

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual meeting of the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 10th May 2023.

PRESENT: Councillor C. P. Owens (Chairman)

COUNCILLORS: R. Davies, B. T. Doleman, B. Gittins, A. Griffiths, J. Humphreys, S. L. Jones, A. Locker, W. Owens, K. Rush, Y. Rush, T. Strong

APOLOGIES: Councillors: C. Williams and D. J. Williams.

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

1. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor B. Gittins declared a personal interest relating to Hanging Baskets (Minute 12).

Councillor J. Humphreys declared a personal interest relating to a Planning Application (Minute 10).

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR 2023/24

The Chairman called for nominations and Councillor A. Locker was cordially proposed and seconded.

RESOLVED: That Councillor A. Locker be elected Chair of the Community Council for the ensuing Municipal year.

(Councillor A. Locker in the Chair)

Councillor A. Locker made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invested with the Chain of Office by Councillor C. P. Owens. The Chairwoman presented Councillor C. P. Owens with the Past Chairman's Badge in recognition of his year as Chairman for 2022/23 and congratulated him on his year of Office.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2023/24

The Chairman called for nominations and Councillor A. Griffiths was cordially proposed and seconded.

RESOLVED: That Councillor A. Griffiths be appointed Vice Chairman of the Community Council for the ensuing Municipal year.

4. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED: That the Members indicated below be appointed as the Council's representatives on the organisations indicated.

Local Organisations

a. Bagillt Community Association
Councillors: R. Davies and A. Locker

b. Bagillt Heritage Society
Councillor S. L. Jones

Other Organisations

a. West Flintshire Town and Community Councils Working Group
Councillors: R. Davies and B. Gittins

5. MEMBERS ATTENDANCE RECORD 2022/23

A list had been previously circulated showing the attendance record for each Member of the Council for the 2022/23 municipal year.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

6. POLICING MATTERS

There were no matters to report.

7. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held 12th April 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8. CHAIRWOMEN'S COMMUNICATION

The previous Chairman, Councillor C. P. Owens reported he attended Ysgol Merllyn's mock Coronation at the Church to present the King Charles III Commemorative Coins from the Council to the children, it was an enjoyable occasion.

9. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor R. Davies reported the at least 50% of the conifers opposite Reece's Terrace had been cut, the remaining trees will be done but it was dependant on the nesting in the trees.

Councillor Y. Rush reported that she had been told that the Head teacher from Ysgol Glan Aber had informed a School Governor that the King Charles III Commemorative Coins from the Council were in fact from Welsh Government and not the Community Council, it is incorrect and the coins have from Bagillt Community Council printed on them.

RESOLVED: That the reports be noted.

10. PLANNING

Applications for Consideration

App No	Location	Detail	Decision
OUT/000328/23	The Crest , Sandy Lane , Bagillt , Flintshire , CH6 6EY	Outline - Demolition of Existing Dwelling and Construction of Eight Dwellings Based on 3no. Pairs Semis and 2no. Detached	No Decision, requested an extension on the comment period date
FUL/000403/23	Land Opposite White Horse Inn, High Street, Bagillt, Flint, CH6 6AP	Erection of 1 x 4 bedroom dwelling	No Decision requested an extension on the comment period date

Councillors reported they had not been able to view the above planning applications and information on the Flintshire County Council planning portal due to it continually crashing and proposed the Council writes to Flintshire Planning to ask for an extension for submitting comments until after the June meeting and to also report the issues with the Planning Portal.

The Chairwomen proposed we also ask Flintshire Planning Department are the mandatory notices displayed around the village on lampposts etc when we have planning applications submitted. Councillors agreed.

NOTE: Councillor R. Davies said he would not comment or vote due to being a member of the Flintshire Planning Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Flintshire Planning to request for an extension for submitting comments until after the June meeting; report the issues with the Planning Portal and ask for information regarding the mandatory notices when planning applications are submitted.

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Voucher No	Name	Details	£
13	Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk	Clerks Salary & Expenses	887.89
14	HM Revenues & Customs	Tax & NI - Clerks Salary	248.58
15	HM Revenues & Customs	P11D Expenses	217.95
16	Clwyd Pension Fund	Employers & Employees' Pension Contribution for Clerk	250.98

17	Opus Energy	Community Library Electricity	98.58
18	Zurich insurance	Community Library's Insurance	288.28
19	Flint Town Council	Photocopying Charges	9.35
20	JDH Business Services	Internal Audit	294.00
21	Zurich Municipal	Community Councils Insurance	679.13
	HSBC	Bank Chagres	5.00

RESOLVED: That the above-mentioned accounts be paid.

12. HANGING BASKETS

Councillor C. P. Owens shared a quotation from the Old Back Yard for hanging baskets as requested following the April meeting. He also had a sample hanging basket filled with artificial flowers as a possible alternative which would save on the watering costs.

Councillor B. Gittins reported that on behalf of Holywell Garden Centre, they would be withdrawing the quotation presented at the April meeting for hanging baskets and watering services due to time scales for purchasing baskets, planting them etc.

Councillor Y. Rush had made a large artificial display and said she would like to donate this basket to the Council. Councillor K. Rush said he would also donate another one of these baskets and it was suggested they were hung either side of the Stag Inn Car Park.

Councillor T. Strong asked if the brackets were safe as they did appear to be rusting.

The Clerk reminded the Council that we are responsible for the safety of the baskets and must ensure the relevant checks are done to ensure they are secure. Councillor K. Rush said he would check this.

Councillor A. Griffiths proposed we display the two donated baskets and see what the public's opinion is and request the Old Back yard to provide a quotation for six smaller artificial flower baskets.

Councillor B. Gittins suggested we agree a figure and if the Old Back Yard can provide six baskets for this figure, we go ahead and order as opposed to waiting from the next meeting. Councillor J. Humphreys proposed a maximum of £400. Councillors agreed.

Councillor T. Strong asked we bring this item back on the agenda in plenty of time to plan for hanging baskets in 2024.

RESOLVED: That Councillor C. P. Owens will request a quotation for six artificial basket displays and if under £400 will place an order; that Councillor K. Rush will check the safety of the brackets and erect the two large donated baskets and that this item is placed on a future agenda to plan hanging baskets 2024.

13. COUNCILLOR EMAILS

Councillor R. Davies asked Councillor C. P. Owens on behalf of Bagillt Website Design could they provide a quotation for all Councillors to have a Bagillt email address.

Some Councillors asked why this was needed and Councillor R. Davies explained it keeps emails separate from your personal account and many Councils have these email addresses.

RESOLVED: That Councillor C. P. Owens on behalf of Bagillt Website Design will provide this information at the next meeting.

14. CORRESPONDENCE & CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported a response from Llais Cymru regarding a Doctors surgery in the village.

Councillor W. Owens proposed we respond and explain that in the LDP Bagillt has been identified as having a growing population and as a sustainable community, previously, the village had a clinic and two different doctors surgeries that serviced a smaller village population. The Council is asking for the re-establishment of a doctors surgery to serve the future needs of the village. This letter should also be sent to Ms. H. Blythyn, MS. Councillors agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Correspondence and Clerk’s Report be noted and a letter is sent to Llais Cymru to ask for the re-establishment of a doctors surgery and a copy to be sent to Ms. H. Blythyn, MS.

15. MEMBERS ITEMS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Chairwomen requested Bus Shelters is included on the next agenda.

Councillor T. Strong requested Yellow Road markings and Sponsored Planters is included on the next agenda.

Councillor A. Griffiths requested village flowers beds is included on the next agenda.

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

Date of Council Meeting	Wednesday 10th May, 2023
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