

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE FOOTBALL CLUB PREMISES, RHYDYMWYN ON 17 JUNE 2019.

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

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed Members and three Rhydymwyn residents to the June Council Meeting. Croeso i bawb i Gyngor Mis Mehefin

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllr Ann Baker, Cllr Jean Ramsay

3 DECLARATION O F INTEREST - There were no Declarations of Interest received.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Cllr Gwen Hardman proposed acceptance of the Minutes. Cllr Gareth W Hughes seconded and all Members agreed to confirm the Minutes of the meeting held at the Rhydymwyn Football Club premises on 20 May 2019 as being correct. The Minutes were signed by the Chairperson.

5. FLOODING IN RHYDYMWYN AND HENDRE

The two Rhydymwyn residents Mr Richard Jarvis and Mr Bill Jones submitted information regarding the flooding incident on the River Alyn, by the Defra site. Cllr Gareth W Hughes also tabled photographs and a report detailing the nature and extent of the flooding at Nant Alyn Mill, Ruby Houses, Service Station parking area, and the Bowling Green.

Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported having contacted the NRW Office in Buckley to express concern regarding the lack of flood warnings received in Rhydymwyn on this occasion. Cllr Hughes had been informed the River Alyn water levels had not on this occasion triggered the flood warning system.

Members concluded that the Rhydymwyn Flood Committee would need to meet with the Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to discuss the need to adjust the activation levels.

Cllr John Worthington enquired if the double gates 300 meters upstream of the Defra bridge worked automatically. Cllr Gareth Hughes explained that these double gates are normally locked. On this occasion, the gates had to be unlocked by the owner of Tros yr Afon at 6.45am, since there was no sign of the gates being opened by the usual NRW operatives.

The Clerk reported he had made contact with the Bangor Office of NRW to express concern regarding the lack of a flood warning being received by residents in Rhydymwyn and Hendre, and the locked double gate position. The Clerk had been informed that NRW would investigate

why the warning system had not resulted in flood warnings being issued on this occasion. The Council was advised to collate all the information it could regarding the various flooding incidents so NRW could assess what adjustment was required to the warning system.

Apart from the locked gate not being opened by NRW, the overflow facility on the River Alyn had worked well. However, the Service Station side of the A541 had not escaped so lightly from the flooding incident. There was approximately two and a half feet of water over the bowling green and the flood water was within a matter of inches of gaining access to the Institute.

The Council would, therefore, need to stress to NRW the need to make sure that the River Alyn warning system was also working for the Dolfechlas Brook catchment. Residents in Hendre had also not received a flood warning. NRW would need to confirm that Hendre residents were included in the flood warning register.

Cllr W Owen Thomas felt that a number of the flooding problems are due to a lack of maintenance generally. Cllr Thomas referred to planning permission being recently given to build up land levels on the flood plain near the Tarmac entrance. This development had been approved by Flintshire despite the strong objections being lodged at the time by the Community Council.

Ruby Houses - A resident from Ruby Houses, Mr Saul Burton, was invited by the Chairman to outline the extent of the flooding in Ruby Houses, and the measures taken by the residents to mitigate further flooding. The flooding of Ruby Houses had been caused by the collapse of the culvert under an access track to a private property. Flood water and flood debris were initially discharging down the road and running into the private road fronting Ruby Houses. The residents had to construct an earth / stone mound to divert the flood water into the field. Photographs taken by Mr Burton were tabled at the Council meeting illustrating the nature and extent of the flood damage. Mr Burton reported that the flood water had been diverted into the adjoining field.

Cllr Gareth W Hughes and the Clerk had visited Ruby Houses on Sunday 16 June to see first-hand the nature and extent of the flood damage. The background to the flooding incident had been discussed with several of the Ruby Houses residents. A plan depicting the surface water drainage system serving the area was displayed at the Council Meeting, together with photographs taken of the flood debris on the 16 June.

Mr Neil Hickie reported that Flintshire would be undertaking clearing work near Ruby Houses, commencing on Tuesday 18 June.

Lloyd's Terrace - A flood report prepared by Cllr Jean Ramsay had been circulated to Members with the Agenda. Cllr Ramsay's report referred to one property being flooded and a considerable amount of work had to be done by the resident in an effort to prevent the house flooding being much worse. The flooding had been as a result of the foul drains backing up from Welsh Water's pumping station. Members concluded that the Clerk should write to Welsh Water regarding the comment made by the maintenance operatives who had visited the site, that the pumping main diameter needed to be increased from 150mm to 225mm.

Mill Terrace - Reference was also made in Cllr Ramsay's report to the Flooding at Mill Terrace due to the surcharging of the private culvert at the rear of the houses. There was one property directly upstream of the culvert entrance where the depth of flood water in the house was approximately 3 feet.

Cllr Thomas recalled the occasion when he cleared debris from the grill at the entrance to the Mill Terrace culvert. Cllr Thomas questioned whether or not this grill was being maintained regularly by anyone.

Members discussed the status of the watercourse or river by Mill Terrace. Cllr W Owen Thomas suggested the watercourse near Mill Terrace could be regarded as a river. The Clerk explained that the Dolfechlas brook from the River Alyn up to the Coed y Felin Junction was classed as a 'main river'. From the Coed y Felin junction upstream towards Mill Terrace, the brook was not classed as a main river. It is the riparian owner either side of a watercourse who is responsible for maintenance of the watercourse or culvert in the Mill Terrace area.

The Clerk referred to the occasion following the 2000 floods when Flintshire County Council managed to obtain Welsh Assembly funding for providing a 3m x 1m concrete box culvert up as far as Glan yr Afon. This work was undertaken, even though it was a private system fronting Glan yr Afon. There was a need therefore for the Community Council to press Flintshire to extend the 3m x 1m culvert upstream as far as Mill Terrace. The Council would, therefore, need to arrange a meeting with Flintshire's Land Drainage Engineer to discuss such a proposal.

Cllr W Owen Thomas referred to the recent development upstream of Glan yr Afon, when the river bank was damaged by the builder and sizeable rocks were allowed to fall into the bed of the brook. The Community Council had written to Flintshire Land Drainage Section at the time to bring the transgression to its attention.

Cllr W Owen Thomas referred to a disused reservoir in the woods upstream of Mill House. Cllr Thomas questioned whether or not the feasibility of renovating the reservoir had been considered. A weir arrangement and a throttle pipe at stream level would assist in regulating the flow under flash storm conditions. Clerk to make enquiries with Flintshire Land Drainage Section.

Flooding Generally in the Dolfechlas Brook Mr Hickie reported that the watercourse from Hendre to Rhydymwyn was full to capacity. The water from the highway gulleys along the A541 had nowhere to go. Members felt NRW should be asked to arrange for the dredging of this section of watercourse.

Cllr Greg Foster maintained that instead of writing to the various Authorities, the Community Council should consider doing work itself. Cllr W Owen Thomas maintained the Community Council could not carry out work on private land, especially where it was clear that it is the landowner's responsibility. The Clerk referred to the possibility of Council Members being surcharged if they were to knowingly undertake work on private land where the Council did not have the legal powers to incur the expenditure for the work envisaged.

Cllr Gareth Hughes agreed that all expenditure made by a Community Council is governed by various sections of legislation.

Mr Hickie referred to the position of the Land Drainage Section at Flintshire. The number of staff is currently down to two full time staff, and one additional person working on three days per week. Immediately following the 2000 Mold floods, there were over a dozen engineers in the Land Drainage Section.

The Clerk maintained that following the 2000 floods, Flintshire had three options being considered for Mill Terrace:

- (i) Restoring the reservoir in the woodland area above Mill House.
- (ii) Diverting the watercourse upstream of Mill Terrace into the A541 via a new culvert to discharge back into the recently provided 3m x 1m box culvert by Glan yr Afon.
- (iii) Replacing the stone built culvert at the rear of Mill Terrace with a 3m x 1m concrete box culvert.

Members agreed that the Clerk should arrange a meeting with NRW's Maintenance Engineer at the Buckley Office, to establish the feasibility of dredging the watercourse from Coed y Felin Road Junction in Hendre, to the A541 culvert near the Rhydymwyn Sewage Works. Walking the section of watercourse at the rear of the Service Station could also prove to be useful to identify any obstructions in the Dolfechlas brook.

Cllr Gareth W Hughes and Cllr Gwen Hardman suggested that the main items of correspondence being sent to Flintshire and NRW should be copied to the MP and the Assembly Member.

Cllr Gareth Hughes reported having received the flood 'alert', on Tuesday afternoon, which applied to the Rossett to Llandegla catchment area. Cllr Hughes was then expecting a flood warning which usually applies to a specific area, but a flood warning was not received.

Mr Saul Burton was invited by the Chairman to report further on the flooding incident at Ruby Houses. One house had been subject to flooding. Mr Hickie confirmed he had arranged for equipment to be on site on Tuesday 18 June to undertake clearing work, starting with clearing of Nant Road. The surface water pipe in Nant Road would have to be assessed, together with the discharge arrangement into the watercourse leading to the Dolfechlas brook. Mr Burton reported on recent fly tipping into the watercourse, which may have contributed to the obstruction of the entrance culvert upstream of Ruby Houses. Mr Hickie reported Flintshire having received calls referring to flooding at the 'Nant'. The problem was that there were a number of Nants in Flintshire. Mr Hickie maintained it was important for residents making complaints to Flintshire to try and be as specific as possible regarding the locations. Leaving telephone numbers and post codes helps.

Mr Richard Jarvis reported not having received an alert or a flood warning. Mr Jarvis had been unable to use the A541 to Mold on Wednesday. When he returned home, he found that NRW's website had not been updated from Tuesday. Cllr Gareth W Hughes thanked Mr Jarvis and Mr Bill Jones for submitting the flood reports and photographs. This information would be collated by the Clerk, with a view to submitting a flood report to the Bangor NRW office.

Clerk reported having received information and photographs from Mr Sando Citra regarding the Defra culvert. It would appear that Mr Citra has a key for the double gate located between the culvert entrance grill and the Pantymwyn Road. Members felt it might be appropriate to request

NRW to provide two additional keys for both double gates. The Clerk referred to the telephone number which is available to the public, which automatically gives the water level in the River Alyn as recorded just below the Defra boundary grille. Mr Bill Jones reported that there are two water level measuring devices below the grille in close proximity to each other, one being for the exclusive use by NRW.

The Chairman thanked the three residents for attending the Council meeting and providing their comprehensive accounts on the flooding in the Rhydymwyn and Ruby Houses area.

6. MATTERS ARISING:

Action Plan - dated 15 April 2019

Item 1 - 30mph repeater site - site visit with traffic engineer required.

Item 2 - Bryn Gollen split kerb repair - new length of kerb ordered.

Item 3 - Llys Alyn Play area - Mr R Roberts obtaining a quote for the damaged boundary fence in the next few weeks.

Item 4 - The Pistyll - survey done - works order issued.

Item 5 - Hedge above Bryn Gollen - Neil to pursue.

Item 6 - A541 opposite football field (near gas plant) - Neil to pursue with land owner.

Item 7 - Coed Du to Plas Wilkin up past The Vardo - potholes - extra day patching work available - so this section + Rose Lane + Bottom Road, Cilcain might be done in this coming week.

Item 8 - Overgrown hedge, Pedair y Groesffordd - after bird nesting season.

Item 9 - Bath Hill - work done. Cllr Gareth W Hughes maintained the County had done an excellent job - Item can now be deleted.

Item 10 - Dolfechlas road Street lighting clearing trees around street lamp.

Item 11 - Llys Alun - drain survey to establish soakaway position at rear of No 12 - to be done when contract jetter is next available. Cllr Thomas had searched for the estate plans, but unfortunately had not been able to find any drainage plans.

Item 12 - Near School, Ffordd y Llan - new kerb line required - quotation required for new path.

Item 13 - Rose Lane, Cilcain - potholes

Item 14 - Bottom road, Cilcain - potholes

- (a) Cllr Gareth W Hughes referred to several potholes from the Coed Du Farm junction down towards the Hendre.
- (b) The Chairman had sent the Clerk a photograph of a surcharging surface water manhole at the bottom of Rose Lane. Mr Hickie explained that sometimes the manholes can be lifted right out clear of the frame. Mr Hickie referred to a recent incident, whereby a motorist went through flood water on the carriageway, and damaged the vehicle by hitting a manhole cover which had been lifted out of its frame.
- (c) Cllr Thomas maintained that the Tardd y Dwr section of Ffordd y Llan should be on the list. Mr Hickie explained that the Tardd y Dwr is scheduled for surfacing. Cllr Thomas maintained there was water discharging across the highway in times of heavy rain. Cllr Thomas wondered if Mr Hickie could check if the water crossing the road at this point can be accommodated by the introduction of a roadside gully.

- (d) Star Crossing junction visibility - Cllr J Emyr Davies referred to the recent deterioration of the visibility on the Denbigh side of the Star Crossing junction. Member recalled Mr Ian Williams replacing a section of hedge with wooden rail fence at the junction. Cllr Davies recalled Mr Ian Williams also arranging to have this visibility splay cut approximately every six weeks in the Summer.
- (e) Coed Du to Nant Alyn camp site - Cllr Gareth W Hughes referred to an overhanging hedge pushing vehicles to the opposite side of the carriageway, so much so that the edge of the road was being rutted and was giving way.
- (f) Approach road to Cilcain - Cllr W Owen Thomas referred to the deteriorating surfacing. Mr Hickie explained that from Maes Cilan to the Cross is scheduled to be patched and surface dressed this Summer.
- (g) Berth Road / Ffordd y Llan Junction - Cllr W Owen Thomas referred to the need to consider speed control measures for vehicles approaching the junction from the Village. Cllr J Emyr Davies maintained there should be a 40 mph speed limit at this section of road. Cllr W Owen Thomas recalled having met two Flintshire Traffic Engineers on site to discuss the feasibility of a speed limit. Cllr W Owen Thomas referred to new criteria being imminent for speed limits on rural roads. Members agreed the Council should wait until the position is clarified. In the meantime, Mr Hickie was prepared to pursue painting Slow / Araf signs on the carriageway surface, after the surface dressing is completed.
- (h) Visibility splay at the Fforrest Farm junction. Cllr J Emyr Davies referred to the need to cut the vegetation in the splay verge. Cllr Davies maintained that the splay was not cut at all last year. Mr Hickie to include this item on the action plan list.
- (i) Village Hall drainage - The Clerk referred to the site meeting which had recently been held at the Village Hall to check the flow from the defibrillator corner downpipe gully to the catch pit inspection chamber at the memorial garden bottom pedestrian gate. The need to jet and TV survey again the main highway drain beneath the memorial garden section was discussed. Mr Hickie to arrange.

Cllr Gwen Hardman reported having witnessed the water coming down from the car park towards the Village Hall. At the same time, there was water coming from the field above the car park on to the car park.

Since there was approximately twelve inches of silt in the catch pit between the main entrance gate and the defibrillator corner, Members discussed who should be de-silting the catch pit, say on a once per year basis. An estimate was available at the meeting to identify the cost of cleaning this catch pit out. However, Members felt the Council should initially concentrate on dealing with the possible / apparent obstruction in the drain.

Cllr Hardman referred to a request received from the Hall Committee for a site meeting to discuss the current problem. Members, felt it was appropriate to have the camera survey done first, to establish what was causing the current surcharging.

Members also referred to the latest e-mail from a member of the Hall Committee which indicated that the attachment at the end of the drain rods had come loose and had been washed

down the drain. Fortunately the attachment appeared in the catch pit by the bottom gate of the memorial garden. For the end of the drain rod to get washed down the drain and miraculously appear at the next manhole was clearly an indication that there was not an awful lot impeding the flow of water in the drain.

The Clerk reported he had examined the TV survey taken by Metrorod in September 2018. A saddle connection coming into the drain in the vicinity of the pedestrian swing gate, was slightly protruding into the drain. Anyone rodding past the slightly protruding saddle with a 4 inch disc was likely to get the drain disc hitting the protruding saddle, and could wrongly lead to the conclusion that the drain was blocked at this point. The only way of finding out what is really happening at the pedestrian gate vicinity is to jet and TV survey again.

Members agreed to have a meeting on site at 3.30 pm Friday 21 June 2019.

MATTERS ARISING (Continued)

p3 Bryn Gollen - Item to stay of Agenda.

p3 Winnwood gulley - Item to stay on Agenda.

p3 Pistyll Cilcain - Item to stay on Agenda.

p4 Tarmac Quarry - Cllr W Owen Thomas reported on his concern regarding the way loaded wagons were leaving the wheel wash without waiting for the water to drain off. Clerk to enquire with Flintshire Minerals if there are any conditions in place that require loaded wagons to stop for a certain time after going through the wheel wash.

Members also noted the distinct lack of a camber on the entrance road to direct the water from the middle of the road to the side of the road.

Members noted that there are a number of potholes on the section of Nant Road between the quarry exit road and the A541. Item needs to be added to Neil's Action plan.

p4 Pedair y Groesffordd - overhanging hedge. Item to remain on the Council's Agenda.

p4 Hendre culvert new fence - Item to remain on the Council's Agenda.

p4 Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn, street light - Item to stay on the Agenda.

p4 A541, Y Dderwen to Hendre Villas - Item to stay on the Agenda.

p5 Mountain Road Cilcain - blocked gulleys catch pit under carriageway. Item to remain on the Council's Agenda.

p5 Llys Alyn, Rhydymwyn - drain survey required. Item to stay on Council's Agenda.

p5 Near School at Ffordd y Llan - Item to stay on Agenda.

p5 Drain blocked by Plas Wilkin. Item to stay on Council's Agenda.

- p5 Near the Llys Alyn Play Area - Tree at rear of No 47 Llys Alyn - Cllr W Owen Thomas to pursue with Mr Lee Shone from Flintshire.
- p5 Dual use dog stickers - Stickers being screwed onto Waen Field entrance gate. The dog notice on the left hand side of the Waen Field entrance had been cleared by the Chairman, followed by further cutting back of the vegetation by the Clerk.
- p5 Llys Alyn Play area - Item to stay on Agenda.
- p6 Culvert near Trelan Farm, Cilcain - Item to remain on Agenda.
- p6 Ffrith Lane, Loggerheads Rd, Cilcain - Item can now be deleted.
- p6 Reporting dead badgers - Item to remain on Agenda.

MATTERS ARISING - NON HIGHWAY MATTERS

- p6 Cilcain Notice Board / Hendre Notice Board - Internal strap may be required for the Cilcain Notice Board. Item to remain on the Agenda.

With regard to the proposed Notice Board at Hendre, Cllr Jean Ramsay needs to decide on the type and size she would prefer in Hendre, and also the type of backing material preferred. In order to avoid breaking through any services, Members agreed it would be appropriate to involve Mr Hickie in any excavation in the highway verge. Members noted that an item had been included in the Council's budget for the provision of the Notice Board.

- p6 Pedestrian Crossing, Rhydymwyn - Item to remain on the Agenda.
- p6 Town and Community Council Play Scheme Programme - Item to stay on Agenda to ensure the 2019 scheme is well publicised.
- p6 Bryn Sholyn - Clerk reported having contacted local residents. One static caravan remains on the site. The Clerk referred to a concern expressed by a Cefn Road resident regarding noise from Lloyd's Quarry. Cllr Pauline Douglas reported that the noise problem had now been dealt with. Cllr Douglas reported a blocked gully near the Quarry entrance. Cllr Douglas indicated she would contact Mr Hickie about the gully.
- p7 Excavation in highway controlled land - former Post Office, Cilcain - Item to stay on Agenda.
- p7 Bus Service, Llys Alun, Rhydymwyn - The absence of a timetable on the Rhydymwyn bus stop to be reported again to Flintshire. Clerk had reported the item to Flintshire's Bus Service Section.
- p7 Coed Du Nursing Home - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported having sent an email to express the Council's concern regarding the Bath House. No response received.
- p7 Two street lamps between Rhydymwyn and Hendre - Item can now be deleted.
- p7 Football Club Land, Rhydymwyn - Item to stay on Agenda.

- p7 Flintshire Forum Meetings - Dates for Flintshire Forum Meetings - The Chairman and Cllr Gwen Hardman to attend the meeting scheduled for the 25 June 2019.
- p8 Style by gas compound - Item to stay on Agenda.
- p10 Tree felling Notice, Nant Alyn - Item can now be deleted.
- p 10 Institute car park entrance, dog bin - Item can now be deleted.
- p10 Manhole cover A541Rhydymwyn - Item to stay on Agenda.
- p10 A541 Overhanging hedge adjoining gas plant - Item to stay on Agenda.
- p10 Bus shelter - Bus timetable required. Item discussed earlier.
- p10 Village Hall lease - Clerk reported having written to the Council's Solicitor.
- p10 Mountain Road Cilcain - Need for Slow / Araf road markings. Item to stay on the Agenda.
- p10 Suspected drug use at Coed y Felin and Hendre mine shaft. Item to stay on Agenda.

7. **PLANNING MATTERS**

(i) **Community Council observations requested on:**

- (a) Ref: 060007
 Proposal: Erection of a single storey extension to dwelling
 At: Ochr y Foel, Parc is y Mynydd, Cilcain.

The Community Council has no objection to the application

- (b) Ref: 059957
 Proposal: Erection of 3 bay garage with storeroom above.
 At: Bron Wylfa, Star Crossing Road, Cilcain.

The Community Council has no objection to the development, but is concerned regarding the height of the extension in relation to the rest of the dwelling.

(ii) Planning Decisions made by Flintshire County Council - Position noted on the following:

- (a) Ref: 059769
 Proposal: Erection of first floor extension over garage and erection of new detached garage
 At: Vista Alegre, Vicarage Road, Rhydymwyn
 Decision: Approved
 Decision date: 1st May 2019

- (b) Ref: 058984
 Proposal: Variation of condition no. 3 attached to planning permission ref: 047739
 At: Hendre Quarry, Denbigh Road, Hendre.
 Decision: Approved after completing Legal Agreement
 Decision Date: 14/05/2019
 Decision Level: Delegated-Officer
- (c) Ref: 059749
 Proposal: Erection of two storey extension in dwelling.
 At: Honesuckle Cottage, Efail Parcy, Hendre
 Decision: Approved
 Decision Date: 23/05/2019
 Decision Level: Delegated-Officer

8. 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 may be appropriate for a number of the correspondence items below to be discussed after the press and public have been excluded.

- 1) 20/05 **Environmental and parking enforcement funding scheme** - Information from Flintshire C C regarding the opportunity for Community Councils to fund additional Enforcement Officers for the following activities - litter patrols, dog fouling, fly tipping and car parking infringements. Position noted.
 Cllr Gareth W Hughes maintained that all Community Councils prepare their precepts in January for the following year. Therefore, it was not appropriate to ask for additional funding at this stage of the financial year.
- 2) 26/05 Four plaques on the Council Memorial seats - Confirmation received from Cllr W Hughes that two new plaques and two replacement plaques had now been fitted. Photographs of the fitted plaques were available at the Council Meeting. Position noted. Members noted that the seat in Cilcain cemetery is in need of staining. Clerk to pursue.
- 3) 29/05 **Cilcain Village Hall - surface water drains** - Copy of an email circulated to Village Hall Committee Members, received by the Council Chairman, detailing the drainage problems due to a suspected blockage of the highway drain by the entrance gate to the Village Hall garden. Item discussed earlier. A site meeting is to take place on Friday 21 June 2019. Jetting and TV survey to be arranged.
- 4) 30/05 **Village Hall Cilcain** - Site visit with Flintshire's Streetscene Supervisor to discuss the recent suspected blockage in the surface water highway sewer crossing the site. Cllr W Owen Thomas and Cllr John Worthington were in attendance at the site meeting. Three plans were attached to the Agenda depicting:
 (i) The alignment of the main surface water sewer crossing the site.

(ii) The surface water and foul sewerage system as shown on the 1985 Village Hall extension's Architects plan.

(iii) The offsite foul sewer.

Cllr Thomas, Cllr Worthington and Clerk reported at the Council Meeting.

Photographs of each inspection chamber looked at were also tabled at the Council Meeting.

- 5) 30/05 **Natural Resources Wales** - Notice of forthcoming Engagement Workshops. Position noted.
- 6) 01/06 **Village Hall Lease** - Letter to Council's Solicitor to request information. Position noted.
- 7) 03/06 **North Wales Police** - Local crime updates from PCSO Connor Freel. Position noted.
- 8) 04/06 **Stream Pollution, Hendre** - Email from a Hendre resident expressing concern regarding pollution of the watercourse. Clerk reported at the Council Meeting on the subsequent telephone conversation with the appropriate Officer in the NRW Buckley Office.
- 9) 05/06 **Recently launched North Wales superfast internet Network** - Information from Airband Community Internet Ltd. Cllr Ian Smith had looked into the service being promoted. Cllr Smith felt the service offered was being aimed primarily at areas where the internet access was extremely poor or even non-existence. The reviews for the service also showed that the customer service was not good. Position noted.
- 10) 05/06 **County Forum Meeting, 25 June 2019** - Meeting Agenda from Flintshire County Council. Chairman and Cllr Gwen Hardman will be attending.
- 11) 07/06 **Hendre Quarry** - Notification regarding scheduled blasting. Members were requested to advise the quarry if any village residents wish to be included on future circulation emails. Position noted.
- 12) 08/06 **Cilcain Village Hall - surface water drains** - Copy of two emails circulated to Village Hall Committee Members, received by the Council Chairman, detailing the extent of the surcharging surface water sewers and identifying suggested solutions. Position noted.
- 13) 10 /06 **Cilcain Village Hall, surface water drains** - Photographs received from Cllr John Worthington following an inspection made of the drainage problem at 6.00 pm on Monday 10 June 2019. Position noted.
- 14) 10/06 **Cilcain Village Hall - surface water drains** - Email received from Cllr W Owen Thomas suggesting that a possible solution to preventing excess surface water flowing down from the car park towards the Village Hall could involve the provision of a catch pit and a covered channel along the car park side of the wall, connected to the main drain. Position noted. Members agreed the potential problem under the memorial garden needed looking at first before discharging more flow into the main drain going down past the rear of the Chapel .

- 15) 11/06 **Cilcain Village Hall, surface water drains** - Email from the Secretary of the Village Hall Management Committee regarding the recent flooding occurrences. Position noted.

- 16) 11/06 **Cilcain Village Hall drains** - Email and photographs from the Council Chairman following an inspection made of the area when it was raining very heavily on Monday 10 June. All the water was making its way down the gulleys.

- 17) 11/06 **Cilcain Village Hall drains** - Email and photographs from Cllr Gwen Hardman following an inspection made of the area at approximately 1.00 pm on Tuesday 11 June. Position noted.

- 18) 11/06 **Cilcain Village Hall - surface water drains** - Copy of an email circulated to Village Hall Committee Members, received by the Council Chairman, including photographs taken on Tuesday 11 June 2019, and detailing the effect of the further drain rodding work undertaken.

- 19) 14/06 **Flooding (12/13 June) report by Cllr Jean Ramsay** - Report prepared by Cllr Ramsay, and an attached report from a Ruby Houses resident. General Rhydymwyn flood photographs were available at the Council meeting.

Cllr Gareth Hughes referred to the comment made to a Lloyd's Terrace resident regarding the pumping main being well undersized. Clerk to write to Welsh Water to enquire if Welsh Water are proposing to upgrade the pumping main and pumping station.

- 20) **Cemetery path, Cilcain** - A photograph showing the existing path in the lower part of the cemetery had been circulated to Members. A budget estimate (approaching £6,000) had been received for reconstructing the path, making it slightly wider and providing concrete kerbs to support the new tarmac surfacing. The Clerk maintained that the budget estimate had been obtained in order for the Council to consider if it wanted to proceed with obtaining quotations at some point. Cllr Gareth Hughes maintained if the wooden fir edging timbers were taken away, the path would look quite tidy. Members felt that a specification to detail the nature and extent of the repair was now required. Cllr J Emyr Davies maintained that there was no need to dig up the existing path. Cllr W Owen Thomas agreed that a specification was required and the Council could then proceed to obtain three prices based on the specification. Cllr W Owen Thomas to make enquiries with a person that can prepare a written specification.

- 21) **Village Hall Car Park** - A photograph of the Village Hall car park had been circulated to Members with the Agenda. A budget estimate (approaching £2,000) had been received for resurfacing a (40 m sq) rectangular area at the entrance and sweeping the remaining part of the car park. Members agreed that a specification should be prepared and three prices could then be obtained based on the specification. Cllr W Owen Thomas felt that re-constructing the steps should be included in the car park repair work. Members questioned if the funding can come out of the Council's planned 'reserves'. Cllr Gareth W Hughes maintained that Councils should be aiming to have one year's precept in reserves. The Clerk maintained the Council should have reserves to deal with a potential emergency. If a section of the cemetery wall collapsed in Cilcain, rebuilding the wall would become immediately necessary.

- 22) **Flooding at Ruby Houses** - Photographs of flooding at Ruby Houses submitted by Mr Saul Burton were circulated at the Council Meeting. Cllr Greg Foster noted that both item 19 and item 22 referred to pumps being used for dealing with the sewage and flood water.

Cllr Foster suggested the Community Council should consider purchasing a small pump that could be made available in the area for use by the community. Cllr Hardman felt the price of a pump should be obtained. Clerk to arrange. Cllr Pauline Douglas maintained that one pump would not suffice where there is widespread flooding in several places at the same time. There would still be a problem to decide who gets first call on the pumps.

Members questioned who would be responsible for storing the pump / pumps.

Members agreed that each site would need a different sized pump. A very small pump would suffice for dealing with the flooding at the back of Lloyd's Terrace on this occasion.

Cllr W Owen Thomas felt it would not be practical to pump the water past the Mill Terrace culvert, in view of the quantity of flow involved.

Members noted that the pump used at Nant Alun looked like a 6 inch pump, which was fixed to the back of a tractor. The tractor driven pump could still not cope with the amount of water coming over the river bank.

9. MATTERS RAISED SINCE THE 20 MAY 2019 COUNCIL MEETING

- (i) **Bryn Sholyn, Cefn Road** - Information received from two local residents that one static caravan is still on site. Item discussed earlier. Members noted that the owner of Bryn Sholyn appeared to be running a dog grooming business (advertised on Facebook) from Bryn Sholyn. Information to be supplied to the Clerk to enable the Clerk to submit the Council's concern to Flintshire Planning. The Council also needs to enquire with Flintshire Planning to find out how long the owner is to be allowed to keep the unauthorised static caravan on site.
- (ii) **Antelope Industrial Estate, former recycling plant** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that the former recycling unit now appears to be empty, and all the stored waste material has been taken off site. Position noted.
- (iii) **Grass cutting around the public seats in Cilcain** - The person currently cutting the grass around the seats in Cilcain had informed the Clerk that his petrol trimmer is no longer functioning properly. Consequently, the Council considered making alternative arrangements to cut the grass around four Cilcain seats. Clerk and Cllr Worthington to pursue.
- (iv) **Flooding at Rhydymwyn and Hendre** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported concerns raised by Rhydymwyn and Hendre residents regarding the shortcomings with the NRW's role in the flooding on this occasion. Item discussed earlier.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS -

- (a) **Cilcain Sewage Treatment Works, overflow into the River Alyn -**

Janet Butlin maintained a check should be made to see if the overflow from the Treatment Works is still discharging effluent in dry periods. The Clerk reported that on the last occasion this item was reported to NRW - the Council was informed that the treatment plant was due for an 'assessment'. The Clerk would now need to check with NRW what happened in the assessment.

11. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS** - To submit the accounts scheduled in the Appendix for payment.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for 7.30 pm Monday 15 July 2018 at the Football Club premises, Rhydymwyn.

SignedChairman Date: Clerk