

# CYNGOR CYMUNED CILCAIN CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor

## **Notice of Meeting** **(Hysbysiad o Gyfarfod)**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the above Council will be held at the Rhydymwyn Football Club premises on Monday 18 September (Medi) 2017 commencing at 7.30 pm to transact the following business, and your attendance is requested.

Mr Ian Williams, Flintshire's Streetscene, will be attending the Council Meeting to update the Council on highway and drainage matters.

Yours sincerely

Clerk to the Council

## **AGENDA**

1. **Chairman's welcome** (Croeso'r Cadeirydd)
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Declaration of Interest** - To receive any declaration of interest from Members.
4. **To confirm minutes of the Meetings** - held at the Football Club premises, Rhydymwyn on 17 July 2017, and the August Recess Meeting held at the Village Hall, Cilcain on 21 August 2017.
5. **North Wales Police** - Community Police Support Officer Laura Williams has recently been appointed to cover the Cilcain and Rhydymwyn Area. PC Williams is scheduled to attend two other Community Council Meetings on the 18 Sept 2017. Therefore, PC Williams will be in attendance at the start of the Council Meeting to introduce herself to the Council.
6. **Matters arising** - Including highway matters.
7. **Planning Matters** -
  - (i) **Community Council observations requested on:** -
    - (a) **Proposal:** Conversion of redundant building to dwelling

Location: Crug Farm, Cilcain  
Ref No: 057297

(b) Proposal: Erection of detached garage and workshop  
Location: The Old Farm, 18 Nant Alyn Road, Rhydymwyn  
Ref No: 057385

(c) Proposal: Minor alterations and major refurbishment of a grade 2 Listed Property  
Location: Pen y Cefn Farm, Rhydymwyn, Mold  
Ref No: 057 421

Please Note - the following three applications were considered in the 21 Aug 2017 Recess Council Meeting, and the observations agreed have been submitted to Flintshire County Council:

(d) Location: Trelan Bungalow, Ffordd Trelan, Cilcain  
Proposal: Erection of extension to bungalow  
Ref No: 057243

(e) Location: Plas yn Llan, Mountain Road, Cilcain  
Proposal: Listed Building application for the conversion of existing outbuilding to 2 No holiday units.  
Ref No: 056631

(f) Location: Llwyn Onn, Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn  
Proposal: Proposed erection of side and rear extensions  
Ref No: 057314

(ii) Planning Decisions made by Flintshire County Council -

(a) Location: Plas Uchaf, Ffordd y Berth,  
Proposal: Proposed first floor extension and internal alterations to an existing dwelling.  
Ref No: 057096  
Decision: Approved

(b) Location: Barn at Star Crossing, Denbigh Road, Hendre  
Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by condition No 3(materials) attached to planning application reference 056477  
Decision: Approved

**8. CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS - Please Note -**

(i) A number of the correspondence items listed below may not being copied to Members, but will be read out at the meeting.

(ii) The Statutory Notice for the 18 Sept 2017 Council Meeting is being posted on the Notice Board on the 12 Sept 2017, so as to give 3 clear working days' notice of the Meeting for Monday 18 September (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday). Any further correspondence received after the 12 Sept can be discussed at the 18 September 2017 meeting, only with the Chairman's permission.

- (iii) Exclusion of Press and Public - In pursuant of Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies ( Admission to Meetings ) Act 1960 and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, it will be appropriate for a number of the correspondence items below to be discussed after the press and public have been excluded.
- 1) 29/08 **Information Commissioner's Office for Wales** - Request for information, as a result of a complaint made by a local resident. Item to be discussed after the exclusion of the press and public has taken place at the end of the Council Meeting. A draft response letter will be available at the Council Meeting.
  - 2) 29/08 **Revised brown sign application at Star Crossing** - Copy of letter sent to Flintshire County Council for Members information. Item to be discussed after the exclusion of the press and public has taken place at the end of the Council Meeting.
  - 3) 31/08 **St John's Church, Rhydymwyn** - Request for a letter of support to assist with a proposed refurbishment grant application.
  - 4) 31/08 **Cilcain Village Hall** - Copy of letter sent to the Council's Solicitors requesting information on any progress made regarding the Council's previous letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug 2017.
  - 5) 01/09 **Defibrillator for Cilcain** - A Cilcain resident has made enquiries with the Clerk, regarding the possibility of providing a defibrillator in the Village. Since the Rhydymwyn and Hendre Village Group are making progress with enquiries regarding the costs, funding and managing of the provision, Members may consider it appropriate to receive an update from Cllr Jean Ramsey on the progress made with respect to Rhydymwyn and Hendre.
  - 6) 01/09 **Ysgol Y Ddol Land** - Local concern regarding potential building on former Ysgol y Ddol land - Cllr Jean Ramsay has received concern from a Llys Alyn resident regarding lack of consultation by Flintshire County Council.
  - 7) 04/09 **Ombudsman, Cilcain Community Council** - Legal advice regarding how much information the Community Council may disclose regarding the dismissal of a complaint made against the Council to the Ombudsman. The Clerk will also report at the Council meeting on the advice received from One Voice Wales regarding disclosures generally, when a complaint made against the Council is dismissed by the Ombudsman. Item to be discussed after the exclusion of the press and public has taken place at the end of the Council Meeting.
  - 8) 06/09 **Ysgol y Foel Summer Social** - Request from Chair of Governors for permission to use Waen Field on Sunday 24 Sept 2017.
  - 9) 08/09 **Town and Community Council Elections** - Recharge of the May 2017 election costs attributable to the Community Council. Please note that an item for the election costs has been included in the Council's budget agreed in the 16 January 2017 Council Meeting.
  - 10) 10/09 **Rhydymwyn Fireworks Display Sat 4 Nov** - Request for permission to use the Donkey Field and request for a donation. Members may consider it appropriate to

note that an item for a donation has been included in the Council's budget agreed in the 16 January 2017 Council Meeting.

- 11) 12/09 **Funding update from Natural Resources Wales website** - details of a website which gives information on the current funds availability for community projects.
- 12) 12/09 **Mr Nick Bennett, the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales** will be addressing Town and Community Councils at Mold on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017. The Community Council has already submitted two questions to be forwarded to Mr Bennet prior to the meeting. At present, one Cilcain Ward Member and the Clerk are scheduled to attend the Meeting with Mr Bennett. It may be appropriate for an additional Members to attend, possibly from the Rhydymwyn Ward.
- 13) 12/09 **Rhydymwyn DEFRA Site** - Notice of Annual Meeting of stakeholders, on Thursday 14 September 2017. Chair and Cllr I Smith to report.
- 14) 13/09 **Friends of Rhydymwyn Valley** - Note of thanks to the Council for the recent donation towards the Summer Arts Week held for local youngsters.
- 15) 08/09 **Call for potential Gypsy and Traveller sites** – Request from Denbighshire County Council.

## **9. MATTERS RAISED SINCE THE JULY COUNCIL MEETING**

- (a) **Nant Alyn Road, lack of verge cut** - Cllr John S Douglas reported (Wed 19 July) the scheduled verge cut had still not been undertaken the Flintshire Streetscene. Mr Ian Williams contacted. Verge cut on Friday 22 July.
- (b) **Playscheme Cilcain** - Cilcain resident reported that the attendance in the playscheme appeared to be much lower in Cilcain this year compared to the summer 2016 attendance, and also compared to the Rhydymwyn summer playscheme.
- (c) **Dog sign at the entrance to the Waen Field** - Cilcain resident reported (26 July) the sign near the entrance to the Waen Field is now completely covered. Clerk arranged to cut the vegetation around the sign on Thursday 27 July.
- (d) **Branch obstructing lane near Bryn Awelon** - Cllr J Emyr Davies reported (31 July) - Item forwarded to Mr Ian Williams. Work done during BT road closure (9 August).
- (e) **Star Crossing junction, visibility obstruction** - Cllr J Emyr Davies reported (1<sup>st</sup> Aug) Flintshire's Contractor nailing a 10 mph limit speed sign on an existing post at Star Crossing Item reported to Mr Ian Williams. Mr Williams relocated the offending sign.
- (f) **Street Lamp at No 8 Parc y Llan** - Cllr Mr Ian Hughes reported (3<sup>rd</sup> Aug) the street lamp outside No 8 Park y Llan still not working - Item reported to Mr Ian Williams.
- (g) **Minerals grant** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes requested the Clerk (04 August) to check on behalf of the Rhydymwyn Church if the Minerals levy grant is still available for community buildings refurbishment schemes. Mr Russell Dobbins (Policy Manager) informed the Clerk that the door for minerals grant funding has now been permanently closed. The Quarries are still being levied. The money goes initially to the UK Treasury.

UK Government pass a block grant through to the Welsh Assembly. Over the years the amount of grant for community scheme to compensate community for the blight caused by quarry dust and noise has been reduced from £1.4 Million to £400,000 last year (for completing existing schemes). The Welsh Assembly has decided to allocate the funds received in the block grant received from the UK Government to other functions within Wales.

- (h) **Llys Alyn play area - rear boundary fence** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (07 Aug) the rear fence is in need of repair. Item passed on to Mr Ian Williams at Flintshire Streetscene. Mr Williams met Cllr Gareth W Hughes on site to inspect the required repairs. Cllr Hughes to report at the September Council Meeting.
- (i) **Path between Heatherdene and Football Ground** - Cllr Gareth Hughes reported that cutting back of the holly hedge mentioned in the July Council Meeting has been done.
- (j) **Playscheme in Donkey Field.** Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (10 Aug) a concern regarding litter left following the Summer Playscheme. Item reported to Flintshire's playscheme supervisor.
- (k) **Street Lamp at No 8 Parc y Llan** - Cllr Mr Ian Hughes reported (14 Aug) the street lamp outside No 8 Park y Llan has now been repaired.
- (l) **Defra bridge, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (14 Sept ) loose triangular manhole cover. Mr Ian Williams requested to inspect.
- (m) **Wellingtonia Tree, No 18 Leete Avenue** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (14 Sept) that the needles in parts of the tree have turned very brown in recent weeks / months. Mr Ian Williams requested to inspect with a view to consulting with Mr Stuart Body. For Members' information, this Wellingtonia has a T.P.O on it. The land is currently owned by the County Council. It may be appropriate for Members to note that trees on Council owned land do not usually have a Tree Preservation Order imposed on them. The Community Council persuaded Flintshire to serve a TPO on this particular tree in February 2012, because of its age and also to give this very old tree a further degree of protection, in the event of the Council property being sold.

The entrance path between No 17 and No 18 is also very uneven, possibly as a result of root damage. Mr Ian Williams requested to inspect.

- 10. **PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS** - To submit the accounts scheduled in the Appendix for payment.
- 11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting of the Council will be will be held at the Rhydymwyn Football Club premises at 7.30 pm on the 16 October 2017