

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE FOOTBALL CLUB PREMISES, RHYDYMWYN ON 21 OCTOBER 2019.**

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

**1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Carolyn Thomas, Cabinet Member of Flintshire Streetscene to the Council Meeting. The Chairman also welcomed three Rhydymwyn residents to the meeting who had expressed an interest in the Rhydymwyn Pedestrian Crossing item. The Chair also welcomed two Cilcain resident, Mrs Sue Jones and Mr Phil Higgins to the October Meeting. Croeso i bawb i Gyngor Mis Hydref.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllr Ann Baker, Cllr Gareth W Hughes.**

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were four Declarations of Interest received. Cllr J Emyr Davies declared an interest in the Capel Gad assistance item. Cllr Ian Smith declared an interest in two of the financial items on the Agenda (Bonfire donation and the Rhydymwyn Church assistance item). Cllr Gwen Hardman declared an interest in the Cilcain calendar item on the Agenda.**

**4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Cllr Gwen Hardman proposed, Cllr John Worthington seconded and all Members agreed to approve the Minutes of the 16th September 2019 Council Meeting. The Chairman signed the 16 Sept Council Minutes.

**5. RHYDYMWYN PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

Cllr W Owen Thomas outlined the background to the pedestrian crossing item. Cllr Thomas had met two of Flintshire's Traffic Engineers some twelve months ago. Cllr Thomas had been given the cost of a pedestrian crossing at between £70,000 and £90,000. Flintshire did not have a budget for this pedestrian crossing as such, and an application would have to be made to the Welsh Assembly Government for funding. Due to the position of the required crossing being on the Service Station bend, the scheme was not likely to score highly in a grant application.

Cllr Thomas explained that he had asked the Clerk to arrange another site meeting with Flintshire Traffic Engineer. The meeting had been provisionally arranged for 2.00 pm on Friday 25 October.

Another aspect that needed to be discussed on site was the activated speed limit sign on the Denbigh side of the village. This particular sign did not appear to be anywhere near as bright as those recently provided in adjoining villages.

The Chairman invited Mr Paul Jones, one of the Rhydymwyn residents, to put forward his concerns. Mr Jones explained that he had over thirty years experience as a wagon driver. His main concern was the speed of vehicles coming through the village. Mr Jones explained that there was a tendency for quarry wagon drivers to contact each other on CB's to warn other drivers regarding the presence of a speed camera by the Antelope. Mr Jones maintained that radar cameras were therefore not very effective in controlling vehicle speed in this particular situation.

Cllr Carolyn Thomas maintained it would be appropriate for village residents to be represented at the site meeting with Flintshire.

Cllr Jean Ramsay stressed the importance of emphasising in any grant application that village children and elderly village residents had to cross this extremely busy road to get to the bus stop by the Service Station.

Cllr Ian Smith referred to the costs of the various types of accidents which occur in the U K. Cllr Smith felt the costs should be taken into account when assessing the financial viability of a pedestrian crossing or speed reduction scheme.

Mr Paul Jones enquired whether or not the funding received from the radar trap fines can be used to fund a traffic safety or traffic calming scheme. Cllr Carolyn Thomas indicated that unfortunately the funds go initially to the UK Treasury and some funds are funnelled to the Welsh Assembly. None of the fine money can be directly used to fund traffic safety measures.

Cllr Carolyn Thomas referred to three Flintshire pedestrian crossing applications being made to the Welsh Assembly last year, the applications being based on road safety grounds. None were approved. However, applications made on the basis of safe routes in the community were approved. Cllr Thomas would therefore request Flintshire's Traffic Engineer to look at the Rhydymwyn crossing proposal under the safe routes in the community grant category. Cllr Thomas maintained that the points regarding the elderly residents and school children crossing the road were the points that needed stressing.

Mr Hickie suggested a speed survey, utilising the two rubber tube system across the road would be useful to provide the proof that speed control measures were urgently required at the location. A number of motorists were unaware that the two tube system not only gives a traffic count, but also assesses the vehicle speeds.

## **6. FLINTSHIRE STREETSCENE CABINET MEMBER ITEM**

### **(a) Bus Service**

**Cllr W Owen Tomas** - reported having spoken to Cllr Carolyn Thomas a few days ago, and had asked Cllr Carolyn Thomas to be in a position to update the Community Council on Flintshire Bus Service.

**Cllr Carolyn Thomas** - Reference was made to the recent loss of certain buses being diverted to Llys Alyn. Cllr Thomas maintained the bus operator would probably have taken a commercial decision that the diversion up to Llys Alyn was not viable.

The bus operator will only take a diversion to unviable locations where Flintshire pays a subsidy.

In the last two years, many areas have experienced a loss of service. One bus route can cost up to £200,000 annually to run. The Welsh Assembly gives Flintshire a £500,000 grant. Flintshire adds another £500,000 from its own budget. Whereas bus operators used to ask for £10,000 subsidy for a route, these subsidy requests have recently increased substantially (some as high as £100,000 per route)

A review is currently taking place in Flintshire to assess the best way to maintain the overall bus service. A new 'head of service' has just been appointed, so new information should become available in the next few months.

**Cllr W Owen Thomas** - felt the most appropriate solution would be for Flintshire to meet the residents at Llys Alyn, to establish the best level of service that would be appropriate to ensure we do not have empty buses running everywhere. Cllr Thomas felt that, generally a one day a week bus well supported was much better than a number of buses running more often, but running nearly empty most of the time.

#### **(b) Pot hole repair**

Cllr Carolyn Thomas was invited to comment on the Council's current pressing concern regarding the lack of pot hole repairs taking place in the Community Council's area.

**Cllr Carolyn Thomas** - Explained that Flintshire had received some extra money this year from the Welsh Assembly. A decision was taken early on to concentrate on repairs to the A and B class roads in the first place, on the basis that these roads are used by more vehicles. Recently, Streetscene has focused its attention on the rural roads and Cllr Thomas understood that Cilcain Community Council had started to notice the recent improvement.

In the last 10 years, the highway budget has decreased substantially. Flintshire has had to accept a 40% staff reduction, and it has been extremely challenging to try and keep up the overall standards under these conditions.

**Cllr Gwen Hardman** - appreciates the observations regarding the cuts in funding. The Community Council cannot fault the service we are receiving from our Local Supervisor - Mr Neil Hickie. However, Cllr Hardman expressed concern regarding the temporary repairs of potholes that were often being undertaken, only for the repair having to be done again in a few weeks time.

Mr Neil Hickie explained that one of the practical problems with permanent type repairs was the need to have traffic management to allow the cutting out work to be done. Generally, Flintshire can undertake three times the number of pot holes with temporary repairs. Cllr Carolyn Thomas explained that weather conditions had to be drier for permanent repair works. Mr Hickie explained that in the past, once a road was surfaced, the County would come along and surface dress the section of road approximately two or three years later, to seal the road surface, thus ensuring one had the maximum life from the surfacing operation.

Cllr W Owen Thomas questioned why an area in Gwernaffield was being surfaced (path and footways) when it was not obvious to the outsider why the extensive surfacing on the estate roads was necessary. Mr Hickie explained that the micro asphalt material used in Gwernaffield was the same material as will be used in Ffordd y Llan. This material is suitable for certain rural areas but would not be suitable for A and B class roads.

**(c) Drainage -**

Cllr W Owen Thomas reported that a gully had recently been uncovered by Tardd y Dwr. Cllr Thomas enquired if the gully was operational. Cllr Thomas had not previously noticed a drainage problem in this area. Mr Hickie reported having been told by a previous supervisor that there used to be a gully at Tardd y Dwr. Mr Hickie had taken his metal detector there and found and exposed the gully. The Clerk maintained it was to be expected that water was to be found at this location. The Clerk maintained that the translation for 'Tardd y Dwr' was 'Source of the Water'.

**(d) Gritting -**

The Chairman enquired why the section of Pantymwyn Road down past the pensioners bungalows in Cilcain was no longer being routinely gritted. Cllr W Owen Thomas had enquired in a recent Flintshire Scrutiny Committee why the tractor and snow plough were not being used on rural roads anymore. Cllr Thomas had been informed that the matter would be looked into. Cllr Carolyn Thomas explained the gritting of roads not on the official gritting routes was outside the existing policy. After the gritting routes have been treated, the other roads can be tackled on a 'request' basis. Cllr W Owen Thomas maintained the modern gritting machines would probably find it extremely difficult to turn the corner by the Square in Cilcain.

**(e) Badger Carcasses Disposal**

The procedures for disposal of dead badger carcasses had recently been discussed in the Community Council. The Community Council had written to Flintshire to enquire if Flintshire had a policy for the disposal of carcasses. Cllr Carolyn Thomas had made enquiries in Streetscene. Flintshire had not been aware of the need to take on board the Welsh Assembly procedures for TB testing and disposal of badger carcasses. Flintshire Streetscene would now be formulating new procedures so as to include the information that had been provided by Cllr John Worthington.

Mr Hickie explained that at one time, Flintshire had liaised with the local badger society. Problems had been experienced with the time taken by the Badger Society to attend to the carcasses. Cllr Worthington maintained that the Welsh Assembly initiative was entirely different from any liaison required with local Badger Societies. If there is a problem found with delays when the Welsh Assembly contact is made, then any delay issue needs to be brought to the attention of the Welsh Assembly, so that immediate corrective measures can be made.

**(f) Ash dieback**

Cllr Carolyn Thomas was invited by the Chairman to outline Flintshire Streetscene's current concern regarding Ash dieback in Flintshire. Cllr Carolyn Thomas explained that the ash dieback was currently an important issue in Flintshire. Ash dieback is often associated with limestone rock, so the prevalence of the disease in Flintshire was not surprising.

A strategy document was currently being prepared by Flintshire, in conjunction with Natural Resources Wales. A copy of this document would be forwarded to the Community Council once the draft document had been adopted.

Cllr Thomas explained that in the third stage of the disease, the lower part of the tree becomes very brittle, and at this stage a tree adjoining a highway is potentially dangerous. Not every variety of ash is prone to the disease. On the basis it can cost £800 to £1,000 to remove a tree, Flintshire has written to the Welsh Assembly to enquire if private landowners can be compensated for removal of the ash trees. Flintshire has estimated that there are 12,000 trees on highway and education land in Flintshire.

## **7. OTHER STREET SCENE ISSUES**

The action plan dated 15 July 2019 which had been circulated to all Members with the Agenda was considered. Mr Hickie gave an update on each item on the Action List:

- 1 Dolfechlas Rd - One 30mph sign added
- 2 Bryn Gollen - Difficulty obtaining prefabricated unit to fit. Pipe is too shallow to construct a new brick chamber.
- 3 Llys Alyn play area - Work done.
- 4 Pistyll - Awaiting resources.
- 5 Above Bryn Gollen - It now transpires Flintshire is responsible for cutting this hedge. Winter work to be scheduled.
- 6 A 541, opp Football Field - Neil has spoken to the landowner.
- 7 Plas Wilkin, Gulley has been unblocked.
- 8 Pedair y Groesffordd - Neil pursuing with land owner (Mr Edwards). Hedge Notice will follow if no response obtained.
- 9 Tardd y Dwr - Resurfacing in progress
- 10 Dolfechlas Road - Neil pursuing with landowner (Mr Burgess) - some branches have been removed.
- 11 Survey completed - drainage plan available Community Council to have a copy in due course. Two soakaways found in school field.
- 12 Ffordd y Llan Robin Nersaw and lee Shone preparing a grant scheme.
- 13 Trellan Farm - Jetter and camera working there tomorrow. Leaking sluice valve by the pump house being repaired by Welsh Water during the same 3 day road closure.
- 14 Winwood - Gulley connection jetted this morning. TV camera to inspect for the presence of roots or damage.
- 15 Nant Alyn, hedge encroachment - Neil reported work done. Cllr Ian Smith referred to the edge of the road needing clearing. Neil reported that bobcat work scheduled. Cllr Pauline Douglas referred to a wet passing place in Nant Alyn. Neil to look at Welsh Water's plans to check for the presence of a water main at the location referred to.
- 16 Hendre culvert. Plan required to clarify which fence has been repaired and if there is another section needing to be done.
17. Cllr W Owen Thomas confirmed - footway and hedge needs attention.
18. Clacking Manhole - Manhole frame found to be cracked. Manhole cover and frame will need replacing.
19. Mountain Road - Work done - Item can now be removed.
20. Village Hall camera for drain survey done last Friday - Neil to provide the Clerk with a DVD of survey. Clerk to prepare 'screen shots'. Smaller diameter pipe had been sleeved into former pipe, causing an obstruction.

- A list of surface water drainage improvement schemes for Cilcain had recently been put together for Cilcain. Replacing this drain with a new sewer passed the Square was one of the schemes put forward.
- Drainage problem at the White Horse - Cllr Gwen Hardman referred to a recent concern expressed by the Landlord regarding the need for a kerb line alongside the road in front of the premises, to direct the water away from the entrance door. Neil to inspect.
- 21. A541 junction - visibility issue Cllr J Emyr Davies confirmed improvement.
- Cllr W Owen Thomas confirmed that the private mirror at Star Crossing junction had been smashed, as opposed to being taken away by someone. Neil mentioned that BT have been known in the past to take down 'visibility' mirrors fixed to their poles.
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- 23. Micro asphaltting, Cilcain - work scheduled to start this week.
- 24. Berth Junction - Slow/Araf road markings to be provided after asphaltting work completed.
- Mountain Road Slow/Araf sign cannot be provided, because the road markings have to be combined with a slow sign or a junction sign.
- 25. Llys Alyn link path - Work appears to have been missed from schedule. School side is the main issue. Neil to arrange.
- 26. Plas Uchaf to Plas Newydd - work order submitted last week.
- 27. Trelan Bach - potholes - work order submitted.
- 28. Dead Badgers - reporting and collection procedures - item discussed earlier.
- 29. Pentre Cilcain - overgrown hedge - Neil could not identify the location. Cllr W Owen Thomas confirmed that the work by Pentre Cottage had been done. Neil to have another look at the section half way down (between the Village and Pentre Cottage)
- 30. Near Pump House - Sluice valve being replaced by Welsh Water on Tuesday this week.
- 31. Forrest Farm Junction - Flintshire's policy only allows cutting back to the boundary once every three years.
- 32. Nant Road, Rhydymwyn, Ruby Houses - dropped kerbs to divert flood water. Flintshire Streetscene do not believe that a dropped kerb across the entrance to Ruby Houses would be very effective in diverting the amount of flash flood discharge which occurred in June 2019. The road culvert had been jetted today. The main problem in June 2019 had been the entrance of the highway culvert being blocked. An entrance grating for the culvert has been ordered.
- 33. Coed Du Hall entrance - new salt bin ordered.
- 34. Below the Nook, Pentre Road - Pot hole repaired.
- 35. Between Football Club and Heatherdene - Overhanging hedge to be taken up with landowner.
- Nant Alyn Road - top end near Trimm Rock - Cllr Janet Butlin enquired about the pot hole repairs. Neil to inspect and include the repairs on the next month's list.
- Brithdir Mawr Lane - Cllr John Worthington reported the gulleys and catch pits currently blocked. Also, tree potholes require repairing. Neil to pursue.

## **8. MATTERS ARISING - NON STREET SCENE ISSUES**

- p40 Dolfechlas Road - need for venting at the manhole near Impala. Item not discussed.
- p41 Cilcain Notice Board - Cllr Gwen Hardman to pursue closure mechanism with Mr Bateson.
- p41 Near the Llys Alyn Play area - tree at the rear of No 47 Llys Alyn. Cllr W Owen Thomas to enquire with Mr Lee Shone at the site meeting scheduled for the 25 October.

- p41 Rhydymwyn Play Areas - Clerk reported having reminded Mr R Roberts about the tarmac lifting on the swing area in the Donkey Field in Rhydymwyn.
- p41 Coed Du Nursing Home - Cllr Pauline Douglas reported that the overhanging hedge had been cut, following her request last month to Mr Gerald Taylor.
- p41 Former Trimm Rock Quarry land - status of footpaths. The Clerk tabled three plans at the Council meeting to identify the public rights of way in the former Trimm Rock quarry land. Members noted that there used to be a public footpath sign near the Vardo. The sign was not there anymore. Clerk to pursue with Flintshire's Right of Way Section.
- Former Trimm Rock land - Cllr Janet Butlin enquired who is responsible for ensuring that mineshafts on the land are properly fenced off? The Clerk explained that fencing of a disused mineshafts would need to be taken up with Flintshire Public Protection Section. The landowner or the owner of the Mineral Rights is responsible for adequately fencing off the mineshaft.
- Cllr Butlin enquired who should be making regular checks to assess whether or not there were disused shaft in close proximity to a public footpath needing to be re-fenced. Clerk to check with Flintshire's Public rights of Way Section, to enquire if they have a regular inspection arrangement in place.
- p41 New footpath facilities recently provided near the Royal Oak end of Dolfechlas Road. Members had enquired if Flintshire financed the new stiles etc on this land. Clerk reported on his discussion with Flintshire's Footpath Inspector. Flintshire had funded the new footpath facilities, kissing gates etc.
- p41 Missing footpath stile, Dolfechlas Brook - Item not discussed.
- p41 Bus Service Time Table - Cllr W Owen Thomas had reported to the September 2019 Council Meeting that he would obtain an update on Flintshire's proposal to purchase new mini buses. Item discussed earlier.
- p34 Cemetery Path, Cilcain - Cllr W Owen Thomas reported he was having a problem in persuading anyone to prepare a specification for the cemetery path. Cllr Gareth W Hughes had indicated in a previous meeting that he might be able to arrange for a specification and a price. Item to be discussed again in the November Council Meeting.
- p34 Seat at Bottom of Cilan Lodge Road, Cilcain - Cllr J Emyr Davies had spoken to Mr Mike Raw. It was not considered practical to repair the seat. Clerk authorised to arrange for a wooden seat from P and A Fencing in Mold. Approx price of last seat purchased for the Donkey Field was £170.
- p42 Summer Playscheme - Clerk reported having agreed a deduction (£70) in this year's cost to reflect the damage caused to the paintwork of the door and toilet walls.
- p42 Missing footpath stile, Dolfechlas Brook - Item not discussed.
- p44 Notice Board at Hendre - Clerk reported that a quotation had been requested to comply with the details recently outlined by Cllr Gareth W Hughes and Cllr Jean Ramsay.

- Hendre Culvert - Cllr Greg Foster reported that a local resident (Mr Derek Garnam), No 5 Mill Terrace) had crawled into the stone culvert at the rear of Mill Terrace and removed some rocks which had been obstructing the flow. Mr Garman had also taken photographs inside the culvert. Members agreed that this information should be forwarded to Flintshire's Land Drainage Engineer. Cllr Foster maintained that a property owner can own land at the rear of Mill Terrace and still have an easement to pass over the same land. Members agreed that Flintshire County Council's Legal Section was in a better position to investigate these legal issues than the Community Council.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Gareth W Hughes was in the process of making land ownership enquiries with Tarmac. Tarmac is known to own land at the rear of Mill Terrace and it was a question of comparing the various deeds to try and establish the land ownership boundaries.

- Village Hall car park - a specification was required for a 40 sq m entrance patch and renewal of the concrete steps near the Village Hall entrance. Cllr W Owen Thomas to request Flintshire to include the work in the current micro asphaltting work taking place in the village.
- Slow / Araf road markings at Hendre - Item to be discussed at the site meeting with M Lee Shone on Friday 25 Oct 2019.
- Need for a salt bin on the Pantymwyn side of the DEFRA bridge - Mr Paul Jones had enquired with Mr Hickey if a salt bin could be provided. Mr Hickie to pursue with Mr A Lightfoot.

**9. LIST OF ITEMS WHICH WERE NOT DISCUSSED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING, BUT NEED TO STAY ON THE COUNCIL'S AGENDA.**

1. Potholes between Trelan Bach and The Gors gate - Cllr J Emyr Davies
2. Tarmac Quarry - Pot holes on the section of Nant Road between the quarry exit road and the A541.
3. Style to be repaired by gas compound - Cllr Gareth W Hughes - Mr Jon Hill.
4. Bryn Sholyn, Cefn Road - Planning aspects of the dog grooming service to be checked.

**10. PLANNING MATTERS**

(i) Planning Applications received from Flintshire County Council:

- (a) Ref No: 060251  
 Proposal: Variation of condition no.1 attached to planning permission 052287 to allow further time period for commencement of work.  
 Location: Foel Awel, 2 Ffordd y Llan, Cilcain, Mold, CH7 5NH  
 The Community Council has **no objection** to the proposed development.

(ii) Planning Decisions made by Flintshire County Council:

- (a) Proposal: Proposed Siting of 6 Camping Pods (Extension to Existing Camping and Caravan Site) including Access Works and Landscaping  
 Location: Land at Leete Valley Caravan Park, Nant Alyn Mill, Rhydymwyn  
 Ref No: 059259  
 Decision Approved  
 Decision issued - 06 Sept 2019

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1) 17/09 Match Funding Scheme - Information from Flintshire regarding the current 50% grant facility. The Clerk explained that the match funding scheme was oversubscribed, but had been informed by Flintshire that Cilcain Community Council would be the next in line if there were any drop outs. Cllr Jean Ramsay enquired if we had been able to submit our application by the 30 Sept deadline. Clerk explained that the correspondence received from Flintshire on the 17 Sept was a reminder for a previous notification which had been sent to the incorrect email address. The Clerk maintained he had informed Flintshire Leisure that the temporary g-mail address they have been using had only been in use for a one month period approximately twelve months ago. Members agreed the scheme of repainting the cycle track pattern in the Donkey Field could be submitted if the opportunity arose. Cost of repainting approx £1,000. Item included in the precept.
- 2) 18/09 Residential Development, Land at Mountain Road, Cilcain - Information from Cilcain Homes Partnership. Cllr Gwen Hardman reported on the enquiries made at Flintshire Planning regarding the need to revise and re-submit the Council's observations for the previous proposed development. The Chairman and Vice Chairman had authorised the Clerk to contact by email all the Cilcain residents who had given the Community Council a copy of their previous submissions. Most of the residents contacted by the Community Council had re-submitted their observations and supplied the Council with their revised submissions. These re-submissions have been e-mailed to Members of the Council, but were not included in the correspondence pack attached to this Agenda.
- 3) 18/09 Winter Maintenance Provision 2019/20 - Annual letter from Flintshire regarding the provision of salt and salt bins. Position noted.
- 4) 20/09 Trees in Cilcain Cemetery - Photographs from Cllr John Worthington showing the extent of the tree boughs encroaching above the adjoining headstones. Members agreed to Cllr W Owen Thomas either meeting the Clerk or Mr William Topley to identify the amount of cutting back of the branches that would be appropriate on this occasion.
- 5) 21/09 Rhydymwyn War Memorial Institute - Letter of thanks for the recent Community Council donation. Position noted.
- 6) 22/09 Drug Awareness Public Information Session - Information from PCSO 3928 Connor Freel. Position noted.
- 7) 23/09 Rhydymwyn FC land - letter of concern from local resident.
- 8) 27/09 Rhydymwyn Fireworks Display 2nd Nov 2019. Request for permission to use the Donkey Field and a request for a donation. Cllr Ian Smith left the Council chamber for this item. Amount of donation agreed.
- 9) 29/09 Cilcain Young Farmers Club, Bonfire and Fireworks Display, 5 Nov 2019. Request for permission to use Waen Field and a request for a donation. Amount of donation agreed. Clerk to write to stipulate the Community Council's strict requirements regarding reinstating the field following the bonfire event.

- 10) 01/10 Cilcain Sewage Treatment Works - Acknowledgment / part response received from NRW's (Wrexham and Flintshire) Environment Officer regarding the Community Council's concern about the suspected inadequacy of the Treatment Works. Clerk to pursue a full response.
- 11) 01/10 Rhydymwyn Football Club land - Letter of concern regarding the potential loss of a recreational community facility. Members noted that if too much pressure was put on the Football Club, there was a distinct possibility of the Football Club giving up the Club. The land would then probably be sold for Housing development and the village community would lose the use of a community building, useful car parking and field facility for village community functions.
- 12) 02/10 Cilcain Village Hall Lease - Information from the Hall Committee Secretary. Request made to the Council's Solicitor for a draft indemnity clause to be prepared for possible inclusion in the proposed new Lease. The Council's Solicitor had responded to indicate an indemnity clause would be prepared in the next few days.
- 13) 02/02 Cilcain 2020 Calendar - Invitation for the Community Council to sponsor a month in the proposed calendar. Cllr Gwen Hardman left the Council Chamber whilst this item was being discussed. Members noted that 77 entry photographs had been received. Members agreed to sponsor the village calendar - (£60)
- 14) 06/10 River Alyn Tree felling operations - Photographs received from Cllr Gareth W Hughes showing the construction of a completely inadequate temporary wooden timber bridge across the River Alyn. Rhydymwyn resident's concern reported to Natural Recourses Wales. Temporary bridge structure removed by 10 Oct 2019. Position noted.
- 15) 06/10 Capel Gad Cilcain - Cllr J Emyr Davies left the Council Chamber whilst this item was being discussed. The cost details of current renovation work currently taking place were identified. Extent of the Council's assistance was discussed and agreed.
- 16) 08/10 Rhydymwyn Valley Site and The Land Trust - Request for Council Members to attend a meeting with the Land Trust. Clerk to arrange a suitable date for a meeting with the Land Trust.
- 17) 09/10 Cilcain cemetery - Receipt of risk assessment for tree felling operation. Position noted. Cllr John Worthington reported that the tree by the top cemetery gate was to be taken down on Wednesday 23 October. The Clerk reported that a funeral had taken place in the cemetery on Monday. A check would be made with the Clerk on any funeral arrangements prior to the felling of the second tree.
- 18) 10/10 Flintshire County Forum Monday 7 October - Information from the County Solicitor regarding the enhanced enforcement proposals being put forward by Flintshire. Position noted. Cllr Gwen Hardman reported on the observations made by some Community Councils regarding their GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) arrangements. Cllr Ian Smith had also attended the Forum Meeting and reported on the need to protect data held by the Council and emailed to Council Members by the Clerk. This aspect of Data Protection in the work of the Council would need to be discussed further in due course.
- 19) 10/10 Welsh Government Community Facilities Grant for St John's Church Rhydymwyn - Letter from the Grants Committee Chairman of Rhydymwyn Church to inform the Council about the successful grant application recently applied for. Cllr Ian Smith left the Council Chamber whilst the extent of the assistance was discussed and agreed.
- 20) 15/10 County Forum 7 October 2019 Draft Minutes - For information. Position noted.
- 21) 15/10 Pedestrian Crossing Rhydymwyn - email received from Cllr Ian Smith regarding a road traffic accident in Rhydymwyn on 15 Oct 2019. Cllr Smith had requested

discussion on the Pedestrian Crossing proposal that was considered by the Community Council earlier this year. This item was discussed earlier.

**12. MATTERS RAISED SINCE THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING**

- (i) **Hendre Notice Board** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (05 Oct) the dimensions for the Notice Board required at Hendre. Cilcain builder had been requested to provide a quotation for the supply of a timber framed Notice Board, single door, sliding bolt type closing mechanism with a pin board backing as opposed to the magnetic back board used in Cilcain.
- (ii) **Salt bin, Coed Du Hall, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (9 Oct) the salt bin at the Coed Du Hall junction had been damaged. Item reported to Mr Neil Hickie.
- (iii) **Two blocked gulleys, Cilcain** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (9 Oct) two blocked gulleys (opposite each other) on the section of road between The Square and The Pentre. Mr Neil Hickie has been requested to include this item on his Action List.
- (iv) **Street Lamp, Ffordd y Llan, Cilcain** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (9 Oct) a lamp day burning near 25 Ffordd y Llan - Item reported to Deeco.
- (v) **Pot holes, Pentre Road, Cilcain** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (9 Oct) a particularly bad pot hole on the wheel line just below The Nook on Pentre Road (Church down to the Water Works). Item reported to Mr Neil Hickie.
- (vi) **Cefn Road, Cilcain, blocked gulley** - Cllr Pauline Douglas reported (12 Oct) a blocked gulley between Caer Go and Lloyds Quarry - Item had been reported to Mr Neil Hickie.
- (vii) **Overhanging hedge, Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (15 Oct) on the public footpath between the Football Club land and Heatherdene being obstructed by an overhanging hedge on the Heatherdene side of the path. Item reported to Mr Neil Hickie.

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS** - None

**14. PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS** - The accounts scheduled in the Appendix were approved for payment.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for 7.30 pm Monday 18 November 2019 at the Village Hall, Cilcain.

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