

(b) 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
Community Council's observations - No objection

(c) Location: Llwyn Onn, Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn
Proposal: Proposed erection of side and rear extensions
Ref No: 057314
Community Council's observations - No objection

(i) Community Council observations requested on: - None received.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS** - The following items of correspondence were discussed:

- 1) 21/07 **Consultation on the implementation of Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Flintshire** - request for information. Revised plan attached with the correspondence. Position noted.
- 03/08 **Co-option of Cilcain Ward Members** - Letter received from a Cilcain resident expressing an interest in being considered for co-option to the Cilcain Ward. Since the closing date had not been reached by the time the Agenda was circulated, this letter was not circulated to Members. However, a copy of the expression of interest letter had been copied to the Chairman and Vice Chairman for their information. Item dealt with earlier in Meeting.
- 2) 07/08 **Tourist Signs - A541** - Copy of email received from Mr Richard Jones in Flintshire Tourism Section. The item was discussed at the end of the meeting following the exclusion of press and public.
- 3) 11/08 **Complaint made to the Ombudsman by a Mr A** - Letter from the Public Ombudsman for Wales to indicate that the complaint against the Community Council will not be investigated. Please note the confidentiality requirements mentioned in the second and third paragraph of the letter, and the need to ensure the name of the complainant or information which may identify the complainant is not made public. In order to comply with the requirements of the Ombudsman in this matter, it was considered appropriate to discuss this matter after the press and public are excluded at the end of the Council Meeting.
- A) 10/08 **Refurbishment of Old School Yard** - Email from two Members of the Village Hall Sub Committee regarding the proposed community garden in the old school yard adjoining the Village Hall. Item discussed at the end of the meeting.
- D) 21/08 **Request for information** - Copy of draft response to local resident for Members to discuss and approve. The item to be discussed at the end of the meeting following the exclusion of press and public.

- G) 03/08 **Village Hall Lease** - Copy of letter to the Council's Solicitor - for Council's information. Reminder to be sent by the Clerk.
- J) 22/08 **White on Brown Signs, Cilcain** - Copy of draft letter to local resident - for Council's information. The item was discussed at the end of the meeting following the exclusion of press and public.
- S) -- **Ragwort Infestation, Llys Alyn, Rhydymwyn** - Photograph showing the extent of the infestation tabled at the Council Meeting.
- 10. MATTERS RAISED SINCE LAST MEETING** - The position was noted on the following items:
- (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 by 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 (1st 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 (3rd 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 passes block grant through to the Welsh Assembly. Over the years the amount of grant for community schemes 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 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.

11. OLD SCHOOL YARD REFURBISHMENT - The Chairman had received a letter from a member of the Village Hall subcommittee dealing with the proposed refurbishment.

Some of the items raised in the site meeting prior to the July Council Meeting had been addressed:

- (i) The kissing gate can stay in its current position - an alternate access gate alongside the kissing gate can be provided. Can the Community Council make a contribution towards the cost?
- (ii) The fir tree will not be taken down until end of September. Check on girth for tree removal within a Conservation Area to be made.
- (iii) No soil will be placed next to the Village Hall external wall. The free flow of surface water away from the wall will not be impeded to prevent damp penetration into the cavity below the Hall floor.
- (iv) Cllr Thomas had maintained that the gravel surfacing shown on the plan was not considered suitable for providing an emergency exit from the fire doors. Val and Jan had indicated that this aspect of the design will be looked at.

Other observations made by Council Members were:

- (a) The idea behind the scheme was excellent.
- (b) The Council would probably be in a position to make a general contribution towards the scheme, as opposed to making a contribution towards a specific aspect of the scheme. However, a breakdown of the overall cost of the scheme would be required.
- (c) It would be appropriate for the Hall Sub Ctee to provide specific details of estimates and changes to the design prior to the Council giving its approval.

Council Members also referred to observations made in the July Council Meeting:

- (d) The existing lease does not allow the Hall Ctee to carry out any work to the old school yard without the Council's permission.
- (e) Given that this is a public area, the need for a risk assessment must be checked.
- (f) Steam bent timber looks very attractive initially, but deteriorates rapidly. Has this been considered by the Hall Ctee?
- (g) Public Liability insurance cover for the area would also need to be looked into.
- (h) In view of the past success in seeking grant aid, it could be appropriate for the Hall Ctee to consider seeking grant aid for the proposal.

12 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Exclusion of Press and Public In Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, it was **RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting, for the following item of business:

- (i) **Agenda Item No 6 and correspondence item (D)** Copies of two items of correspondence sent to a Cilcain resident - for Members information.
- (ii) **Correspondence item no 2 - Tourist signs revised application** - Item discussed. Members agreed for the Clerk to write to Flintshire.
- (iii) **Correspondence item No 3** - Complaint made to Ombudsman by a Mr A. The Clerk was authorised to pursue this with Flintshire and One Voice Wales.
- (iv) **Correspondence item (J)** White on brown signs, Cilcain - copy of draft letter to be sent to Cilcain resident. Draft letter discussed and approved.

RESOLVED: that the press and public be re-admitted to the meeting.

13. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS - Accounts scheduled in the Appendix were approved.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next meeting of the Council will be held at the Rhydymwyn Football Club premises at 7.30pm on 18 September 2017.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Clerk

Date