

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE CILCAIN VILLAGE HALL ON 16 MARCH 2020.

Present: Chairperson: Cllr Gareth W Hughes,

Councillors: Greg Foster Gwen Hardman
Owen Thomas John Worthington
The Clerk was also in attendance

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed Members to the Council Meeting. Croeso i bawb i Gyngor Mis Mawrth.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllr Ann Baker, Cllr Janet Butlin, Cllr Emyr Davies, Cllr Pauline Douglas, Cllr Ian Hughes, Cllr Jean Ramsay, Cllr Ian Smith.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were no Declaration of Interests.

4. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL - The Chairman explained that the next Community Council may not be in a position to hold the next few regular meetings. The Council agreed to authorise the Chairman and Vice Chairman, following consultation with local Members as appropriate, to determine the Council's business on behalf of the Council during the Covid 19 recess period. The Chairman explained that the Council will follow a similar arrangement as occurs in the annual August recess period, except that the Covid 19 recess arrangement may well go on for a few months.

5. EFFECT OF COVID 19 ON VILLAGE HALL, SHOP AND EXTERNAL TOILETS -

Cllr Gwen Hardman gave Members the following position statement:

- (i) The cafe has been suspended.
- (ii) All the regular group users of the Hall have now suspended their weekly meetings until further notice.
- (iii) The Cilcain WI is about to be suspended.
- (iv) The Village Hall Ctee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday this week.
- (v) The Post office services continuing will depend on the Post Office.
- (vi) The Toilet is about to be closed. Members noted that cleaning is undertaken by elderly village resident, who would not be in a position to continue the cleaning.
- (vii) The indoor toilets in the Village Hall will be for staff only.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING Cllr John Worthington, Cllr Owen Tomas seconded and all Members agreed to approve the Minutes of the 17 February 2020 Council Meeting. The Chairman signed the 17 February Council Minutes.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Streetscene Action Plan - dated 17 February 2020 - Mr Neil Hickie went through the items on the Action List. The changes reported were as follows:

- Item 5 - Rose lane swept, but not Berth Road.
- Item 13 - Bath Hill sweeping - Chairman reported a good job had been done.
- Item 16 - Nant Alyn Road potholes - all potholes repaired
- Item 18 - Pentre Road - blocked gulleys half way down hill - gulleys now cleaned out
- Item 19 - Hendre fence adjoining culvert - Neil to speak to Graham Berry from Tarmac
- Item 20 - A541 junction - potholes done last week
- Item 21- Mountain Road Cilcain - catch pit and gully cleaned out
- Item 23 - Trellan farm - potholes - attention to culvert needs adding to the action list. Culvert was attended to last month but it requires further attention.
- Item 25 - Loose kerb or pothole? - Pothole now filled. Location was in the road dip between Cae'r Eithin and former Tarmac quarry entrance.
- Item 27B - Nant Alyn - (between The Graig and Coed Du Hall entrance) - roadside verge giving way on River Alyn side of carriageway.
- Item 27C - Near Coed Du Lodge entrance - blocked gully.
- Item 27D - Nant Alyn Road - 100 yds before The Graig - blocked gully on RHS
- Item 27E - Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn - potholes between Dolfechlas Rd and the first crossroads in Llys Alyn.
- Item 27F - Dolfechlas Rd - blocked gully - top of Dolfechlas Road - opposite the farm.

New items to be added:

- (a) Loggerheads Road - Grug Farm entrance to Maes Alyn poor surfacing and pot holes - items listed following recent inspection.
- (b) Ffordd y Llan - pot holes near the Walwen.
- (c) Village Hall car park - Neil prepared to arrange for the parking area to be swept with a mechanical brush and repair the worst of the entrance pot holes.

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

- 1. Rhydymwyn Play Areas - Need to remind Flintshire about the tarmac lifting on the swing area in the Donkey Field in Rhydymwyn.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

- (i) **Planning Applications received from Flintshire County Council:** None received

Proposal: Proposal for 5 No. glamping pods including associated access, parking, bin storage and private treatment plant.
Location: Y Fron Farm, Mountain Road, Cilcain
Ref No: 060784

Observations: Flintshire needs to take on board observations made by the AONB regarding this proposal.

In addition, the Community Council is concerned about access to the proposed development along the narrow single width road, particularly through the village centre.

(ii) **Planning Decisions made by Flintshire County Council** - None received

8. CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS

Please note, not all the correspondence items listed below were copied to Members with the Agenda.

* Correspondence item copied.

- 1) 19/02 Cilcain Cemetery tree felling - Risk Assessment and Method Statement from 'Arboreal' for the felling work scheduled to take place in Cilcain Cemetery on Friday 21 February 2019. Position noted.
- 2) 24/02* Cilcain Village Hall - Photographic survey prepared by Cllr Ian Hughes showing the gullies and drains around the Village Hall which require regular maintenance. Position noted.
- 3) 26/02* Cilcain Cemetery tree clearing - Email from Cllr Ian Hughes to report that the tree felling and clearing around the tree has been completed. Position noted.
- 4) 03/03 Scottish Power tree clearance programme - request for permission to reduce the crown of two trees in the Donkey field in Rhydymwyn . Chairman and Vice Chairman authorised the Clerk to give permission for the work. Council confirmed decision taken by Chair and Vice Chair.
- 5) 04/03* Rhydymwyn Football Club, new lease - information provided by Rhydymwyn resident regarding the requirement in the existing lease for a Community Council representative to be invited to Football Club Committee meetings, and to have voting rights on Football Club Committees. Members considered it appropriate for the Community Council to seek confirmation / clarification from Flintshire Legal Section on this matter, prior to pursuing the matter further with the Rhydymwyn Football Club.
- 6) 08/03 North Wales Police - local crime report for Feb-March 2020 - a copy of this report had been emailed to all Council Members. Position noted.
- 7) 09/03 Rhydymwyn Football Club - Thank you note for Council donation to assist with external decoration of Football Club building. Position noted.
- 8) 09/03 Tarmac, Hendre Quarry - Invitation for Members of the Community Council to attend a stakeholders preview of proposals for Hendre Quarry. Meeting scheduled for 30 March at the Rhydymwyn Football Club building. Position noted.
- 9) --/--* Flintshire Streetscene Action Plan - Action Plan dated 16 February had been discussed at the start of the Council Meeting.
- 10) 11/03* Hendre culvert - Email from Flintshire's Flood and Risk Management's Project Manager. Mr Barry to be invited to the next scheduled Council Meeting.

- 11) 14/03* Corona virus - Information from NALC - Members agreed to authorise arrangements (similar to the August recess powers) in the event of the April / May etc. Council Meetings having to be cancelled. Venue was also discussed for future meetings.

09. MATTERS RAISED SINCE THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

- (a) Maes Alyn, Loggerheads Road, Cilcain, blocked gulleys - Cllr John Worthington had reported (24 Feb) roadside flooding as a result of blocked gulleys. Item reported to Mr Neil Hickie at Flintshire Streetscene. Members noted the soakaway in the highway verge serving the gulleys at this section of road were cleaned out in 2019. Mr Hickie reported at the Council Meeting.
- (b) Street Lamp, Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn - Cllr Ian Smith had reported (23 Feb) a street lamp outside Winwood not working. Item had been reported to Deeco Lighting.
- (c) River Alyn, Rhydymwyn, fallen tree - Cllr Ian Smith had reported (25 Feb) a tree fallen across the River Alyn upstream of The Graig. Item reported to Mr Peter Ellis, NRW's River Maintenance Engineer at Rossett.
- (d) Trial Hill, Cilcain - Cllr Ian Hughes had reported (04 Mar) the concrete barrier, cones and traffic signs were still in place, following the recent railing repair works. Issue reported to Flintshire Streetscene.
- (e) Street Lamp, Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported (4 March) the street lamp at Winnwood, Dolfechlas Road was now working.
- (f) River Alyn, Nant Alyn Rhydymwyn - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported (07Mar) a considerable amount of debris left on the banks of the River Alyn following the tree felling operations recently undertaken. When the River Alyn overtops its bank during flood, a serious potential problem could result if all the wood debris is washed down the river and obstructs the DEFRA grille. Mr Peter Ellis at NRW's has been alerted of the potential problem. Cllr Hughes and Clerk reported on the current position at the Council Meeting.
- (g) Nant Alyn, Rhydymwyn, opposite Coed Du Lodge, longitudinal crack in carriageway - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported (07 Mar) that the longitudinal crack at this location appeared to be much worse recently. Mr Hickie requested to inspect. Mr Hickie reported on the result of his inspection at the Council Meeting.
- (h) Blocked gulley, Coed Du Hall entrance - Cllr Gareth Hughes reported (07 Mar) a blocked gulley at this location. Item had been reported to Mr Hickie.
- (i) Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn - two blocked gulleys reported (07 Mar) at top end of Dolfechlas Road (top side of Llys Alyn junction) by Cllr Gareth W Hughes. Item had been reported to Mr Hickie.
- (j) Bath Hill, Nant Alyn - Section of road by Bath Hill reported (07 Mar) by Cllr Gareth Hughes to be in need of sweeping. Mr Hickie arranged for a bobcat to undertake the work on 10 March.

(k) Rhosesmor Junction, A541 Rhydymwyn - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (07 Mar) pot-holes either side of the junction. Mr Hickie contacted. Mr Hickie had recently noted these particular potholes on his last inspection.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS - None

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

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for 7.30 pm Monday 20 April 2020 at the Village Hall, Cilcain. Arrangements for the Meeting will be depend entirely on the Covid 19 restrictions.

SignedChairman Date: Clerk