

## **BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of meeting the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

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

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. L. Wood (Clerk), Mr. M. Parry-Davies, Flintshire Planning Officer and Members of the Public

### **76. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM**

Members of the Public were present and asked to speak on Agenda Item 5 – Bagillt Bowling Club, 6 – Policing Matters and 7 – Anti Social Behaviour.

### **77. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor R. Davies declared a personal interest relating to Planning (Minute 85),  
Councillor Ms. A. Locker declared a personal interest relating to Planning (Minute 85),  
Councillor B. Gittins declared a personal interest relating to Initial Estimates (Minute 90),  
Councillor C.P Owens declared a personal interest relating to Initial Estimates (Minute 90),  
Councillor Mrs. W. Owens declared a personal interest relating to Initial Estimates (Minute 90).

### **78. FLINTSHIRE PLANNING PROCEDURES**

Mr. M. Parry-Davies, Flintshire Planning Officer attended and gave the Council a presentation on the Flintshire planning processes and procedures.

A number of questions were asked to Mr. M. Parry-Davies, one question was that planning applications are not always received by the Community Council. Mr. Parry-Davies said all applications can be found on the Flintshire Planning Citizen Portal and offered to attend another meeting to provide a demonstration of the portal.

Another question related to the decisions of planning applications, Mr. M. Parry-Davies said that the Community Council is classed as a third party statutory consultee and once a planning decision has been made, no further action can be given to a third party, they have no rights to appeal. The applicant can appeal and this is then referred to Pedw, the Planning Inspector.

Councillors asked how the Community Council can better participate in the process. Mr. M. Parry-Davies said as a statutory consultee, the council can make representations and any comments the Community Council make will be available on line for all to view.

Concerns were shared regarding unplanned developments. Mr. M. Parry-Davies explained that the planning enforcement is not a simple process. Many unplanned developments are usually resolved

with a retrospective planning application, these applications can only be submitted if the planning policy supports the application. If the policy does not support the application, then an enforcement notice will be sent.

A breach of planning is not a criminal offence unless enforcement notices are breached. All enforcement complaints are confidential and the Community Council is entitled to submit a complaint.

Councillors asked further questions and Mr. M. Parry-Davies passed on his contact details and said Councillors can make contact with any concerns or questions.

**RESOLVED:** That a date will be arranged for Mr. Parry-Davies, Flintshire Planning Officer to attend and provide a demonstration of the Flintshire Planning Citizen Portal.

## **79. POLICING MATTERS**

A Member of the public requested to speak to share concerns with speeding outside her business premises on the High Street and also said she was aware the Chairman had concerns with parking outside her businesses premises. She informed the Chairman that she had made contact with Flintshire County Council and had been advised that there are issues with parking as there are no yellow lines and the road is wide enough to have parked cars. However, she will monitor the situation but feels the Council needs to address the speeding issue as this a serious matter.

Councillor A. Griffiths said that he had been contacted by a local resident from Merllyn Lane / Wern Avenue area who reported that on Bonfire evening a number of vandalism incidents that took and that his car, which was parked on his own drive was severely damaged. He reported this to the Police and to date, still no Police have visited the resident.

Councillor A. Griffiths proposed a letter is sent to the Chief Inspector and the Police Crime Commissioner expressing the Councils continual disappointment with the Policing in the village. Earlier in the year, the Council did have a positive meeting with both the Mr. Dunbobbin and the Chief Inspector, but since the meeting and promises of regular CA/ALM meetings, the Council have had no contact from the Police.

The Chairman also commented that the Council had invited PCSO Hulse to attend this evenings Council meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will write to PCSO Hulse regarding speeding issues on the High Street and that the Clerk will write to the Chief Inspector and the Police Crime Commissioner expressing the Council's continual disappointment with the Policing in the village.

## **80. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

A Member of the Public requested to speak on a matter the Council spoke about at the October meeting, Youth Shelters. The lady speaking a was younger resident and said as a representative of the young people in the village, we want somewhere dry to meet and congregate, without being judged. She has been researching youth shelters and was awaiting quotations and has suggestions for locations.

Councillor B. Gittins suggested the area behind the Community Library could be a possible location.

Councillor Miss. T. Strong proposed an item regarding Youth Shelters is placed on the next agenda as this should not be discussed under Anti-Social Behaviour. She will gather further information to report back to the Council.

Councillor J. Humphries said he would like to see a Youth Forum set up and commented on how well the local youths cleared the area around the Library area and that they were very well behaved.

The Clerk reported following advice from Flintshire County Council, DBS checks were not required as long as no person was working on a one to one basis with a child or vulnerable person.

**RESOLVED:** That a Youth Shelter item be placed on the next agenda item for Councillor Miss. T. Strong to report.

## **81. BAGILLT BOWLING CLUB**

Ms. L. Williams, Bagillt bowling club attended and updated the Council on the progress, the delay is with the Land Registry and until this has been completed, she is unable to apply for any grants or funding. The club has been holding a number of fund raising events but financially they are struggling. The aim is to have the club open by April 2023.

Ms. L. Williams had received quotes for preparing the green and these were between £2,500 to £25,000. The Young offenders have been helping and doing a good job.

Councillors suggested various ideas, such a coffee mornings, hire out the kitchen facilities to raise funds and also that the club could seek advice from the Flintshire Local Voluntary Council.

The Council confirmed they are keen to financially support the club once the paperwork is all signed and official and asked the club report back to the Council.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council will await for the bowling club to report back to the Council.

## **82. MINUTES**

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

## **83. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman said he had been asked by a Councillor about providing IT training. The Chairman confirmed that he will be holding basic adult IT training sessions on a Thursday, between 10am and 11.45am for one hour from next month.

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

Councillor R. Davies reported that a group of volunteers, including himself, fellow Councillors B. Gittins and J. Humphreys took part in a Community litter pick in the village, it was a very good turnout and we had a positive response on facebook and also a story was published on the Leader Live.

We have since had local businesses offering to purchase equipment to help with future litter picks and we have planned another litter pick on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November in the Boot end. I would like to congratulate and thank everyone who was involved.

Councillor K. Rush reported himself and Councillor R. Davies met with Mr. R. Roberts, Aura Play Officer to discuss the possible improvements in Pen Y Glyn and Trebor play areas. Information will follow.

Councillor K. Rush and Councillor B. Doleman erected the final three solidier silhouettes for Remembrance Sunday.

Councillor K. Rush also shared information from Flintshire County Council regarding the Warm Welcome project that is being set up at Beechcroft house in the village. It will be open Monday to Friday between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm and this is to enable residents who are struggling in the current climate to have soup and a roll and also a free meal to take home. Local residents have been informed and the project would be interested in anyone with skills to help out and volunteer.

**RESOLVED:** Noted

## 85. PLANNING

### a. Applications for Consideration

App No	Location	Detail
OUT/000607/22	Land to the rear of Grosvenor House, Sandy Lane, Bagillt, CH6 6EY	Variation of condition 2 of planning application 060421 to extend time period for submission of reserved matters.

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

App No	Location	Detail
FUL/000598/22	Joal, Bryntirion Road, Bagillt	Alterations to roof

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

App No	Location	Detail
FUL/000554/22	1 Anchorage, Sunnyside, A5026 Boot Junction to Victoria Park, Bagillt, CH6 6JT	Proposed erection of a detached dwelling

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

**b. Applications Determined – on-line consultation period.**

App No	Location	Detail
FUL/000531/22	Land adj. to White Horse Inn, Merllyn Lane, Pen Y Bont, Bagillt, Flintshire, CH6 6AN	Erection of one dwelling

The Clerk reported that due to the on-line consultation period ending before this Council Meeting, the above Planning Application was considered by the all the Council, the Council's comments were split, all comments were shared with the Planning department.

**RESOLVED:** That all comments were shared with the Planning department.

App No	Location	Detail
FUL/000531/22	The Farm House, Old Bagillt Road, Bagillt, CH6 6ER	Amendments to Listed Building

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

**RESOLVED:** That it was noted that the application was supported.

**86. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Voucher No	Name	Details	£
56	Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk	Clerks Salary & Expenses	714.35
57	HM Revenues & Customs	Tax & NI Clerks Salary	186.35
58	Clwyd Pension Fund	Employers & Employees' Pension Contribution for Clerk	206.71
59	Opus Energy	Library Electricity	26.55
60	Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	17.00
61	NR Glaziers	Replacement notice board Perspex	126.00
62	Flint Town Council	Photocopying Services	19.20

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

**87. HANGING BASKETS**

The Chairman reminded the Council that earlier in the year, Councillor Miss. T. Strong agreed to purchase, plant, erect and water the 8 village hanging baskets. Councillor Miss T. Strong has been

reimbursed £83.92 for the baskets, however these were never put up in the village and asked for an explanation as this is public money and as a Community Council, we are accountable.

Councillor Miss T. Strong apologised and said she did purchase the items for the baskets and did prepare them all but was unable to find help to erect the baskets and said she should have asked the Council for help and realises she has made a mistake, however, the baskets etc can be returned to the Council.

Councillor J. Humphreys said as this is a genuine transparent error made by Councillor Miss. T. Strong, could we organise a fund raiser to replenish the budget of the amount spent.

Councillor ?? proposed that the items should be returned to the Council for future use. The Chairman called for a recorded vote.

Councillor R. Davies	For
Councillor B.T. Doleman	Abstain
Councillor B. Gittins	For
Councillor A. Griffiths	For
Councillor J. Humphreys	For
Councillor Mrs S. L. Jones	For
Councillor Ms. A. Locker	For
Councillor C.P. Owens	Abstain
Councillor Mrs. W. Owens	For
Councillor K. Rush	For
Councillor Miss. T. Strong	Abstain
Councillor Mrs. Y. Rush	For
Councillor C. Williams	For
Councillor Mrs. D.J. Williams	For

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Miss. T. Strong will return all items purchased back to the Council for future use.

## **88. DOG RUN**

The Clerk reported that Flintshire Evaluation and Estates Officer had not been able to provide information due to waiting for this from Flintshire Streetscene, it is hoped that this information will be received in time for the next meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That this is noted and the item is placed on the next agenda.

## **89. 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.

Regarding the application for Busy Rascals After School Club, the Council have requested more information and deferred this request until the next meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That in relation to the application from the Busy Rascal, the Council require more information and that in relation to the applications from the Samaritans, Home Start Flintshire, Holywell Leisure Centre and Urdd Eisteddfod, no donations were made.

## **90. INITIAL ESTIMATES CONSIDERATIONS 2022/23**

The meeting considered a report by the Clerk, copies of which had been previously circulated. The report was to allow Members to give a view on possible new items and the removal of others, prior to the report being prepared in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman, which would be considered at the January 2021 meeting, thereby enabling the budget and precept to be agreed for the next financial year. See Appendix A.

### **a. Postage**

**RESOLVED:** That a sum of £50 be included in the budget report for the January meeting.

### **b. Printing**

**RESOLVED:** That a sum of £150 be included in the budget report for the January meeting.

### **b. Audit**

**RESOLVED:** That a sum of £150 be included in the budget report for the January meeting.

### **c. Bank Charges**

**RESOLVED:** That a sum of £150 be included in the budget report for the January meeting.

### **d. Election Expenses**

**RESOLVED:** That a sum of £200 be included in the budget report for the January meeting.

### **e. Bagillt Bowling Club**

**RESOLVED:** That a sum of £2500 be included in the budget report for the January meeting.

### **f. Community Centre**

**RESOLVED:** That the Council will hold a sum of £20,000 (part of which would also be for the Community Library) in reserves as a contingency reserve in the event of unforeseen occurrences.

### **g. Community Libray**

**RESOLVED:** That the Council will hold a sum of £20,000 (part of which would also be for the Community Centre) in reserves as a contingency reserve in the event of unforeseen occurrences.

### **h. Play Area Improvements**

**RESOLVED:** That the Council agreed a sum of £10,000 be included in the budget report for the

January meeting.

**i. Play Schemes**

**RESOLVED:** That the Council agreed a sum of £6,200 be included in the budget report for the January meeting.

**j. War Memorial**

**RESOLVED:** That a sum of £500 be included in the budget report for the January meeting.

**k. Website**

**RESOLVED:** That a sum of £490 be included in the budget report for the January meeting.

**j. Hanging Baskets/Raised Beds**

**RESOLVED:** That a sum of £600 be included in the budget report for the January meeting.

**k. CCTV**

**RESOLVED:** That this budget be removed.

**l. Christmas Tree / Lights**

**RESOLVED:** That a sum of £2,200 be included in the budget report for the January meeting.

**NOTE:** The Chairman informed Council as per Standing Orders the meeting must not exceed 2 hours, 9pm. Councillor K. Rush proposed we suspend Standing Orders and continue with the meeting until 9.15pm. Councillors agreed.

**91. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES (IRPW): CONSULTATION ON DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24**

The Council considered the draft annual report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales 2023/24. Copies of which had been previously circulated to Members.

**RESOLVED:** That the consultation on the allowances and expenses proposed for the next financial year be noted.

**92. COUNCIL POLICIES**

The Council considered the revised Standing Orders prepared by the Clerk and it was approved.

**RESOLVED:** That the Standing Orders are approved and adopted.



**93. YSGOL GLAN ABER**

Councillor J. Humphreys said following the response from Ysgol Glan Aber regarding the Community Shield, he proposed that himself and another couple of Councillors arranged a meeting with the Head teacher to try and strengthen relationships between the School and the Community Council, to see how we can better work together for the benefit of the children and residents.

Council agreed and it was proposed Councillors Ms. A. Locker and Miss. T. Strong also attended the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will write to Ysgol Glan Clwyd to arrange a meeting with the Head teacher, Councillors J. Humphreys, Ms. A. Locker and Miss. T. Strong in the New Year.

**94. WINTER MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENTS 2023/24**

The information was not received.

**95. AUTHORITY FOR ACTION DURING 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.

**96. CORRESPONDENCE & CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk reported that information has been received from the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) where it has been agreed the new pay scales for 2022-2023 to be implemented from 1 April 2022.

**RESOLVED:** That the above was noted and approved with effect from 1st April 2022.

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

Councillor Miss. T. Strong asked for Dog Run and Youth Shelters to be agenda items at the next meeting.

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