

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE FOOTBALL CLUB PREMISES, RHYDYMWYN ON 15 OCTOBER 2018.**

**Present:**           **Chairperson:** Cllr Jean Ramsay  
                          **Councillors:** Janet Butlin                           J Emyr Davies  
                                  Pauline Douglas                           Greg Foster  
                                  Gwen Hardman                           Ian Smith  
                                  John Worthington  
                                  The Clerk was also in attendance

**1.    CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

Croeso i bawb, a llongyfarchiadau arbennig i siop newydd Cilcain am eu hymddanghosiad diweddar ar y teledu.

The Chairwoman welcomed all to the Council meeting and extended a special congratulations to Cilcain's new shop for the recent appearance on the television.

Five Cilcain residents were in attendance, including Mrs Sue Jones of Cilcain Clean and Lock.

**2.    APOLOGIES** -           Cllr Ann Baker, Cllr Gareth W Hughes, Cllr Ian Hughes,  
                                  Cllr W Owen Thomas.

**3.    DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - No declaration of interest was received.

**4.    MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** - the Minutes of the 16 September 2018 were confirmed as being correct, subject to the following amendments:  
(i)    Change or delete the prefix numbers for three of the correspondence items.  
(ii)   Minutes for six additional items in the correspondence pack to be recorded in the October 2018 Minutes.  
(iii)   The item regarding the Rhydymwyn bonfire to be modified to clarify that Cllr Ian Smith was not in the meeting, when this permission decision was taken.

**5.    MATTERS ARISING:** - Cllr J Emyr Davies enquired if any highway items had been dealt with since the September Council Meeting. The Clerk explained that he had just received an 'action plan' form Mr Neil Hickey which identified the current position on all the highway related matters. A copy of the action plan would be circulated to Members as a 'working document' later on in the Council Meeting.

**6.    PLANNING MATTERS**

**1.    Community Council observation requested on:**

(a)    Proposal:       Variation of condition no 3 attached to planning permission ref: 058542

Location: Hendre Quarry, Denbigh Road, Hendre, Mold

Ref No: 058984

The Community Council has **no objection** in principle to the application. However, the Council maintains that any planning permission should include planning conditions to alleviate the following highway concerns:

(1) Quarry wagons exiting the Quarry at the A541 junction and turning left towards Mold are forced to cross over the A541 centre line. Therefore, consideration should be given to the realignment of the quarry exit junction to improve the exit radius. Realignment of the junction may require widening of the side road, involving extending the highway culvert at this location. The exit road is not wide enough at present to accommodate a wagon exiting the side road at the same time as a wagon from Mold doing a right turn manoeuvre into the side road.

(2) Loaded wagons leaving the quarry and turning left towards Mold deposit a white limestone laden water on the carriageway. The Council appreciates that the Quarry owner does arrange for a daily mechanical sweeper to clean the carriageway from the quarry exit as far as the entrance to the Antelope industrial estate. However, consideration should be given for the daily sweeping operation to be extended to cover the carriageway and footway as far as the Rhosesmor junction. In wet weather conditions, the surface of the footway is extremely slippery. The grey coloured roadside verge between the quarry exit and Rhydymwyn, together with the slippery footway, are considered to be a blight on the village.

- (a) Proposal: Erection of timber chalet and car port to replace an existing summer house and garage  
Location: Hillside, Loggerheads Road, Cilcain  
Ref No: 059004  
Community Council's observations - No objection.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS - Members noted:**

- (a) Where the correspondence items listed below were not being copied to Members, they were read out at the meeting.
- (b) The Statutory Notice for the 15 October 2018 Council Meeting was posted on the Notice Board on the 9 October 2018, so as to give 3 clear working days' notice of the Meeting for Monday 15 October.
- (c) 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 may be appropriate for a number of the correspondence items below to be discussed after the press and public have been excluded.

Please note - The first six items on this correspondence list below were tabled at the September Council Meeting. The Minutes detailing the discussion on these items were omitted from the September Minutes. Therefore, details of the discussions on the six items are given below.

- 12/09      **Cilcain Play Area, Revised Quote and Design details** - Information from Mr Richard Roberts, Play Design Officer at Flintshire. The Chairwoman indicated that the item had been sorted earlier in the Council Meeting. The Clerk mentioned that the revised quotation was not significantly different from the previous quotation.
- 13/09      **Street Lighting Map of Cilcain** - A street lighting map for Cilcain had been received from Flintshire's Street Lighting Section. The Chairwoman indicated that the street lamp map had been discussed earlier in the Council meeting.
- 06/08      **Obstructed Lane, Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn** - Confirmation from Flintshire Streetscene that the lane connecting the former lime kiln to the Tarmac entrance was being inspected with a view to issuing a work ticket. Member noted that the lane was classed as a 'green lane'. Cllr Gareth Hughes reported that the lane had been blocked solid. Cllr Hughes recalled that this section of lane had been cleared by members of the community as a community project in connection with millennium celebrations.
- 02/08      **Village Hall, Cilcain, road gate** - Email from Cllr Gwen Hardman to report that there had been a problem with the gate's bolt receiver. The problem had now been dealt with.
- /--      **Denbighshire Local Development Plan** - Information from Denbighshire Strategic Planning and Housing Manager calling for land within Denbighshire to be considered for 'candidate sites' for the Denbighshire Local Development Plan.
- 28/07      **Grass cuttings** - Email from Cllr Ian Hughes to report a concern from a Cilcain resident regarding residents dumping grass cuttings in the highway verge by the Telephone Exchange kiosk in Cilcain. Having inspected the complaint, Mr Hickey did not consider the amount of grass tipped to be significant, but Mr Hickie would monitor the position to ensure that repeat tipping does not occur.
- 18/09      **Replacement Notice Board, Cilcain** - Letter of concern from a Cilcain resident regarding the erection of a replacement notice board.

Clerk had written to the property owner to apologise for the lack of consultation prior to the new notice board being erected.

The possibility of repairing the old notice board for it to be re-erected had been considered. Cllr John Worthington had inspected the old notice board and had come to the conclusion that the timber backing and side was rotten and was beyond repair.

Cllr Gwen Hardman felt there a was need to check with Flintshire's Conservation Section to find out what design, material and style of material would be acceptable in a Conservation Area.

Cllr Hardman felt that there appeared to be a general consensus in the village that the use of a magnetic backing board to replace the drawing pin system was an improvement. Reference was also made to the 'express rights' aspect of the Notice Board replacement.

Cllr John Worthington had measured the new notice board with the old one. There was hardly any difference in the area, but the shape was different. The old one was 36 inches high and 64 inches wide. The new one 41 inches high and 55 inches wide.

Resolved: Two Cilcain Ward Members to arrange to meet the Cilcain resident.

18/09 **New replacement village notice board** - Letter of concern regarding lack of public access to the notice board. The Clerk had responded to the Cilcain resident prior to the Council Meeting to explain the Council's position.

Cllr Hardman explained that insufficient keys and magnets had initially been supplied with the new board, but within three days additional keys and magnets were obtained. Consequently, the access arrangement to the new board was now better than it was to the old one. Members noted that the old door had become difficult to close, and the pin board was so hard that it was a struggle to display notices. Cllr Hardman explained that the Council had merely been trying to improve the facility, but unfortunately some village residents felt the Council had been trying to deny access to the Notice Board facility.

20/09 **New replacement notice board** - Letter of concern regarding lack of public access to the replacement notice board. Matter discussed previously.

23/09 **Rhydymwyn Bonfire display** - Note of thanks for recent donation. Position noted.

23/09 **Hendre concerns** - Email from a Hendre resident regarding various concerns.

Item 1. Results of recent survey regarding use of the Welsh language in Flintshire. Item to be pursued further when Cllr W Owen Thomas is in attendance.

Members felt this was not a matter that the Community Council could easily deal with. Cllr Janet Butlin maintained that this issue was a Flintshire issue, and had nothing to do with the Community Council. Members agreed it would probably have been more appropriate for the Hendre resident to make a direct approach to the Welsh Language Section in Flintshire.

Item 2. Highway drainage concerns outside Y Dderwen in Hendre - Clerk pursuing with Mr Neil Hickie. Cllr Greg Foster reported he had received a telephone call from Mr John Les Tomos regarding a serious flooding incident which had occurred during the previous week in the section of road outside Y Dderwen.

Cllr Foster went on to refer to the roadside surface water discharging into a watercourse / river on the Mill Terrace side of Y Dderwen, and that it was possible that there was a blockage in the watercourse between Y Dderwen and Mill Terrace. Clerk to pursue with Flintshire Streetscene.

Item 3. Highway hedges in Hendre area - Clerk to pursue with Mr Neil Hickie. Clerk reported that there was already an arrangement in place between the Quarry and Flintshire Streetscene for the work to take place shortly.

Item 4. Lamp column knocked down in recent road accident - Clerk to pursue with Flintshire Streetscene (Mr Jamie Bennett)

- 24/09 **Cilcain Show Programme, Fun Dog Show** - Concern expressed by a Cilcain resident regarding a misleading advert in the Cilcain Show catalogue. Clerk to pass this concern on to the Show Committee in due course.
- 25/05 **Flintshire South Area - Police Consultation Meeting** - Notification regarding venue for 15 Nov 2018 Meeting. Chairwoman and Cllr Ian Smith to attend.
- 28/09 **Rhydymwyn Valley Site - Annual Stakeholders Meeting** - Invitation from Defra to attend an update meeting on 25 Oct 2018. Clerk and Cllr John Worthington (provisionally) to attend.
- 29/09 **Street Lighting** - Request for information from a Rhydymwyn resident regarding the Community Council's policy on introducing LED lamps. Clerk to write to resident to explain the Council's policy - Existing lamps to be replaced with LED lanterns, only as the repair fittings cannot be sourced for the existing street lamps. Members noted that the LED lamps are likely to be brighter and more intrusive than the sodium lamps. The Chairwoman referred to some of the problems with the brightness of the new LED lamps in Hendre.
- 02/10 **Standards Committee, Joint Meeting with Town and Community Councils** - Call for Agenda items from Community Councils. Position noted.
- 03/10 **Cilcain cemetery, brown bin** - Information from Cilcain resident regarding the payment sticker. Clerk to arrange for additional measures to protect the payment sticker next year.
- 03/10 **Local crime updates - August to Sept 2018** - Information from PCSO 3928 Connor Freel. Position noted.
- 08/10 **Hendre defibrillator** - Letter of thanks for the Community Council's donation towards the proposed defibrillator at Hendre. The Chairwoman reported that the Rhydymwyn and Hendre Village Group are now in the process of ordering the defibrillator.

Cllr Ian Smith reported that the Cilcain and Rhydymwyn defibrillators are now on the Welsh Ambulance website. Reference was made to the discussion that had taken place in the September Council Meeting regarding the need to have any monitoring equipment checks being reported (possibly on a six monthly basis) and included in the Community Council Minutes. The position regarding the regularity of the checks in Cilcain would need to be discussed when Cllr Ann Baker was present at the Council Meeting.

Cllr Worthington noted that in some shops and hospitals he had seen notices to indicate where the nearest defibrillator is located. Cllr Smith reported having made enquiries in four potential locations in Rhydymwyn, but had not yet received a positive response.

Cllr Greg Foster felt the village Notice Board and the local Public House would be suitable location for a defibrillator sign.

The Chairwoman maintained that there had been a significant decrease in deaths nationally from cardiac arrests since the defibrillators had become more numerous in towns and villages throughout the country.

09/10 **Antelope Public House, Rhydymwyn** - Information from Flintshire Streetscene - Removal of the recycling skips would now appear to be imminent. A Work ticket has also been raised for cleaning around the recycling skips. Members noted the reference in the 9 Oct 2018 email to Glass Recycling UK having 'spoken to the land owner'. Clerk to pursue with the landowner.

10/10 **Cilcain village Green / Village Hall** - Email from Legal Officer at Flintshire County Council to provide update on new regulations coming into effect on 22 October 2018 regarding Village Greens. Cllr Gwen Hardman explained that the Village Hall Management Committee is not prepared to proceed with the lease being offered to them until the Village Green aspect is resolved. Cllr Hardman maintained the regulations referred to by Flintshire make things slightly easier, but the legal aspect was complex, and the Council would need to take legal advice.

Clerk to liaise with the Chairwoman and Cllr Gwen Hardman to arrange a meeting with the Council's Mold Solicitor.

28/09 **Rhydymwyn Community Flood Plan** - Email from National Resources Wales regarding one of the Rhydymwyn Members not returning the Data Protection form. Clerk to pursue.

## 8. **MATTERS RAISED SINCE THE 17 SEPTEMBER 2018 COUNCIL MEETING**

- (i) **Rhydymwyn Walkabout, 21 Sept 2018** - Rhydymwyn Ward Members met at 2.00 pm by the Antelope. A list of the item discussed / to be looked at during the site meeting had been distributed at the start of the site meeting. Additional items had been added during the site meeting (Item 26 to 31) and a copy of the revised list was available at the Council Meeting.

Cllr Pauline Douglas requested the two items at Nant Alyn be added to the list. The items discussed earlier in the Council Meeting for Hendre also needed to be added.

Clerk to forward the revised list to Flintshire Streetscene for Mr Neil Hickey to add to his Action List.

Neil's Action Plan, received on Monday 15 Oct was distributed at the Council Meeting. Members commented that a significant number of items had been tackled in the last two or three months.

- (ii) **Dolfechlas Road, Hendre** - Street lamp not working - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported (06 Oct) street lamp near Honeysuckle Cottage not working. Item reported to Deeco Lighting. Clerk to pursue with Deeco Lighting. The Chairwoman noted that the repair of the lamp at No. 16 Nant Alyn had been outstanding for some time. Clerk to request Deeco Lighting to pursue with Power Systems.
- (iii) **Rhydymwyn playing field** - New wooden seat - Mr Neil Hickey had reported (08 Oct ) that the concrete base for the new seat was now in place. The seat had been given two coats of preservative by Mr Gareth Bellis within a couple of days of being erected and fixed by Flintshire. A photograph of the new seat was tabled at the meeting.
- (iv) **Tree in Cilcain Cemetery** - Cllr Mrs Gwen Hardman had requested (08 Oct) discussion regarding the three trees near the Biere House. The Clerk referred to the annual leaf and branch cutting meeting in the Cilcain Cemetery, which usually is held in Oct / Nov. Members agreed this would be an appropriate time to inspect the three trees near the Biere House. The Council had no objection to the adjoining property owner to the cemetery cutting the tree that was overhanging on his side of the boundary wall.

The Chairwoman referred to a recent news item regarding the poisonous nature of Yew Tree cuttings. Disposal of any cuttings would need to be done with this issue in mind.

- (v) **Street Lamp, Ffordd y Llan / Bwlch Lane junction** - Cllr Gwen Hardman had reported (8 Oct) street lamp not working. Item reported to Mr Gareth Edwards of Deeco Lighting. The Chairwoman was concerned regarding the length of time some street lamps were taking to repair. The Clerk referred to the lamp at No 16 Nant Alyn having been out for approximately five months. The delay had been purely as a result of Power Systems taking a long time to repair the supply cable to the lantern. The Clerk felt that the Council's maintenance contractor gives a very efficient service in repairing street lamps for the Community Council.
- (vi) **Rhydymwyn playing field** - New wooden seat - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported (08 Oct) - seat now fixed in Donkey field. Clerk had requested Rhydymwyn resident Mr G Bellis to stain the seat. A photograph was available at the Council meeting of the stained seat.
- (vii) **Pantymwyn Road, Cilcain, pot-holes** - Cllr Gwen Hardman had reported (08 Oct) new pot-holes near Fairfield in Pantymwyn Road. Item reported to Mr Neil Hickey at Flintshire Streetscene.
- (viii) **Quarry blasting vibration** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported (12 Oct) a blast / vibration felt in Rhydymwyn between 10.30 am and 11.30 am on Wednesday 10 Oct 2018. Possible source of quarry blast - Cefn Mawr Quarry, Gwernaffield. Item reported to Mr Neil Parry in Flintshire Minerals. Mr Parry had explained that there were two vibration meters at Cefn Mawr. The permitted limit was not breached.

Mr Parry explained he had only received one call to report the excessive vibration on that day, and that was the call made by the Community Council. Blasting on that Wednesday took place at Pant y Dwr at 12.00 pm and Cefn Mawr at 11.00 am, so the blast felt in Rhydymwyn was likely to be from Cefn Mawr.

The Clerk referred to the possibility of the blast travelling through the Milwr tunnel from Pantymwyn down to Rhydymwyn. Normally, vibration is transmitted better through rock than through the air. But a tunnel is a different matter than through the atmosphere. In a tunnel, the vibration has nowhere else to dissipate other than down through the tunnel.

Mr Neil Parry had been asked to contact the Cefn Mawr Quarry to request the Quarry to reduce the intensity of the blasting. Since Rhydymwyn is surrounded by quarries, it is important to make a note of the exact time and date of any vibration and report the blast to Flintshire Minerals. Mr Parry can then establish which quarry is causing the problem.

- (ix) **Tarmac Quarry, Hendre** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported that the Tarmac Quarry Liaison Meeting was scheduled for 1.00 pm on Wednesday 24 October 2018. Start time for the Meeting to be confirmed on Monday 15 Oct 2018.

## 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS -

- (i) **Playscheme Refurbishment, Cilcain** - Discussion took place regarding the playscheme Clerk explained there had not yet been a site meeting with Flintshire. Clerk to pursue a meeting for the coming month.
- (ii) **Cilcain Cemetery Tree** - Further discussion took place regarding the trees in the cemetery. Members agreed that an adjoining property does not have a right to light. Nevertheless, the height of the tree does give rise to a stability concern, especially in time of high winds. Regular inspection and maintenance of the trees may need to be considered by the Council. Cllr Gwen Hardman maintained that the trees should have been managed over the years. The Council does need to address the option of having a more regular inspection and maintenance regime in place.
- (iii) **National Garden event in Cilcain** - The Chairwoman invited Mr Phil Higgins to comment on the parking arrangements for next year. Mr Higgins indicated that things would be sorted and the last event went well.
- (iv) **Streetscene's Action Plan** - The Action Plan received from Mr Hickie on Monday 15 October was distributed at the Council Meeting. The Chairwoman suggested that Members should study the document and seek clarification on various items when Mr Hickey attends the next meeting.

Every item on the list would be gone through every three or four months. The Clerk maintained the list is owned by Flintshire, but when Members introduce new issues, the Council would request Mr Hickie to add the new items to the Action list.

The Chairwoman felt there was a big advantage in having a working list. In this way, no items of concern to the Council would be forgotten.

Cllr Pauline Douglas noted that the Nant Alyn portholes were not on the list and the drainage repairs at Cae'r Eithin was also not included.

Cllr Ian Smith wondered if there would be any merit in the list being on a spreadsheet format. This would allow the Council's concerns to be compared with items on Flintshire's action list. Cllr Gwen Hardman felt that this might make it too complicated for Mr Hickie, and after all it was Flintshire's list.

Clerk to request Mr Hickie to add to the tabled Action List so that the revised list can be discussed in the next meeting.

- (vi) **WW1 EVENTS** - Chair referred to a letter received from Flintshire on Monday 15 October to request information on any arrangements being made by the Council to mark the centenary. Since the information was required by Friday 19 October, the Council was not in a position to respond.
- (vii) **Trimm Rock Quarry 70 acres of land for sale** - Cllr J Emyr Davies had been asked by Cllr W Owen Thomas for the Community Council to consider making enquiries regarding the planning conditions which may still be outstanding. It was also appropriate to seek assurances from Flintshire Minerals that any outstanding planning condition requirements would be transferrable to a new landowner of the site. Clerk to pursue with Flintshire Minerals.
- (viii) **Request for Pedestrian Crossing** - In the September Council meeting, Cllr Ann Baker had proposed, and the proposal was unanimously agreed, that the Community Council should indicate its concern to Flintshire County Council regarding the highway safety issue that needed to be addressed by the Service Station in Rhydymwyn.

The Chairwoman referred to the letter the Clerk had written to Flintshire Traffic Section.

*'The Community Council wishes to express its concern regarding the highway safety issue needing to be addressed by village residents crossing the highly trafficked A541 to gain access to the Service Station shop and the adjoining bus stop.'*

*'Please advise the Community Council what measures Flintshire County Council is contemplating for addressing the pedestrian safety concern, and the likely timescale for implementing the urgently required safety measures.'*

In the September Council meeting, the Clerk had also been requested to seek written information from Flintshire to detail all the options available, including the associated cost for the various options.

The Clerk had written to Flintshire Traffic as follows:

*I refer to the site visit last month, attended by Mr Anthony Stamford, yourself, Cllr W Owen Thomas and myself.*

*The Community Council appreciates the information that Flintshire County Council does not, at present, have the funding to provide a full Pedestrian Crossing with all the related advance warning signs.*

*However, the Community Council would appreciate details and associated costs of all options to make crossing the road at the Service Station bend safer.*

*One of the options discussed at the September Community Council meeting was the possibility of providing a 40 mph VAS on the Mold approach to the village. Such a sign would complement the VAS sign recently provided on the Denbigh approach road into the village.*

*The information requested above would be greatly appreciated by the Council.*

The Clerk reported on the verbal response received regarding the current position with regard to implementing the speed limiting measures at Hendre on the A541.

The most recent proposal the Community Council was aware of was to have one vehicle activated speed sign on the Rhydymwyn entrance to the village, together with two SLOW / ARAF road markings in the vicinity of Mill Terrace.

Flintshire's current position is that the two Slow / Araf signs could be provided within a couple of weeks of having an agreement from Cllr W Owen Thomas regarding the location. With regard to the vehicle activated speed sign, this item would be included in an application for funding being made to the Welsh Assembly at the end of this calendar year. Approval of the application should be received by the end of March 2019.

Cllr Ian Smith enquired when the financial information reported in the September Council regarding the cost of a full pedestrian crossing would be in the public domain. Cllr Gwen Hardman felt it would be important to note that the figures are 'up to £80,000', and 'up to £20,000'. The figures reported in the September Minutes are therefore not actual estimates.

The Clerk felt that Flintshire had not yet ruled out the possibility of pedestrian safety measures. Cllr Gwen Hardman maintained it would be appropriate to wait until the financial detail requested are received from Flintshire.

The Clerk referred to the concern expressed by Cllr Gareth Hughes at the September Council Meeting, regarding the lit up sign (on the Denbigh side of Rhydymwyn not being as bright as it was a few months ago).

Flintshire Traffic Section had been requested to check the brightness level to assess if the unit was working correctly.

**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 is scheduled for 7.30 pm Monday 19 November 2018 at the Cilcain Village Hall.

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