

Shelley Webber, from Flintshire's Domestic Energy Team gave the Council a 15 minute presentation on the recent £3.5 million funding available to help the most vulnerable residents in Flintshire.

Shelley advised Members that the funding was to help residents in the community who were in need of assistance to make their home more comfortable. The assistance ranged from the purchasing of smoke alarms, loft insulation, energy efficient bulbs, to renewing central heating boilers.

Shelley stressed the need for Community Councillors to assist in identifying residents that can be assisted by the scheme.

If there are any clubs or organisations in the village that could benefit from a presentation then Shelley would like to contact such groups. The scheme has three years to run, so there is a reasonable amount of time to deal with scheme.

There were some restrictions - the scheme cannot be given assistance to convert from oil to gas. Capping of water rates has been done in some instances.

The assistance can be made available to any age group. The help is not means tested. Shelley left some fliers detailing the scheme details.

Chairman thanked Shelley for her presentation.

6 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the 19 February 2018 Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Cilcain were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as being correct.

7. MATTERS ARISING - from the 19 February 2018 Council Meeting.

p108 **Mwynbwl area, Gareg Boeth, Rhydymwyn** - Mr Williams reported materials made available. Residents to spread the material.

p108 **Traffic Measures, Hendre** -

The Chairman and Clerk reported on the a site meeting held on 27 March 2018.

p108 **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

Flintshire is likely to undertake repair works in March / April 2018.

p108 **Hendre culvert** - Silt material - work ongoing. Fence repair to be discussed at Quarry Liaison meeting on Thursday this week.

p109 **Street lighting repairs, Rhydymwyn / Hendre** - Cllr Gareth W Hushes updated the Council on the current position regarding recent repairs by Flintshire. Lamp No 10 had now been repaired.

p109 **Coping Stone, Church Meadow** - Plastic warning post now being considered as an option.

- p109 **Pothole repairs, generally** - Clerk had not yet received a detailed reply from Flintshire Streetscene.
- p109 **Depression in carriageway outside No 1 Church Meadow** - Work ongoing. Another depression noted around a manhole cover further up Dolfechlas Road, by Impala.
- p109 **Longitudinal crack in carriageway, Coed Du Hall entrance** - Work ongoing.
- p109 **Rose Lane, Cilcain, deteriorating road surface** - Awaiting resources.
- p109 **Tar-dd y Dwr, Star Crossing Road** - The area needs further repair. Mr Williams explained that Flintshire had recently been inundated with potholes. Temporary works had to be done on the worse defects. More permanent repairs will have to be done in due course.
- p109 **Nant Alyn** - Mr Williams reported that he had spoken again to the owner of Cae'r Eithin. A length of kerb will be provided outside the property to prevent the road surface water from discharging from the road into the property. Damage to the road surfacing outside the property will be done at the same time. A works ticket had been issued.
- p109 **Potholes at Loggerheads Road, Cilcain** - The Chairman reported on a recent incidence, where a visitor from Germany had cracked his wheel on a pothole. Modern vehicles do not carry spare wheels, so the motorist who was on his holiday, was completely stranded. Mr Williams explained that potholes have to be over 40mm deep for a claim to be considered.
- p109 **The Pistyll** - Survey results awaited.
- p109 **Overhanging trees Ffordd y Llan** - Works ticket had been issued in Sept 2017.
- p109 **Village walkabout meeting held at Cilcain, 14 July 2017** - Problem surface water drain at side of Chapel - Cllr J Emyr Davies had reported to the March Council Meeting that the Chapel had now had a TV survey undertaken. Structural survey being arranged, so that the damage cost can be taken up with Flintshire.
- p110 **Flooding incidence at Village Hall entrance gate** - Members noted that the two gulleys located a few yards up hill have to deal with the surface water for approximately 400 - 500 yards of road. Cllr Gareth W Hughes maintained the grids of the two gulleys by the car park entrance are fairly large. Mr Ian Williams to inspect to assess the size of the gully pots.
- p110 **Deterioration of the highway maintenance service provided by Flintshire** - Clerk confirmed having written to Mr Steve Jones. The Chairman reported having e-mailed a request to Mr Barry Wilkinson to meet him on site. The damp problem at Crown Farm would be discussed, as well as the general conditions of the roads in the Cilcain area.
- p110 **Refuse collection vehicle** - Mr R Broughton to be invited to attend a future Council Meeting.
- p110 **Proposed new dog bin for Hendre** - Mr Ian Williams confirmed Flintshire was waiting a metal inner lining for the bin.
- p110 **Road from Cilcain Church to the Waterworks** - Repair work required.
- p110 **Bryn Gollen, Rhydymwyn, split channel at entrance to estate** - Work ticket raised.

- p110 **Rhydymwyn, Leete Avenue** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that the condition of the road had now deteriorated considerably. Flintshire's Survey team to be arranged.
- p110 **Overgrowing hedges, Pedair y Groesffordd and Bryn Celyn area** - Mr Ian Williams to pursue.
- p110 **Plas Newydd, Cilcain** - Works instruction ticket issued for pothole repairs.
- p110 **Upper Cilan Lodge Road, BT cable in highway verge** - Flintshire to arrange for the verge to be cleared. Works ticket issued.
- p110 **Nant Alyn Road, Caravan park up to Cae'r Eithin** - Carriageway edge breaking up. Item discussed elsewhere.
- p110 **Church Meadow, Rhydymwyn** - repair to road surfacing. Slurry sealing to be tried on this road.
- p110 **Ffordd y Llan, vegetation between the Shop and the Square** - Mr Williams to pursue.
- p110 **Pantymwyn Road, protruding hedge near the Square** - Mr Williams to pursue. Resident now making contact with the owner of the property.
- p111 **A541 Hendre bends, memorial flowers** - Concerns from individuals need to be in writing. Each letter of concern needs to be based on highway safety grounds.
- p111 **Encroachment of green verges, Pantymwyn Road, Cilcain** - Landowners to check their deeds.
- p111 **Proposal of a bus shelter in Llys Alyn** - Budget provision included in the Community Council's Jan 2018 precept estimates. Clerk to arrange a site meeting with Flintshire.
- p111 **Footway between Hendre and Rhydymwyn** - The Clerk reported a footway sweeper working on the section of road between the Rhydymwyn Service Station and the Rhosesmor turning. Cllr Gareth W Hughes had been to inspect and reported the path needed doing again. Mr Ian Williams reported that the sweeper had not finished the job. Mr Williams to pursue. Overhanging trees near the Antelope reported by Cllr Gareth W Hughes.
- p111 **Wooden rail fence by the Hendre Culvert.** Cllr Gareth W Hughes referred to the arrangement between Flintshire and Tarmac to share the repair / replacement costs of the wooden rail fence by the Hendre culvert. Item to stay on Agenda / Minutes. Item to be discussed in forthcoming Quarry Liaison meeting schedule for Thursday this week.
- p111 **Lon Cilan, Cilcain, hedge cutting** - Members noted that Mr Ian Williams had written to the Ffordd y Llan resident to request the protruding hedge in Lon Cilan be cutback. A copy of Mr Williams' email was included with the correspondence pack for tonight's Council Meeting.
- p111 **Mountain Road, Cilcain** - Waiting for jetting machine to be made available.
- p111 **Trial Hill, repair of metal rail** - Works ticket has been issued.
- p111 **Cefn Road, by Pandy Cottage** - Leaning tree. Works ticket issued.
- p111 **Coed Du Farm, absence of salt heaps** - Item can now be deleted.

- p111 **Pantymwyn road, Cilcain** - Uneven surfacing near 'The Close'. Works ticket issued. Cllr Gwen Hardman reported that the area needing repair was now much larger.
- p111 **Dolfechlas Road visibility at Church Lane junction** - Members noted that a side entrance from Church Lane is now available at the property. This new entrance had significantly reduced the parking issue in Dolfechlas Road. Mr Williams to check if the overhanging hedge (affecting the visibility) has been removed.
- p111 **Winnwood Gulley, Dolfechlas Road** - Mr Ian Williams reported a works ticket had been raised for the frame lifting work.
- p111 **Statimeter Junction** - Members noted that the repair by Welsh Water had now taken place. Item to be deleted.
- p111 **Settlement adjoining gas trench in Dolfechlas Road** - Flintshire to undertake the repair work.
- p111 **Ffordd y Berth, Cilcain** - Gulleys blocked. Works ticket has been issued. Mr Williams has requested information regarding the date the gulleys were last cleaned.
- p112 **Brithdir Mawr Lane - Brithdir Mawr Lane, Loggerheads Road** - On Friday 06 April, a site meeting took place at the junction of Brithdir Mawr Lane and Loggerheads Road. In attendance were Cllr W Owen Thomas, Cllr John Worthington, Cllr J Emyr Davies, Mr Robert Gresty (local resident), Mr Nick Williams (Flintshire Traffic Signs Engineer) and the Clerk.

Several resident of Brithdir Mawr Lane had expressed concern regarding vehicles regularly being directed up Brithdir Mawr Lane to gain access to Moel Famau, by following the instructions on their i-phones.

Suggestions considered at the site meeting were:

1. Erect a sign on the Cilcain side of the Junction directing traffic to Moel Famau to go straight on at the junction.
2. Relocate the 'no through road' sign approximately 10 metres further up Brithdir Mawr Lane, and have an additional sign on the opposite side of the road. Existing no through road sign slightly too high.
3. Pursue with Denbighshire County Council the erection of a Moel Famau sign at the junction of Loggerheads Road and Tafarn y Gelyn Road. A sign had allegedly been prepared several months ago, but the Officer who arranged for the provision the sign had subsequently left Denbighshire. The Clerk has contacted Denbighshire to enquire which Officer had taken on the traffic sign role in Denbighshire.
4. Flintshire to be requested to erect a sign at the entrance to indicate - 'No vehicle access to Moel Famau'. To have a non-standard sign, Welsh Assembly permission would be needed. The application for a non standard sign could take between 6 and 12 months, for permission to be given.
5. Request Flintshire to take the map inaccuracies up with the companies that produce the maps for the various mobile phones.
6. Approximately five years ago, the Welsh Assembly approved a specific sign that requested motorist not to follow internet instructions. One of these signs was erected at the Fforrest Farm junction. The Community Council was informed by Flintshire that these experimental signs were being ignored by the motorist, so the Welsh Assembly experimental signs scheme was discontinued. The Community Council needs to enquire with Flintshire or / and the Welsh Assembly Member - what measures are now being considered to prevent the

growing nuisance which is occurring as a result of the motorist blindly following their inaccurate / misleading phone maps.

Members considered the above suggestions and requested the Clerk to pursue the various items.

p112 **Wellingtonia Tree, Rhydymwyn** - Chairman to pursue path repair with Flintshire's Housing Section.

p112 **Bath House, Rhydymwyn** - Clerk reported on his discussion with the Coed Du Manager (Mr Paul Hughes). Mr Hughes referred the Clerk on to the Estates Manager. The Estates Manager had requested Flintshire to specify what work needed to be done, but had not received a reply.

Eleanor Carpenter had informed the Community Council last Autumn that she had been unable to obtain a response to her correspondence with the Coed Du Owner. Clerk to connect Eleanor Carpenter with Coed Du's Estates Manager.

p112 **Salt bin next to former Ysgol y Ddol school** - salt bin needs relocating. Mr Ian Williams to pursue.

p112 **A541, Rhydymwyn, style by gas plant** - Item to stay on Agenda.

p112 **Flintshire's parking survey outside the Shop in Cilcain** - Members maintained there was a need for clarification regarding the survey. Clerk to request information regarding the parking survey from Mr Richard L Jones.

p 112 **Street Lamp, Glascoed, Cilcain** - The street lamp at the junction of Glas Coed and Ffordd y Llan had been out for several months. Mr Ian Williams and Clerk to pursue with Mr Jamie Bennet. Clerk had received a report (from Mrs Williams, Park y Llan) regarding a lamp being off at the end of the link path between Park y Llan and Bwlch Lane. Clerk to pursue with Deeco.

p112 **Street lighting map for Cilcain** - Mr Williams to supply the Community Council with a plan showing Flintshire's street lamps in Cilcain.

p112 **Dolfechlas Road, litter and dog fouling** - Cllr Ian Smith reported that Flintshire Streetscene's had not been responding to his emails about dog fouling. Cllr Ian Smith had established that the emails had not been received by Streetscene. The Streetscene email inbox would not accept any more emails because it was full. Mr Williams had been requested to look into the issue. The 'signs issue' to be discussed under the correspondence item on the Agenda.

p112 **Crown Farm, Ffordd y Llan** - Item discussed earlier.

p112 **Rhydymwyn Football Field** - Item to be discussed under the correspondence item on the Agenda.

p112 **Replenishing grit piles** - Item can now be deleted.

p115 **Cilcain toilet burst water pipe** - Chair invited Mrs Sue Jones to update the Council on the plumbing repairs. Mrs Sue Jones reported the repairs had been completed and the toilet was open again. Convection heater being looked at in readiness for next Winter. Chair suggested consideration should be given to closing the toilet in severe weather conditions next winter.

p117 **Brown signs** - Chair expressed concern regarding an observation allegedly made by Mr David Hanson that the Community Council's permission was not required for brown signs to be erected. Cllr Gareth W Hughes explained that the Community Council's permission may not have been required for a single logo application. However, Flintshire County Council had request the Community Council to give its observations for a multiple logo sign.

8. **RHYDYMWYN WARD MEMBER VACANCY**

Clerk reported having posted a notice up regarding the Rhydymwyn Ward Vacancy at two locations in the Rhydymwyn Ward. The Notices would be checked every four or five days to ensure that the Notices are still in place.

9. **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

- (a) Proposal: Erection of accommodation in connection with gun dog training centre.
Location: Land adjacent to Caer Go, Cefn Road, Cilcain
Ref No: 058254

Community Council's Observations: If the proposal contravenes Flintshire's planning policy for sporadic development in the countryside, then the Community Council objects to the development.

- (b) Proposal: Demolition of existing porch and erection of a new porch.
Location: 14 Nant Alyn Road, Rhydymwyn
Ref No: 058176
Community Council's Observations: No objection to the proposal.

(2) **Planning decisions made by Flintshire County Council:** None received

10. **CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS** Position noted on the following:

- 1) 19 /03 **Coed Du Hall, Rhydymwyn** - Invitation to visit Coed Du from the Service Manager. Item discussed earlier.
- 2) 19/03 **North Wales Police** - Monthly crime reports for the area - up to 19 March 2018 - information from Connor Freel. Item discussed earlier.
- 3) 20/03 **North Wales Police** - Advice leaflets produced by North Wales Police regarding recommended theft protection measures. Information provided by Connor Freel. Item discussed earlier.
- 4) 23/03 **Brithdir Mawr Lane, Loggerheads Road** - Information from Cllr John Worthington regarding cars going up Brithdir Mawr Lane after following sat nav instructions to find Moel Famau. Item discussed earlier.

- 5) 23/03 **Cilcain Village Hall - Community Shop** - Note of thanks from Mr Roger Pybus. Position noted.
- 6) 25/03 **Rhydymwyn War Memorial Institute** - Note of thanks for recent donation. Position noted.
- 7) 26/03 **Lon Cilan, Cilcain** - protruding hedge - Copy of email sent to Ffordd y Llan resident from Mr Ian Williams (Flintshire County Council's Area 4 Coordinator). This email was for the Community Council's information.
- 8) 26/03 **Public Space Protection Orders** - Copy of letter sent to Flintshire's Mr Gerwyn Davies from a Cilcain resident. The letter referred to the resident's concern regarding the number of dog signs on the entrance to the Rhydymwyn Football Club premises.
- Cllr Jean Ramsay expressed concern regarding the comments made about Cllr Gareth Hughes in the final paragraph of the letter. To include such comments, without having no evidence to back up such a statement was disgusting. The signs on the entrance gate had in fact been posted up by Flintshire County Council. Cllr Gareth W Hughes had nothing whatsoever to do with the signs at the entrance gate, or any other dog signs erected in the village.
- Clerk and Cllr Jean Ramsay to liaise and formulate a letter to Mr Gerwyn Davies to put forward the Community Council's position.
- Members noted that someone had removed the sign showing the outline of the football pitch. The sign had been secured to the entrance gate by one plastic tie.
- 9) 26/03 **Rhydymwyn Football Club premises** - Copy of letter sent to Flintshire's Mr Gerwyn Davies from a Cilcain resident. The letter referred to the resident's concern regarding the Football Club regularly burning refuse on their premises instead of recycling the waste. Clerk to send a copy of the letter to the Football Club for its information.
- 10) 28/03 **Friends of Rhydymwyn Valley, Rhydymwyn** - Request for a donation of £100 to assist with the annual Summer Arts Project for 8 - 15 year old youngsters. Donation of £100 approved.
- 11) 06/04 **Brithdir Mawr Lane** - suggested 'straight on' for Moel Famau sign. Members approved the sign.
- 12) 10/04 **North Wales Police** - updated crime report from Connor Freel. Position noted.
- 13) 10/04 **Mineshaft, Hendre** - Update from Flintshire CC regarding the fenced off mineshaft in the field opposite Mill Terrace. Cllr J Emyr Davies referred to this particular area being subject to several depressions occurring when he was in school, the school bus having to be diverted on one occasion. Members were not impressed with the adequacy of the fence erected around the open shaft. A photograph of the recently appeared shaft was tabled at the meeting. Cllr John Worthington maintained the shockproof fence had been fixed upside down, with the small mesh at the top of the fence instead of at the bottom. Clerk to pursue.
- 14) 11/04 **Cilcain Clean and Lock** - Thank you note for the recent donation. Position noted.

- 15) 11 /04 **Ewloe Flood Awareness Event** - Cllr Ian Smith and Mr Gareth Bellis from Rhydymwyn had attended the Ewloe Flood Awareness meeting on the 23 March. Cllr Ian Smith reported on the event. Cllr Smith was concerned that there was no discussions on measures to stop the flood happened in the first place, but plenty of advice regarding how to protect properties after the flood has occurred. Some information is available on the NRW's website. Links to specific interesting items to be passed on to the Clerk in due course.
- 16) 11/04 **Cilcain defibrillator** - Note from Cilcain resident. Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that the Rhydymwyn defibrillator was in place. Clerk to contact the Cilcain Young Farmers to discuss the purchase of the unit for Cilcain.
- 17) 12/04 **Hendre Quarry** - Liaison meeting scheduled for 19 April 2018. Chair and Cllr Gareth W Hughes scheduled to attend.
- 18) 08/04 **Lon Cilan, Cilcain** - Copy of letter sent to Cilcain resident detailing the Community Council's role in the width of path issue at Lon Cilan. Position noted.
- 19) 12/05 **Rhydymwyn Football Club** - Letter of thanks from the Football Club Chairman to thank the Community Council for the recent donation.

11. MATTERS RAISED SINCE THE LAST MEETING -

- (a) **Suspected disused mineshaft settlement Hendre** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported (Feb 2018) a settlement in the field opposite Mill Terrace, Hendre. Item reported to Flintshire's Public Protection Office. Mr Phil Foster has undertaken an inspection. A fence had been erected around the shaft. Item discussed earlier.
- (b) **Site meeting at Hendre** - The site meeting called for in the 19 March Council Meeting took place at Mill Terrace on the 27 March 2018. The meeting to discuss the parking restriction was attended by Cllr W Owen Thomas, Cllr Ian Smith, Cllr J Emyr Davies, Mr Lee Shone (Flintshire Traffic Section) and Mr Ian Williams (Flintshire Streetscene). The Chairman and Clerk reported at the Council meeting on the outcome of the site meeting. The option for a parking restriction favoured at the site meeting was to start the restriction at the boundary of No 4 and No 5 Mill Terrace.
- (b) **Nant Alyn, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Mrs Janet Butlin had reported that Nant Alyn was closed to traffic on Wednesday 4th April due to a long vehicle becoming lodged at the bend just uphill of the Caravan site. Photographs were available at the Council Meeting. Members noted the existing sign arrangement which was in place near the former Trimm Rock Quarry. Clerk to sent the photographs to Flintshire and request that consideration be given to a road width restriction or a road narrow sign be provided at the Trimm Rock quarry entrance.
- (c) **Proposed bus shelter, Llys Alyn, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported having received information to indicate that Flintshire County Council is currently in a position to award grants towards new bus shelters. A site meeting would initially be required with Flintshire to allow the Flintshire's Street Scene Officer (Jessica Pritchard) to assess the location and the need for a new shelter at the proposed site. Members noted that an item had been included in the budget for this financial year. Clerk to arranger a site meeting with Jessica Prichard.
- (d) **Brithdir Mawr Lane, Loggerheads Road** - Item discussed earlier.
- (e) **Street Lamp, Nant Alyn, near Mendelssohn's plaque** - Cllr Gareth Hughes had reported

(9 April) this lamp had still not been repaired, Clerk had requested Deeco Lighting to send Scottish Power a reminder regarding the need to repair the power supply cable. Repair by Scottish Power had now been outstanding for approximately six weeks. Clerk to pursue.

- (f) **Foul Sewer Manhole Cover, Dolfechlas Road** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported (10 Apr) the tarmac surrounding the manhole cover adjoining Impala was breaking up. Since the pumping main from Hendre comes into the gravity system at this particular manhole, a foul smell can theoretically be generated. Item reported to Mr Ian Williams at Flintshire Streetscene.
- (g) **Rhydymwyn, clacking manhole cover by the Mendelssohn plaque** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported (10 April) repair works by Welsh Water had now taken place. Item discussed earlier.
- (h) **Leete Avenue, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported (10 Apr) that the surface condition of the path and road needed inspecting, and including on Flintshire's highway repair list. Mr Ian Williams contacted. Item discussed earlier.
- (i) **Dangerous tree at Cilcain Cemetery** - Members recalled a quotation being recently received for the removal of a tree near the top entrance gate at Cilcain cemetery. The Council had agreed at the time that the work could not take place during the winter months, because of access difficulties for taking the material off site through Waen Field. Mr Ian Williams has recently been requested to consult with Mr Dewi Ellis, with a view to scheduling the work for the most appropriate time this year. Members noted that an item has been included on this year's budget for this work. Mr Williams to pursue.

12. ANY OTHER BUINESS -

- (a) A wheeled wooden container has been proposed by the Shop Steering Group to accommodate the delivered newspapers. Approval given.
- (b) Cllr Ian Hughes referred to the recent work currently taking place at the garden adjoining the Village Hall. Chair indicated that permission had been given for the scheme, subject to certain reservations. Cllr Janet Butlin maintained the Council had not received a finalised plan to show that the Council's observations had been taken on board. Members agreed it would be appropriate to discuss the scheme, together with the Council's donation, when the Council meets representative of the new Hall Committee in the next few weeks.

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

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next meeting of the Council will be the Annual General Meeting, and will be held at the Rhydymwyn Football Club premises at 7.30 pm on the 21 May 2018.