

## **BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of meeting the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**PRESENT: Councillor C. P. Owens (Chairman)**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. L. Wood (Clerk).

### **20. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM**

A Member of the Public was present and asked to speak on Agenda Item 5 – Bagillt Bowling Club.

### **21. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There was no declaration of interests recorded.

### **22. VACANCY EAST & WEST WARD – CO-OPTION**

The Chairman reported we had one East Ward vacancy and two West Ward vacancies and we have five letters of interest.

Councillor B. T. Doleman proposed that this item is postponed and discussed at a Special Meeting which is closed to press and public, however the applicants could attend and if they wish provide further information. This matter can then be given the time it needs to consider all applicants.

The Chairman said if applications are unable to attend the Special Meeting, this would not prejudice the Council's decision.

Councillor C. Williams asked if existing Councillors are related to any applicants, do they need to declare a personal and/or prejudicial interest and does it affect voting rights therefore asked clarification was sought from Flintshire County Council and reported back to Council prior to the Special Meeting.

Councillors agreed to deferring this item and holding a Special Meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7.15pm.

**RESOLVED:** That a Special Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7.15pm to discuss the East & West Ward Co-Option and the Clerk will seek clarification from Flintshire Monitoring Officer regarding declaring interests and voting rights.

### **23. BAGILLT BOWLING CLUB**

Ms. L. Williams, Bowling Club representative reported that the Solicitors are now ready to complete the Community Asset Transfer and their Solicitor requires the £645 payment for services. The Club has £314.25 in the bank following a number of fund raising activities. We hope to have the club open by spring 2023.

Councillors proposed that as previously discussed and resolved, that the Council pays the £645 Solicitor invoice on behalf of the club.

Councillor A. Griffiths said at the last meeting the Bowling Club representative attended, they shared a quotation for the ground works. Councillor A. Griffiths spoke to the contractor and felt his description of the works were very good and felt the bowling club should proceed.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council will pay the Solicitor fee of £645 direct to the Solicitors.

## **24. POLICING MATTERS**

Councillors reported following the Police meeting in March, it was promised the Police would hold a meeting after the Elections where Councillors could report issues directly but to date no contact by the Police had been made. Councillors proposed an email requesting this was sent.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will contact PCSO T. Hulse re holding a Police meeting as soon as possible.

## **25. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council held 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **26. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman reported he had contacted Flintshire Planning regarding Springhill Quarry, Bagillt and had an email back stating the recently erected steel framed building will require planning permission, however they are trying to establish whether the site in general has had a change of use.

**RESOLVED:** Noted.

## **27. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES & COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Councillor R. Davies reported that the Wern Park play area improvements were almost complete the works were due to start on Bron Haul play area next week.

Councillor R. Davies had met with a Community Centre board member who said the Councillors on the board will be invited to the next meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the reports be noted.

## **28. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

| <b>App No</b> | <b>Location</b>                      | <b>Detail</b>   |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 061678        | Rowen, High Street, Bagillt, CH6 6ED | Erection of pair of semi-detached houses with creation of a new access, off road parking and landscaping. |

The Chairman reported that the above application which the Council supported had been refused by Flintshire County Council and that an appeal had been made.

**RESOLVED:** That the appeal be noted.

## 29. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

| Voucher No | Name                  | Details   | £      |
|------------|-----------------------|---|--------|
| 17         | Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk   | Clerks Salary & Expenses                              | 731.43 |
| 18         | HM Revenues & Customs | Tax & NI - Clerks Salary                              | 192.40 |
| 19         | Clwyd Pension Fund    | Employers & Employees' Pension Contribution for Clerk | 206.71 |
| 20         | Opus Energy           | Community Library Electricity                         | 17.94  |
| 21         | Cllr. Miss. T. Strong | Hanging Basket supplies                               | 58.13  |
| 22         | Cllr. Miss. T. Strong | Hanging Basket flowers                                | 38.95  |
| 23         | Flint Town Council    | Photocopying Charges                                  | 15.20  |
| 24         | AVOW                  | Payroll Services                                      | 37.74  |
|            | HSBC                  | Bank Chagres  | 5.00   |

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

## 30. PLAY AREA MATCH FUNDING

The Council considered a letter from Aura Leisure and Libraries asking for expression of Interests in the Match Funding scheme 22/23. The two play areas identified as being the most in need of investment were, Pen Y Glyn and Trebor Avenue.

Councillor R. Davies proposed the Council commits £5,000 to each of the identified play areas, therefore with match funding that is £10,000 per park.

Councillors were in agreement however asked if Aura Leisure and Libraries could provide a proposed report and plan of what £5,000 plus matching funding would provide in each park, then an informed decision can be made.

Councillor Mrs. S. L. Jones proposed the local children are included in selecting play equipment. Councillors agreed.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will write to Aura Leisure and Libraries and confirm the Council will commit to £10,000 and request a report and plan of what we could have if we divide the monies between Pen Y Glyn and Trebor Avenue play areas and also state we would like the local children's involvement in the play area improvement scheme.

### **31. REVIEW OF INTERNAL CONTROLS 2022/23**

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

**RESOLVED:** That the document, as circulated, be constituted as the review of Internal Controls by the Council for 2022/23, following certification by Councillors C. P. Owens and A. Griffiths and that the internal controls, as listed, were in place and being adhered to by the Council.

### **32. COUNCIL POLICIES**

The Council's Annual Risk Assessment was considered for approval and adoption.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council's Annual Risk Assessment was approved and adopted by the Council.

### **33. PARKING ISSUES**

Councillor C. P. Owens reported that when walking through the village, especially near the Chemist, residents are having to walk in the road due to parked cars on the footpaths, some of which are parked in the same place all day. Anyone with a pushchair or wheel chair would be totally obstructed and this is a safety issue.

Councillor K. Rush said he had previously spoken to Flintshire County Council Officers regarding this matter and if yellow lines were installed, this could affect the local businesses trade. Although there are village car parks, these are often full as people park their cars and leave them parked all day whilst they use public transport.

Councillor C. P. Owens proposed that County Councillors, Councillor K. Rush and R. Davies make contact with Flintshire County Council Officers and arrange a site meeting then report back to the next Council Meeting.

Councillors raised other issues relating to speeding and bus stops which requires further discussions, however the County Councillors can make enquiries with Flintshire County Council.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor K. Rush and R. Davies make contact with Flintshire County Council Officers regarding the issues and report back to the next Council Meeting.

### **34. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Councillor R. Davies reported that residents had asked about the village having more Christmas lights, such as lamp post lights or building lights and proposed that the Council considered a five year plan to install maybe two lights per year, over the next five years throughout the village.

Councillors were concerned regarding the costs of purchase, maintenance, testing and storage and also vandalism of the lights as this had happened some years ago when the Council did have Christmas lights.

The Chairman proposed a quotation was obtained from the current Christmas light provider and this item was placed on another agenda for further and more informed discussions. Councillors agreed.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will contact Mega Electricals for a quotation.

### 35. DOG RUN

Councillor Miss. T. Strong proposed the village installs a dog run as a number of residents have expressed an interest in having this facility. Dog Runs are where owners can let their dogs off the leads for exercise in a safe enclosed area. This is ideal for the elderly who cannot walk their dogs and also is good for socialising dogs as well as their owners meeting other dog owners.

Councillor Miss T. Strong suggested the grass area at the back of the Stag Car Park would be an ideal location, it would need fencing and gates erecting and on the outside a sign would be placed to inform dog owners if the dog using the run is friendly or requires the space on its own.

Councillor K. Rush said this land is owned by Flintshire County Council and we would need to ask permission to use.

Councillors agreed this was a good idea, however contact needs to be made with Flintshire County Council and costings sought.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will contact Flintshire County Council to ask if the proposed area could be used and where we could obtain costings from for fencing and gates.

### 36. CORRESPONDENCE & CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported that the Flintshire Transport Area Coordinator had responded regarding the damaged bus stop signage and said that a request had been made for all bus stop signs to be inspected and repaired or replaced.

**RESOLVED:** Noted.

### 37. MEMBERS ITEMS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councillor R. Davies requested Lamp Post Poppies is included on the next agenda.

Councillor A. Griffiths requested Coastal Footpath is included on the next agenda.

Councillor Miss. T. Strong requested Planters and School Councils are included on the next agenda.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will include these items on the July agenda.

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| <b>Date of Council Meeting</b> | <b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2022</b> |
| .....<br><b>Chair</b>          |  |