

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE FOOTBALL CLUB PREMISES, RHYDYMWYN ON 18 JUNE 2018.**

**Present:**           **Chairperson:** Cllr Jean Ramsay  
                          **Councillors:** Janet Butlin,                           Greg Foster  
  J Emyr Davies   Gwen Hardman  
  Gareth W Hughes                                   Ian Hughes  
  Ian Smith   W Owen Thomas  
  John Worthington  
  The Clerk was also in attendance

**1.    CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

The Chairwoman wished everyone present a good evening and thanked everyone for their attendance. - "Noswaith dda, croeso i bawb, a diolch ichi am ddod i'r cyfarfod heno". The Chairwoman welcomed two Cilcain residents to the meeting, including Mrs Sue Jones (Cilcain Clean and Lock). The Chairwoman also welcomed two residents from Cefn Road, Cilcain to the Council Meeting.

**2.    APOLOGIES - Cllr Ann Baker**

**3.    DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Cllr Ian Smith declared an interest in the planning application item and signed the Declaration of Interest form.**

**4     MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the last meeting held at the Football Club premises, Rhydymwyn on 21 May 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairwoman as being correct.

**5.    COMMUNITY COUNCIL VACANCY / CO-OPTION, RHYDYMWYN WARD -**

The Clerk confirmed that the appropriate Co-option Notice had been posted on the Public Notice Board in Rhydymwyn. One application letter had been received from Mrs Pauline Douglas, Cae'r Eithin, Cefn Road.

Cllr Gareth W Hughes proposed, seconded by Cllr Janet Butlin and all Members were in favour of co-opting Mrs Pauline Douglas.

Mrs Douglas signed the Acceptance of Appointment Notice and was invited by the Chairwoman to join the main table. Cllr Pauline Douglas thanked Members for accepting her co-option application.

**6.    LLOYD'S SPAR QUARRY, CEFN ROAD, CILCAIN**

The Chairwoman invited Hazel Farrell and Barbara Lees-Ransford to inform the Council Meeting of their concern regarding the nuisance being caused by the Spar Quarry.

Hazel explained that she had lived in Cefn Road for 22 years. Up to recent years, Spar Quarry had been operated by Martin Lloyd. Currently, the Spar Quarry is being used for importing

bulk aggregate material, bagging the aggregate, and transporting the material out to retail outlets.

The traffic generated has increased significantly in recent years and the level of dust has increased tremendously, so much so that it is now affecting residents' health. Some of the wagons bringing in material are not sheeted. The dust on the approach road is also causing an unacceptable nuisance.

Hazel had contacted Flintshire Streetscene to complain about the amount of silt and dust on the road, but had not been able to persuade a Road Inspector to visit the site to assess her complaint.

Hazel maintained that the Quarry opening hours were being ignored.

Cllr W Owen Thomas reported on his recent discussions with the Quarry Management. New Haulage Contractors had recently been used and they were not familiar with the transport rules being demanded by the Quarry. Cllr Thomas had sought the following assurances from the Quarry Management:

- (i) Approach roads would be swept on a twice per month basis.
- (ii) Increase use of water browsers on the site to be arranged.
- (iii) Stricter control over opening hours to be looked at.
- (iv) Cllr Thomas to have regular meetings with the Quarry Management so that local complaints can be dealt with.

In Conclusion, Cllr Thomas to enquire with the Planning Department at Flintshire to establish what controls Flintshire County Council is able to impose on the Spar Quarry operations.

## **7. MATTERS ARISING:**

### **Highway related matters:**

#### **(a) Cilcain area**

p132 **Rose Lane, Cilcain, deteriorating road surface** - Awaiting resources.

p132 **Tardd y Dwr, Star Crossing Road** - The area needs further repair.

p132 **Potholes at Loggerheads Road, Cilcain** - Pothole repairs outstanding.

p132 **The Pistyll** - Cllr Gwen Hardman enquired if Mr Ian Williams had checked on the latest position with the survey team. Mr Williams indicated that he was still waiting for the Technical Section to undertake the survey work.

p132 **Overhanging trees Ffordd y Llan** - Works ticket issued in Sept 2017.

p132 **Village walkabout meeting held at Cilcain, 14 July 2017** - Problem surface water drain at side of Chapel - Cllr J Emyr Davies enquired if the chamber in the back of the White Horse car park had been looked at. Mr Williams reported that he had been there with a metal detector but had been unable to locate the chamber cover.

The Clerk referred to a plan that Flintshire had produced approximately nine months ago, which showed the location of a chamber in the White Horse car park, and close to the Chapel boundary. How could the chamber have disappeared since the last Flintshire survey was undertaken?

Mr Williams to request the Flintshire Drainage Engineer who had done the previous survey to have a look for the chamber.

p133 **Flooding incidence at Village Hall entrance gate** - Cllr W Owen Thomas reported on the recent flooding at the entrance of the Village Hall. The two gulleys by the entrance to the car park need checking. When the routine gulley emptying takes place, Mr Williams had requested the gulley emptier to flush water into the gulleys. If the water does not drain away, then the gulley connection needs to be identified as needing de-silting.

Cllr Thomas emphasised the need to sort this problem out as the Village Hall might eventually be flooded. The small yard gulley outside the Hall entrance door does eventually cope with moderate rainfall. Members discussed where this yard gulley discharges to. Cllr Ian Hughes, who had lifted the various covers during last year's site meeting, indicated that the yard gulley probably discharged into another system in the main road via a manhole by the Hall's vehicular entrance gate.

p133 **Road from Cilcain Church to the Waterworks** - Repair work required.

p133 **Overgrowing hedges, Pedair y Groesffordd and Bryn Celyn area** - Mr Ian Williams to pursue.

p133 **Plas Newydd, Cilcain** - Work ticket issued for pothole repairs.

p133 **Upper Cilan Lodge Road, BT cable in highway verge** - Mr Ian Williams had reported in the May Council Meeting that 60% of the highway verge area had been cleared.

p133 **Ffordd y Llan, vegetation between the Shop and the Square** - Mr Williams to pursue.

p133 **Pantymwyn Road, protruding hedge near the Square** - Mr Williams to pursue.

p133 **Encroachment of green verges, Pantymwyn Road, Cilcain** - Landowners to check their deeds.

p133 **Lon Cilan, Cilcain, hedge cutting** - Mr Ian Williams had reported in the May Council Meeting that he had written to the Ffordd y Llan resident to request the protruding hedge in Lon Cilan be cutback.

p133 **Mountain Road, Cilcain** - Waiting for jetting machine to be made available.

p133 **Pantymwyn Road, Cilcain** - Uneven surfacing near 'The Close'. Work ticket issued.

p133 **Ffordd y Berth, Cilcain** - Gulleys blocked. Work ticket has been issued. Cllr W Owen Thomas was convinced that the gulleys at the bottom of Berth Road had not been cleaned out in

18 months. The silt was so well established that someone had now planted flowers in the gulleys.

Cllr John Worthington had reported on the 1st June that Flintshire's gulley emptier was working in the Cilcain area. The Clerk had requested Mr Ian Williams to check if the Berth Road gulleys had been cleaned in that week. Mr Williams had been to check, and reported that the Berth Road gulleys had not been cleaned out. Members noted that when the new surface water sewer was constructed at Cilan Loge Road, approximately four years ago, the 8 new gulleys had not been logged on Flintshire's gulley emptying schedule. Mr Ian Williams has been requested to check if the 4 new gulleys provided at the bottom of Berth Road four years ago have been added to Flintshire's maintenance schedule. Mr Williams to enquire why the Berth Road gulleys have not been cleaned out on this occasion.

p133 **Brithdir Mawr Lane, Loggerheads Road** - Mr Ian Williams had reported to the May Council Meeting that the Moel Famau 'straight on' sign had been delivered to Flintshire.

p133 **Flintshire's parking survey outside the Shop in Cilcain** - Item discussed later.

p134 **Street Lighting map for Cilcain** - Location maps required for reporting faults in Cilcain. Clerk to pursue with Flintshire's Mr Jamie Bennett.

p134 **Crown Farm, Ffordd y Llan** - Cllr W Owen Thomas reported he was still waiting for a reply from Streetscene's Central Co-ordinator. Mr Williams to remind Streetscene's Central Co-ordinator.

-- **Rhydymwyn Playing Field, new seat** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes enquired about the current position with regard to the new seat. Cllr Thomas reported the seat had been delivered unassembled. Cllr Thomas had assembled the seat. The fixings did not appear to be the correct type for the seat delivered. Cllr Thomas would endeavour to obtain appropriate fixing brackets.

Mr Williams to meet the Clerk to mark out the agreed concrete slab location in the Donkey Field.

The replacement plaques also need sorting out for all the older seats owned by the Community Council.

p134 **Brown signs** - Item to be discussed later.

p134 **Adjoining White Horse, Cilcain, obstructive parking** - Connor Freel had been requested to investigate. A reply from North Wales Police had been included in the correspondence pack attached to the Agenda.

p134 **Berth Road, sink hole** - Cllr W Owen Thomas reported that a roadside cone had been placed in the sink hole. Mr Ian Williams arranging for the hole to be filled in with rubble material.

**(b) Rhydymwyn area**

p134 **Coping Stone, Church Meadow** - Plastic warning post now being considered as an option.

- p134 **Depression in carriageway outside No 1 Church Meadow** - Work ongoing.
- p134 **Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn** - Depression around a foul sewer manhole adjoining Impala - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that the repair works by Welsh Water's contractor had now been carried out. Item can now be deleted.
- p134 **Longitudinal crack in carriageway - Coed Du Hall entrance.** Mr Williams to pursue.
- p134 **Mwynbwl area, Gareg Boeth, Rhydymwyn** - Item can now be deleted.
- p134 **Llys Alyn play area** Members noted in the October 2017 Council Meeting that there were two aspects to the play area issue:
- (a) The boundary fence.
  - (b) The rotting timber posts used for youngsters to climb on.
- Mr Ian Williams confirmed that Streetscene would now be responsible for these two items of repair.
- **Play areas general** - Mr Ian Williams explained that any damage to equipment in the play areas is now being dealt with by 'Aura', Mr Richard Roberts being the contact person for reporting equipment faults. Boundaries and grass cutting maintenance are dealt with by Streetscene.
- Clerk to write to Flintshire to seek confirmation that the play equipment is still being inspected on a regular basis. Are the inspections undertaken on a weekly or on a monthly basis? Cllr Thomas understood the inspections were monthly. The Clerk referred to the inspections being weekly when the last grant application was submitted.
- Cllr W Owen Thomas reported that Flintshire's policy is that dangerous items of equipment have to be taken away and repaired if possible.
- **Donkey Field play equipment defects** - Cllr Mrs Janet Butlin reported on three items requiring a closer look:
- (i) Zip wire needs tightening
  - (ii) Top bar on central slide unit
  - (iii) Rocking horse
- p134 **Street lighting repairs, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth Hughes referred to the Council owned lamp near 16 Nant Alyn Road. SP Power Systems needs to repair a supply cable. Clerk to remind Deeco Lighting.
- p134 **Bryn Gollen, Rhydymwyn, split channel at entrance to estate** - Work ticket raised.
- p134 **Rhydymwyn, Leete Avenue** - Flintshire's survey to be arranged. Mr Williams to pursue with some urgency.
- p134 **Nant Alyn Road, Caravan park up to Cae'r Eithin** - Repair works on a Flintshire Work ticket. Drainage repair works outside Cae'r Eithin itself is also on a Work ticket.

Cllr Janet Butlin enquired if the repair works are in sight yet? Mr Williams indicated that he has done all the utility enquiries and that he was now waiting for the resources.  
Cllr Gareth W Hughes maintained it was important that a list be prepared by the time Mr Steve Jones attends the Council Meeting. The list needs to have 'ticket issued dates' against each item.

- p135 **Church Meadow, Rhydymwyn** - Repair to road surfacing. Slurry sealing to be tried on this road.
- p135 **Proposed bus shelter in Llys Alyn** - Clerk to arrange a site meeting with Flintshire. Streetscene is prepared to provide the concrete base.
- p135 **Hedge canopy opposite Antelope** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported work now complete. Item can now be deleted.
- **Overhanging hedge, Hendre** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes referred to an overhanging from Hendre through to Rhydymwyn needed cutting back. Mr Ian Williams requested to pursue. Mr Williams reported that the mini sweeper had cleaned the Mill Terrace path last month.
- **Cuts to local bus routes** - Cllr Gwen Harman enquired if Flintshire had taken any decisions on bus route cuts yet. Cllr W Owen Thomas reported that forms were being distributed as part of a consultation process. Cllr Thomas to obtain more forms, so that they can be left at the Cilcain Shop and Rhydymwyn Garage. Four options were being considered, one of the options being the use of minibuses. Cllr Gwen Hardman maintained there had been some local concerns in Cilcain that mini buses would not be very suitable for residents with a Zimmer frame. Consultation scheduled to be completed by the end of June. Flintshire will probably be deciding on bus route cuts in the next three or four weeks.
- In the meantime, Cllr Gareth W Hughes requested the Clerk to contact Jessica Pritchard to arrange a site meeting at Llys Alyn.
- p135 **Cefn Road, by Pandy Cottage** - Leaning tree. Work ticket issued.
- p135 **Dolfechlas Road visibility at Church Lane junction** - Mr Ian Williams to pursue.
- p135 **Winnwood Gulley, Dolfechlas Road** - Work ticket had been raised for the frame lifting and reconstruction work around the gulley frame.
- p135 **Settlement adjoining gas trench in Dolfechlas Road** - Flintshire to undertake the repair work.
- p135 **Salt bin next to former Ysgol y Ddol school** - Salt bin needs relocating. Mr Ian Williams to pursue.
- p135 **A541, Rhydymwyn, stile by gas plant** - Item to stay on Agenda.
- p135 **Dolfechlas Road, litter and dog fouling** - Item can now be deleted.
- p125 **Rhydymwyn Football Field** - Item can now be deleted.

-- **Nant Alyn Road** - White posts to signify grass verge cutting not allowed until late summer. Cllr Janet Butlin reported on the white posts which had recently been erected in Nant Alyn to signify the length of road where verge cutting cannot be undertaken until late summer. Cllr Pauline Douglas referred to a site meeting which had taken place three years ago with the Biodiversity Officer and Mr Andy Lightfoot. In view of the highway safety implications, it was agreed at the time for the white posts to be taken away. Cllr Butlin confirmed she had also been present at the site meeting. Cllr Butlin could not understand why the white posts arrangement has been introduced again. Mr Ian Williams to pursue.

(c) **Hendre area**

p135 **Hendre culvert** - Silt material - Work ticket issued for removal of materials from the Coed y Felin parking area.

p135 **Traffic Measures, Hendre** - Item to be discussed under Correspondence.

p136 **Proposed new dog bin for Hendre** - Flintshire waiting for an inner lining for the bin.

p136 **A541 Hendre bends, memorial flowers** - Item to be discussed under Correspondence.

p136 **Wooden rail fence by the Hendre Culvert.** Mr Ian Williams to pursue.

(d) **General area**

p136 **Pothole repairs, generally** - No detailed reply yet received from Flintshire Streetscene.

p136 **Deterioration of the highway maintenance service provided by Flintshire** - Item to be discussed under Correspondence.

p136 **Refuse collection vehicle** - Mr R Broughton to be invited to attend a future Council Meeting.

**End of Highway Matters**

(b) **Non-Highway Matters arising:**

p136 **Wellingtonia Tree, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr W Owen Thomas reported that he was waiting for Flintshire's Housing Supervisor to give him a date for a site meeting. The tree at Llys Alyn would be inspected at the same time.

p136 **Bath House, Rhydymwyn** - Clerk to pass the correspondence from the North Wales water divining group on to Eleanor Carpenter at Flintshire Conservation Section.

p136 **Mineshaft Hendre** - Clerk confirmed having passed the Community Council's concerns regarding the inadequacy of the fence to Flintshire's Public Protection Department.

p136 **Bonfire, Waen Field, Cilcain** - Clerk to pursue with the Young Farmers Club Chairman.

p137 **Hendre Notice Board** - Cllr W Owen Thomas reported he was in the process of obtaining prices for a smaller notice board.

- **Tree in Cilcain Cemetery** - Mr Williams to speak to Mr Dewi Ellis with a view to having a visual inspection undertaken to check for nesting.
- **A541/ Coed y Felin junction - fly tipping** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported fly tipping in the parking area 100 yds from the Coed y Felin junction. The item had been reported to Flintshire on two separate occasions.
- **Verge cutting on rural roads** - Cllr W Owen Thomas enquired when the rural road verges are going to be cut this year. Mr Williams indicated that the 2nd visibility cut at junctions have just been completed. Flintshire's policy identifies the rural road verges to be started in July.

p139 **Parking Survey Cilcain** - Clerk reported having received a telephone call from Mr Richard L Jones to apologise for the delay in responding to the community Council's letter dated 24 April 2018. Flintshire's Mr Jones indicated that there was a proposal being sent to the Church for three signs to be erected, one at The Square, another on the Mold side of Star Crossing and a third one on the Denbigh side of Star Crossing. The third sign would include a Church log and a view point logo. A letter of response from Flintshire would not now be available until Wednesday this week.

The Council agreed for the Clerk to write to the Secretary of the Church Committee to explain the background to the public consultation exercise undertaken by the Council regarding tourist signs. A Cilcain Ward Member reported not having been able to identify a single member of the Church Committee who wanted the Church logo sign.

p140 **Rhydymwyn Cemetery - Welsh Water easement** - The Clerk was reminded of the need to contact Welsh Water's Property Section to establish:

- (i) the exact location of the water supply pipe.
- (ii) the amount of easement required by Welsh Water.

If the Council loses a number of grave spaces as a result of the presence of the supply pipe, it may be appropriate for the Council to consider seeking compensation from Welsh Water.

p140 **Site meeting at Hendre** Cllr W Owen Thomas reported on the site meeting at Hendre on the 4 May. Flintshire's proposal to introduce speed control measures was explained to some of the residents. Cllr Thomas noticed that one of the owners he had spoken to does not park his vehicle there anymore.

## 8. **NORTH WALES POLICE**

The Chairwoman reported that Connor had been requested to look into the possibility of setting up a neighbourhood watch scheme in Rhydymwyn. However, following consultation with a number of residents, there was not much enthusiasm for a formal scheme.

Connor explained that if a group of residents are interested in a formal scheme at some point in the future, they should contact Denise at Mold Police Station. Connor reported on an alternative arrangement, whereby individual residents, not part of a formal physical scheme, can make reports on line to the neighbourhood watch team.

Connor Freel was invited by the Chairwoman to update the Council on crime activity in the Cilcain and Rhydymwyn area. Connor had sent the Clerk a crime report for the month. This report had been copied to Members, and attached to the June correspondence pack. Members noted the crime items in relation to Rhydymwyn and Cilcain included the following:

- (a) Obstructive parking near the White Horse in Cilcain. The Rhyl Office had been requested to contact the vehicle owner.
- (b) Sponsor boards ripped off the pitch perimeter fence at Rhydymwyn Football Club field.
- (c) Antelope - Fly tipping and vandalism at rear of premises.
- (d) Play Area, Dolfechlas Road - Vandalism to some equipment.

The Chairwoman thanked Connor for his attendance.

9. **CHAIRWOMAN'S REQUEST FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING:**

- (a) **Complaints Procedure.** Chairwoman thanked Cllr Gwen Hardman for all the thorough research she had undertaken to investigate the various voluntary versions used by different Councils. Members had been given a copy of a draft document (Correspondence item No 16) to consider. Cllr Gwen Hardman indicated that there was some unpacking required in the introduction.

Cllr Ian Smith referred to the word 'orally' in the first line of the main part of the complaints procedure. Cllr Smith felt that all complaints should be in writing. Cllr Gareth Hughes and Cllr Greg Foster felt that the second line covers the concerns expressed by Cllr Smith - the complainant would be requested to submit the complaint 'in writing'.

Cllr Gwen Harman appreciated the point made by Cllr Smith, but explained that the procedure outlined is based on a well established policy document. The document covers the situation where a member of the public has a question or a complaint to make to a Councillor. The Councillor will initially try to answer the question or the complaint. If the resident is still not happy - he would then be requested to put the question or complaint in writing to the Council.

Cllr Gwen Hardman to slightly modify the introduction so that the policy can be considered further at the July Council Meeting.

- (b) **Council Website** -. Members noted that the Council's website had recently been compromised by ISIS (together with four other Council websites in the Flint and Mold area). Subsequently, the Community Council last year resolved to use a more secure website provider. The Council is currently in the process of including the Council Minutes on the new site.  
Clerk's email address to be included on the Council's website.  
Schedule of Meetings to be included on the website. Cllr Ian Smith to arrange.  
Need for the latest Minutes and Agendas to be included promptly.

- (d) **Complaint by a Cilcain resident.** Members referred to the contents of the letter of complaint from the Cilcain resident, listed in the correspondence item attached to the Agenda.

The resident had expressed concern regarding the lack of notice for the April 2018 Council Meeting.

The Clerk reported that the 16 April Agenda was e-mailed to Members to comply with three clear days' notice being given prior to the Council Meeting. Notice of the April Agenda was also posted on the Cilcain and Rhydymwyn Notice Boards in keeping with the statutory requirement of three clear working days public notice being given prior to the meeting.

The resident had maintained that he turned up to the April Council Meeting on the 23 April, whereas the Clerk had sent the resident an email on the 13 April 2018 to indicate that the Meeting would not be taking place on the 23 April. A copy of the e-mail sent to the resident had been attached to the correspondence.

The Chairwoman had consulted with the Flintshire's Solicitor to seek guidance. One of the suggestions made by the County Solicitor was that an annual schedule posted on the website might help, with a note on the schedule to indicate that meetings might be subject to change.

The Clerk had checked the public notices for the Agendas for nine adjoining Community and Town Councils. Not one of the nine Councils included an item at the end of the Agenda giving the date of the next Council meeting.

If Cilcain Community Council, for instance, had to change the date of the July Meeting given on the June Agenda, a problem can occur if a Member of the Public relies on the July meeting date given in the June Agenda Notice.

In other Councils, there would appear to be a general acceptance that Members of the Public are encouraged to note specifically the **one** date given in the Notice of the Public Meeting.

The Chairwoman invited the Cilcain resident, who was present at the Council Meeting, to indicate if he was happy with the explanation given. The Cilcain resident indicated he was now satisfied with the clarification, and that he would not need a letter to respond to his complaint. The resident commented that not all residents have access to the website, so the need still stands for the Council to use the public notice boards as well as the website.

Cllr Gwen Harman maintained that none of the Members in the May Meeting had spotted that the date for the April Meeting had not correctly taken account of the Bank Holiday. If an apology had been necessary, it should have come from the Council and not the Clerk.

10. **PLANNING MATTERS**

**Planning Guidelines** - Cllr Greg Foster referred to the extracts from Flintshire's planning guidelines which had been circulated to Members. Cllr Foster felt the Members are not meant to be planning experts. The Community Council should leave the question regarding whether or not an application is in accordance with planning law to the planning experts at County Hall. Instead, the Community Council should give its views on whether or not a planning application would be a good idea for the community.

The Chairwoman maintained that the local knowledge that the Members have can often be used to give sensible observations on the various applications.

The Clerk maintained it had been an useful exercise to look at the Planning Guidelines. The Council was now able to appreciate why most of the applications in the countryside are related to 'holiday facilities' or 'recreation'.

Cllr W Owen Thomas maintained that planning decisions are based entirely on 'policy'. Therefore, the Community Council does need to ensure that its observations take into account planning policy.

The Clerk referred to the occasion when Mr Andy Roberts came to address the Council about the Local Development Plan. The layman might object to a site in Rhydymwyn on the basis that the Sewage Treatment is already working at full capacity. Planning permissions can still be given, since the developer can requisition an improvement to the outfall sewer or the works itself.

(1) **Community Council observation requested on:**

- (a) Proposal: Erection of new garage and store  
Location: Benrhydding, Church Lane, Rhydymwyn  
Ref No: 058457  
Community Council's observation: No objection.
- (b) Proposal: Erection of rear single storey extension and new front canopy over front door  
Location: The Paddock, Vicarage Road, Rhydymwyn  
Ref No: 058435  
Community Council's observation: No objection.

Cllr Ian Smith left the Council Meeting room when this item was being discussed.

(2) **Planning decisions made by Flintshire County Council:**

- (a) Proposal: Conversion of redundant buildings into dwelling  
Location: Grug Farm, Cilcain  
Ref No: 057297  
Decision: Approved
- (b) Proposal: Erection of single storey extension  
Location: Dolfechlas Isaf, Denbigh Road, Hendre  
Ref No: 058286

Decision: Approved

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS

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 correspondence items no 6 below to be discussed after the press and public have been excluded.

- 1) 14/05 **Complaint by Cilcain resident** - Item discussed earlier.
- 2) 21/05 **Highway maintenance in the Cilcain Council area** - Response to the Community Council's concern regarding the perceived deterioration in the maintenance service provided since the Local Supervisor has lost control of prioritizing the maintenance work. Item discussed earlier. Mr Steve Jones to be invited to the July Council Meeting.
- 3) 22/05 **Memorial Flowers on A541** - Letter from Rhydymwyn resident to express concern regarding the Memorial Flowers in the roadside verge between Hendre and Rhydymwyn. Members noted that the accident happened on 10 April, seven years ago.  
Member agreed to approach Flintshire to establish:
  - (i) Is Flintshire prepared to reconsider its position with regard to adopting the Welsh Assembly Guidelines on Memorial Flowers on Highway verges?
  - or (ii) Can Flintshire consider approaching the bereaved family to establish if the family is prepared to consider replacing the existing flower / ribbon arrangement with a small decorative memorial tree, that would be less distracting to the passing motorist, and also more in keeping with the local landscape?
- 4) 25/05 **Tourism signs** - Update from Flintshire County Council regarding the Community Council's request for information. Item discussed earlier.
- 5) 27/05 **Parking obstruction near White Horse, Cilcain** - Response from PCSO Connor Freel regarding the Community Council's parking obstruction concern. Item discussed earlier.
- 6) 01/06 **Cilcain Village Hall, Lease** - Update information from Council's Solicitor. Item to be discussed at the end of the meeting.
- 7) 05/06 **Notice of Public Meeting** - Information from Cilcain resident regarding the number of days notice required for a Council Meeting. Item discussed earlier. The Chairwoman invited the Cilcain resident, who was present at the Council Meeting to indicate if he was happy with the explanation given previously. The Cilcain resident indicated he was now satisfied with the clarification, and that he would not need a letter to respond to his concern.
- 8) 06/06 **Community Council Vacancy, Rhydymwyn Ward** - Letter from Rhydymwyn resident asking to be considered for vacant Co-option position. Item discussed at the start of the Council Meeting.
- 9) 06/06 **Hendre Traffic Measures** - Letter from Cilcain resident regarding the perceived lack of consultation with the Mill Terrace residents. Cllr Gareth W Hughes explained that he had been trying to persuade the County Council that additional time be made available for consultation. The County Council's Traffic Engineer had indicated that there was no time for additional consultation over and above the statutory requirement.

The Chairwoman maintained that the extract from the Council Minutes included in the letter dated 6 June from the Cilcain resident did not give the full picture, and therefore gave the incorrect impression of the views put forward by Cllr Hughes. The Cilcain resident was invited by the Chairwoman to comment on the contents of his letter. The Cilcain resident explained the extract he had included in the letter was true. However, the Cilcain resident accepted the Chairwoman's observations about not giving the full picture. The Cilcain resident indicated he would not require a response to his letter dated 6 June 2018.

Cllr Greg Foster enquired if the proposed yellow lines have now been abandoned. The Clerk explained that the current proposals are for speed reduction measures to be introduced, including one vehicle activated speed sign and two separate Slow/Araf road markings in front of Mill Terrace. One assumes that a speed survey will be undertaken before and after introducing the measures, to quantify the effectiveness of any vehicle speed reduction achieved.

- 10) 12/06 **North Wales Police** - Note from Chairwoman to PCSO Connor Freel regarding recent reported crime issues. Item discussed earlier.
- 11) 12/06 **Burial figures** - Request for information from Flintshire's Bereavement Officer. Clerk to respond. Cllr W Owen Thomas referred to the possibility of Central Government introducing a charge for burials. Further clarification will be appropriate in due course.
- 12) 12/06 **Declaration of Interest** - Chairwoman's enquiry note to the County Solicitor. No response yet received.
- 13) 13/06 **Correction to Standing Orders** - Information from One Voice Wales. Position noted.
- 14) 13/06 **North Wales Police - Crime report** - Information from Connor Freel. Item discussed earlier.
- 15) 14/06 **The Waen, Cilcain** - Information compiled by Cllr Gwen Hardman. The Chairwoman thanked Cllr Gwen Hardman for the very thorough research she had undertaken into the historical background to the Waen Field issue. In the future, Cllr Gwen Hardman explained that if any person challenges in accordance with Victorian Law the status of Waen Field, the County Solicitor has put forward a number of questions that would require an answer.

The Chairwoman maintained that Cllr Hardman had been able to undertake sufficient research to allow the Council to answer effectively each and every point raised.

- 16) 14/06 **Draft Policy for Handling Formal Complaints** - Item discussed earlier.
- 17) 14/06 **Flintshire Forum** - Meeting scheduled for 19 June at Leeswood.
- 18) 15/06 **Community Shop, Cilcain** - Note of thanks from the Shop's Society Secretary for the Council's recent £1,000 donation. Position noted.

## **12. MATTERS RAISED SINCE THE 21 MAY 2018 COUNCIL MEETING**

- (a) **A541/ Coed y Felin junction - fly tipping** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (23 May) - fly tipping in the parking area 100 yds from the Coed y Felin junction. Item reported to Flintshire Streetscene (Carolyn Williams 701234)
- (b) **Llys Alyn, new pothole** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (23 May) a new pothole in the carriageway, located between the Notice Board and the first junction as one comes into Llys Alyn from Dolfechlas Road. Clerk confirmed that Streetscene had been notified.
- (c) **A541 slurry spreading in farm land near the Bowling Green** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had been approached (23 May) by a Rhydymwyn resident regarding the nuisance smell in the

village. Clerk had contacted Mr Julian Whitehead of Natural Recourse Wales (formerly - Environment Agency) in Buckley to pass on the 'pollution concern', and to check on NRW's pollution control policy. Clerk also contacted Tracy Navarre (Flintshire's Public Health Section) regarding the possible nuisance aspect of the smell. Clerk explained that manure can be spread any month of the year, but spreading slurry has restrictions imposed in certain Winter months.

- (d) **Hendre Parking / Traffic** - Clerk was contacted by a Cilcain resident (23 Apr) who expressed concern that the residents of Mill Terrace had not been properly consulted regarding the traffic measures / proposals. Clerk informed the resident that the Mill Terrace residents would be consulted as soon as the draft proposals had been formulated by Flintshire. The Cilcain resident indicated that the Assembly Member and the Leader of Flintshire County Council were now dealing with his lack of consultation concern. Item discussed earlier.
- (e) **Parking outside White Horse cottages, The Square, Cilcain** - Concern reported (24 May) regarding the parking obstruction problem at this location. PCSO Connor Freel contacted to enquire if North Wales Police can take any action to assist the traffic flow at this location. Item discussed earlier.
- (f) **Brithdir Mawr Lane - home made initiative by residents** - Cllr John Worthington reported on an initiative by local residents to combat the problem with visitors attempting to reach Moel Famau via Brithdir Mawr Lane. Position noted.
- (g) **Planning Guidance Notes** - New Housing in open countryside - Members had discussed in the May 2018 Meeting the need to have guidance on Planning Policy matters. On Flintshire's website, there are a total of 26 Guidance Notes. Guidance notes No 10 sheds some light on the issues discussed in the May Council Meeting. Members noted that page 16 of Guidance Note No 10 under paragraph 'g' of the exemptions makes reference to development in open countryside relating to tourism, leisure and recreation. Item discussed earlier.
- (h) **Street lamp out at Llys yr Haul** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (27 May) a Flintshire maintained lamp (Lamp No 4.) not working at Rhydymwyn. Item had been reported to Mr Jamie Bennet at Flintshire Streetscene. Cllr Hughes reported (11 June) lamp still not repaired. Mr J Bennet contacted on 12 June. Initial report had been logged incorrectly as 'lamp upgrade required'. Cllr Hughes reported (15 June) lamp now repaired.
- (i) **Street Lamp out at Nant Alyn Road, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (27 May) a Community Council maintained lamp not working in Nant Alyn Road. The failed lamp is the second lamp on the right hand side going up Nant Alyn Road from the A541. Item reported to Deeco Lighting.
- (j) **School banner on fence between The Antelope Estate and the Rhosesmor Junction.** The suitability of the school banner location on the Bryn Alyn bends, on highway safety grounds has been brought to the Council's attention. Members considered it appropriate for Flintshire Streetscene to investigate and recommend a more appropriate location for the banner, possibly at the Rhosesmor Junction itself.

- (k) **Street Lamp at Nant Alyn** - Deeco Lighting had reported (1st June) lamp (2<sup>nd</sup> on RHS) in Nant Alyn repaired.
- (l) **Loggerheads Road, Cilcain** - Cllr John Worthington reported (1<sup>st</sup> June) roadside gulleys had been cleaned out. Mr Ian Williams requested to check if the gulleys at Berth Lane had been cleaned out. Mr Williams checked out the Berth Road gulleys. The Berth Road gulleys had not been cleaned out. Item discussed earlier.
- (m) **Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn** - Foul Sewer manhole repair - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported (09 June) - repair works by Welsh Water's contractor undertaken on 08 June. Item discussed earlier.
- (n) **A541/ Coed y Felin junction - fly tipping** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (12 June) fly tipping in the parking area 100 yds from the Coed y Felin junction had not been dealt with. Item reported again to Flintshire Streetscene (Ref No: 1806 050 8677).

**13. 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:

**Village Hall and Waen Field, Cilcain** - Members discussed the current position with regard to the Village Hall Lease. Cllr W Owen Thomas indicated that omitting the toilet block from the lease would have to be discussed with the Council's Solicitor. The lease plan would have to be amended to omit the toilet block.

Cllr Gwen Hardman thanked Cllr Thomas for measuring up the Hall extension and preparing a plan from the survey measurements.

Cllr Thomas maintained the Council Members would need to have to have discussions with representatives from the Hall Ctee to make the Hall Ctee aware of the work that had been undertaken to effectively deal with any legal challenge which could potentially be made against the Council at any point in the future.

Further details regarding the background to the new lease are included in the Appendix.

Meeting to be arranged with the Council's Solicitor.

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

**14. PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS** - To submit the accounts scheduled in the Appendix for payment.

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for 7.30 pm Monday 16 July 2018 at the Football Club premises, Rhydymwyn.

Signed .....Chairman Date: ..... Clerk .....