

## **BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the extraordinary meeting of BAGILLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in BAGILLT COMMUNITY LIBRARY on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024.

**PRESENT: Councillor S. Jones (Chairwoman)**

**COUNCILLORS:** R. Davies, B. Gittins, A. Griffiths, J. Humphreys, A. Locker, C. P. Owens, W. Owens, K. Rush, Y. Rush, and C. Williams.

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors: R. Davies and B. T. Doleman.

### **84. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM**

There were no Members of the Public present.

### **85. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

### **86. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Council considered examples of public question time procedures from other councils, as well as a draft procedure prepared by Councillor W. Owens.

Councillor J. Humphreys suggested the inclusion of provisions requiring that questions are submitted 10 days prior to the meeting and limiting the number of questions to three per meeting, with a maximum duration of 30 minutes. The meeting would commence at 7pm and if any questions were submitted, they would be addressed as the first item on the agenda. Upon receipt, the questions would be circulated with the agenda to give Councillors time to consider, gather information if necessary, and prepare responses.

Councillor K. Rush proposed that a draft public question procedure be prepared based on the model shared, with the amendments suggested by Councillor J. Humphreys, and circulated to all members before publication. Councillor C. Williams seconded the proposal.

**RESOLVED:** That a draft public question time procedure, incorporating the suggested amendments, will be prepared and circulated to all members prior to publication.

### **87. COUNCIL VACANCY**

The Clerk reported that following the expiry of the Notice of Vacancy for the East Ward, Flintshire County Council had received a request for an election from residents. As a result, the Notice of Election will be published on the website and displayed on the village notice board on Thursday, 3rd October. The nomination period will run from Friday, 4th October, until 4pm on Friday, 11th October. If the Election is contested, the Election date will be 7th November.

The Election costs were shared with the Council and were asked to advise whether poll cards should be issued, as this would incur additional expenses.

Councillor Y. Rush proposed that, in order to minimise costs, poll cards should not be issued. This was seconded by Councillor C. Owens.

**RESOLVED:** That the information was noted, and poll cards will not be issued if an election takes place.

<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2024</b>
..... <b>Chairwoman</b>	