistance, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members.

**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	£
94	Busy Little Rascals	700.00

2. That in relation to the application from Wales Air Ambulance, no donation to be made.

#### 143. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2020/21

The Clerk reported the Audit Report for 2020/21 had been received and previously circulated to Members.

The Clerk addressed the issues raised by the External Auditor, BDO with the Council and also advised the conclusion of audit was being advertised as required by BDO.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the annual return be approved.
2. That with regard to the issues arising from the BDO Audit, the actions of the clerk were noted and supported.
3. That the actions of the Clerk concerning giving Notice of Conclusion of the audit as required by BDO be noted.

#### 144. 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 B. T. Doleman and Councillor Mrs. J. Nicholas carried out last year's inspection.

The Council agreed for Councillor Mrs. T. Strong and Councillor Mrs. A. Locker would carry out the Street furniture inspection for 2022/23.

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

#### **145. COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

Councillor Mrs. W. Owens reported that the Library had received the funds from the FLVC grant for the Community Cinema facilities so equipment will be ordered.

Councillor Mrs. W. Owens also said the blinds will be fitted this week and the invoice will be sent to the Clerk, following the agreement that the Council would pay for the blinds.

The Community Library needs volunteers, if anyone is interested or Councillors can spread the word.

**RESOLVED:** Noted

#### **146. LETTER OF THANKS TO RESIDENTS**

Councillor R. Davies proposed a letter of thanks is sent to all volunteers in the village, who's commitment, effort and hard work keep the village clean and tidy.

Councillor B. T. Doleman suggested an open letter, which could be published on the Council's notice boards and website for all volunteers to see, however include a special mention to some of the volunteers.

Councillors agreed this was an excellent proposal.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will publish a thank you letter on the Council's notice boards and website.

#### **147. 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.

#### **148. COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Clerk reminded Councillors that in September 2021, Council considered whether or not it was safe due to covid to return to face to face meetings and at that time, it was decided to remain meeting virtually and the Council would review the situation at a later date when restrictions eased.

The Clerk shared information from Mr. G. Owens, Flintshire Chief Officer, Legal regarding returning to face to face meetings. The Council discussed the possibility of returning to face to face meetings but felt at this time we should remain meeting virtually and review the situation after the Election. Safety of people is paramount.

The Clerk also asked the Council if they wish to meet in April due to the close proximity to the May Elections, advice had been sought from Mr. G. Owens, Flintshire Chief Officer, Legal and he advised it was a Council decision. The Council proposed a meeting is held in April and will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council will remain meeting virtually and review the situation after the Elections and the April meeting will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.

**149. CORRESPONDENCE & CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk had no reports.

**150. URGENT WARD MATTERS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councillors asked for the Bowling Green to be on the next agenda.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will place this item on the March agenda.

<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2022</b>
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