BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of meeting the BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 9th October 2024.

PRESENT: Councillor S. Jones (Chairwoman)

COUNCILLORS: B. T. Doleman, B. Gittins, J. Humphreys, A. Locker, C. P. Owens, W. Owens, K. Rush, T. Strong and C. Williams.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors: R. Davies, A. Griffiths and Y. Rush.

88. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM

There were no Members of the Public present who wished to comment on an agenda item.

89. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

90. BAGILLT BOWLING CLUB

Ms. L. Williams was in attendance and updated the Council on the works to date at the Bowling Club. She expressed her hope that the club would be fully operational by April 2025 and mentioned plans to involve local schools. The club has applied for a £10,000 grant for the installation of a solar system, which was in the process of being accepted.

Ms. L. Williams asked if the Council would consider providing financial assistance to cover the electricity bills from July to the present, totalling £267.64. Councillor K. Rush proposed the Council pays the electricity bills and this was seconded by Councillor C. Williams.

RESOLVLED: That the Council will pay cover the electricity bills from July to the present, totalling £267.64.

91. POLICING MATTERS

Councillor C. Owens reported that following a recent accident near the junction by the Lyons Den, a witness had dash cam evidence showing that the traffic lights were not functioning correctly. This issue had been reported to the Police and Flintshire County Council; however, the intermittent problem persists. Councillor Owens requested that the matter be reported again.

RESOLVLED: That the intermittent traffic light issue near the Lyons Den is reported.

92. STREETSCENE MATTERS

The Clerk reported that the Streetscene Officer had dealt with the issues from the previous meeting.

Issues reported:

That coming from the Holywell side of the village towards the chicane by the Cenotaph, the Give way sign is missing, it appears to have been cut down and needs re-placing.

A mattress has been fly tipped in the Stag Car Park.

RESOLVLED: That the issues reported are passed onto the Flintshire Streetscene Officer.

93. MINUTES

Councillor K. Rush proposed the minutes were confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairwoman and it was seconded by Councillor C. Williams.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 11th September 2024 and the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 2nd October 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairwoman.

94. CHAIRWOMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

Councillor C. Williams on behalf of former Councillor D. J. Williams, thanked the Chairwoman and the Council for the letter and flowers sent following her resignation.

95. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

There were no reports by representatives.

96. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications to be reported.

97. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Voucher No	Name	Details	£
57	Vivaldi Flowers	Flowers for Ex Councillor	29.95
58	Mrs. L. Wood, Clerk	Clerks Salary & Expenses	923.07
59	HM Revenues & Customs	Tax & NI - Clerks Salary	283.81
60	HM Revenues & Customs	Class 1A NI Contributions – P11D fee	207.00
61	Clwyd Pension Fund	Employers & Employees' Pension Contribution for Clerk	307.20
62	Valda Energy	Community Library Electricity	67.11
63	Cllr. K. Rush	Reimbursement for Gazebo for use at Remembrance Service	79.99

64	Philip Jones	Laptop e-mails prep / memory	165.00
	Computers		
65	Cllr B. Doleman	Reimbursement for PA system for use at Remembrance Service	239.00
66	Flint Town Council	Photocopying Services	16.25
	HSBC	Bank Charges	5.00

Councillor B. Gittins proposed the accounts were paid and it was seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys.

RESOLVED: That the above-mentioned accounts be paid.

NOTE: The Chairwoman agreed to change the order of the agenda and move item 12: Applications for Financial Assistance until after Agenda item 14.

98. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

a. Budget Monitoring Report

The meeting considered the Budget Monitoring report and Bank reconciliation statement for the second quarter to 30th September 2024, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members. See Appendix A. Councillor K. Rush proposed to approve and accept the Report, and it was seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys.

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: Councillor C. Owens reviewed a selection of invoices and payment receipts which were certified as correct.

99. PLAYAREA MATCH FUNDING 2024/25 - IMPROVEMENTS TO MANOR PLAY AREA

The Council considered a previous request from Mr. R. Roberts, Aura Play Design Officer, to increase the Council's match funding figure from £8,000 to £10,000. The Clerk presented a budget forecast and recommended that the Council does not have sufficient funds available to accommodate this increase.

Councillor B. Gittins asked if we could have a revised plan for match funding expenditure of £8,000.

Councillor C. Williams proposed that the match funding figure is not increased due to budget constraints, and this was seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys.

RESOLVED: The match funding figure will remain at £8,000, and this decision will be communicated to Mr. R. Roberts, Aura Play Design Officer and a new plan will be requested.

100. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSITANCE

Regarding the application for the Church, Councillor J. Humphreys proposed that the requested amount of £750 be granted. This proposal was seconded by Councillor T. Strong.

For the Schools' applications, each requesting £500, Councillor C. Owens proposed that both Schools be awarded £300 each due to the Council's budget constraints. This proposal was seconded by Councillor C. Williams.

Councillor B. Gittins requested a recorded vote.

A recorded vote took place.

Councillor B. Doleman	Against
Councillor B. Gittins	Against
Councillor J. Humphreys	Abstain
Councillor S. L. Jones	Abstain
Councillor A. Locker	Against
Councillor C. Owens	For
Councillor W. Owens	Abstain
Councillor K. Rush	Abstain
Councillor T. Strong	Against
Councillor C. Williams	For

RESOLVED: The proposal was not carried.

Councillor A. Locker proposed both Schools are given £500, this was seconded by Councillor T. Strong.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, the following donations be agreed for this financial year:

Voucher No	Name	£
67	St. Mary's & St. Peter's Church	750.00
68	Ysgol Glan Aber	500.00
69	Ysgol Merllyn	500.00

101. COUNCIL POLICES

The Council considered the following policy for approval and adoption:

Retention Policy Financial Assistance Policy

Councillor B. Gittins prosed that the Retention Policy is approved and adopted and this was seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys.

Councillor C. Williams proposed the Financial Assistance Policy is deferred until next month, this was seconded by Councillor K. Rush.

RESOLVED: That the Retention Policy was approved and adopted and the Financial Assistance Policy was deferred until next month.

102. REMEBRANCE SUNDAY

The Clerk advised that the Remembrance Service will take place on Sunday 10th November, starting with an 11am service at the Church, followed by a 12 noon service at the Cenotaph.

RESOLVED: That the report is noted.

103. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

Date of Council Meeting	Wednesday 9 th October, 2024			
Chairwoman				