

BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of meeting the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 11th October 2023.

PRESENT: Councillor A. Locker (Chairwoman)

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

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

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

71. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM

There were no Members of the Public present.

72. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declaration of interests received.

73. STREETSCENE BAGILLT

Mr. T. Cartwright, Flintshire Streetscene attended the meeting.

Councillor K. Rush said he did request an agenda item, Bus Shelters which is agenda number 15, however he asked the Chairwomen for permission to bring this matter forward as Mr. Cartwright may be able to assist. The Chairwomen agreed.

Councillor K. Rush raised the state of the bus shelters and namely the lighting and signage which had been raised at the previous meeting. Mr. Cartwright said he was aware and has reported these issues to transportation.

Councillor K. Rush also reported that the hedges around Ysgol Merllyn and Foel Gron and the tree near the Café, Gadlys Lane need cutting back. Mr. Cartwright said this was in hand, however he will report this again.

Councillor A. Griffiths said the village has never looked so untidy due to weeds, this includes on pavements, flower beds and on the by-pass. Mr. Cartwright said this is a County wide issue, however, will report the concerns to Management.

Councillor S. Jones reported that surface water was gathering on Upper River Bank and cars were having to go to the other side of the road to avoid.

Councillor T. Strong reported the Willow tree near the Stag Inn is over hanging and dangerous. Also the area is littered with rubbish.

RESOLVED: Mr. T. Cartwright, Flintshire Streetscene will investigate and/or report all issues raised.

74. POLICING MATTERS

The Clerk read an email response from P.C. J. Harries relating to the parking issues raised at the last meeting. The email said the issues are not Police issues and need to be reported to Flintshire Highways and Street Scene. Regarding approaching the Blossoms Public House requesting they open the car park, this would need to be a request from the clubs parking on the roadside causing the issues.

Councillor K. Rush asked the Police are made aware of residents' complaints relating to speeding cars on the stretch of road from Price Lloyds bus depot to the give way sign near the by-pass.

RESOLVED: That the information from P.C. J. Harries was noted and that the Clerk will write to PCSO T. Hulse to report the speeding issue.

75. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held 13th September 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairwoman.

76. CHAIRWOMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairwoman had no communications to report.

77. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

There were no Reports by Representatives or County Councillors.

78. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications received.

79. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Voucher No	Name	Details	£
54	Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk	Clerks Salary & Expenses	861.79
55	HM Revenues & Customs	Tax & NI - Clerks Salary	248.58
56	Clwyd Pension Fund	Employers & Employees' Pension Contribution for Clerk	284.15
57	Opus Energy	Community Library Electricity	145.84
58	Flint Town Council	Photocopying Services	15.00
	HSBC	Bank Chagres	5.00

RESOLVED: That the above-mentioned accounts be paid.

80. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANIAL ASSITANCE

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	£
59	Bagillt Heritage Society	500.00
60	Ysgol Glan Aber	500.00
61	Ysgol Merllyn	500.00
62	Busy Little Rascals	390.00

81. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

a. Budget Monitoring Report

The meeting considered the Budget Monitoring report and Bank reconciliation statement for the second quarter to 30th September 2023, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members. See Appendix A.

RESOLVED: That the financial information be noted as circulated and approved

b. Checks of Supplier Data

In order to meet the requirements of the financial regulations and internet banking, it is necessary for a programme of regular checks of standing data with suppliers to be followed. This required a Councillor to look through the accounts and certify a number of invoices and payment receipts.

RESOLVED: The Chairman, Councillor S. Jones reviewed a selection of invoices and payment receipts which were certified as correct.

67. COUNCIL POLICES

The Council considered the Publication Scheme for approval and adoption.

RESOLVED: That the Publication Scheme was approved and adopted.

68. MATCH FUNDING SCHEME – IMPROVEMENTS TO VICTORIA ROAD PLAY AREA

The Council considered plans for Victoria Play Area from Mr. R. Roberts, Aura Leisure. Councillors were happy with the plans but asked we confirm they are only adding equipment and not removing any equipment.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to Mr. R. Roberts, Aura Leisure to ascertain if they are only adding and not removing any equipment.

69. BUS SHELTERS

This item was dealt with under Street scene, minute number 73.

70. HANGING BASKETS

Following a Council decision to obtain a quotation from the Old Back Yard for 8 x artificial hanging baskets for the village in summer 2024, the Clerk reported that the Old Back Yard do not supply artificial hanging baskets.

The Chairwoman, Councillor A. Locker said she believed a florist in Holywell may make artificial hanging baskets therefore proposed we obtained a quote. Councillors agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will request a quotation for 8 x artificial hanging baskets from the florist in Holywell and report back to the next meeting.

71. 1 SEAVIEW TERRACE

Councillor S. Jones reported concerns that this property is unsafe. There are holes in the wall and slates have fallen from the roof. The property is also an eyesore in the village.

County Councillors, Councillor R. Davies and K. Rush have both seen a structural report that deems the property safe.

Councillor B. Gittins said he is aware the owner is progressing with works.

Councillor K. Rush proposed the Council writes to the owner sharing our concerns. Councillor agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will write to the owner of 1 Seaview Terrace, Holywell Road, Bagillt to share the Council's concerns regarding the safety of the property.

72. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Councillor B. Doleman had no information to report as no one from the Royal British Legion or the Church had been in touch.

Councillor T. Strong suggested as a Council we should contact the Church and/or Royal British Legion to request the details of this year's Remembrance Service. Councillors agreed.

The Clerk reported that a Poppy wreath had been ordered for the Chairwoman to lay on Remembrance Sunday.

Councillor T. Strong proposed that the Council should purchase a Purple Poppy for the animals to be remembered and commemorated for their contribution in the war.

Councillors agreed and requested the Clerk contacts the Royal British Legion to endeavour to purchase a Purple Wreath and report back to the Chairwoman.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted; that the Clerk will contact the Royal British Legion and the Church to request details of this year's Remembrance Service and report back to Council and that the Clerk will contact the Royal British Legion regarding a Purple Poppy wreath and report back to the Chairwoman.

73. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Clerk asked the Council to confirm a date for the Christmas Trees light switch on and where they proposed the Christmas Trees were to be ordered from this year.

Councillor A. Griffiths proposed we ask the Old Back Yard for 6 x 10ft trees as we have had previously. Councillors agreed.

Councillors agreed the switch on to be as close to 1st December as possible.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will order 6 x 10ft trees from the Old Back Yard and inform Mega Electricals to the switch tree lights on as close to 1st December as possible.

74. COMMUNITY REVIEW PRE-QUESTIONNAIRE

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Flintshire County Council regarding the Community Review Pre-Questionnaire, which had been previously circulated. The questionnaire is to be completed by the Council.

The Chairwomen asked Councillors for suggested responses and took a vote accordingly after each question to ascertain the majority view of the Council.

Councillor J. Humphreys shared his views on question three relating to current wards, he suggested the Council should respond that we are not happy with current wards, East and West and that Community Councillors should represent Bagillt, the same way, County Councillors for Bagillt represent the whole village and not have separate East and West wards. A vote was taken and the majority of Councillors were happy with the current wards.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will report the questionnaire responses to Flintshire County Council .

75. CORRESPONDENCE & CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Flintshire County Council re Winter preparations. The letter was circulated.

RESOLVED: That the letter from Flintshire County Council regarding Winter preparations was noted.

76. MEMBERS ITEMS

Councillor J. Humphreys requested Bagillt Community Library is placed on the next agenda.

Councillor S. Jones requested Speed humps is placed on the next agenda.

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