

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON LINE ON 19 July 2021.**

Present: Chairperson: Cllr Gareth W Hughes  
Councillors: Ann Baker Pauline Douglas  
Gwen Hardman Ian Smith  
W Owen Thomas (last part of meeting)  
The Clerk was also in attendance

**1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

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

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Cllr Janet Butlin, Cllr Ian Hughes, Cllr Jean Ramsay, Cllr J Emyr Davies, Cllr Greg Foster, Cllr John Worthington. Cllr W Owen Thomas missed part of the Council Meeting. Mr Neil Hickie from Flintshire Streetscene was unable to join the meeting.

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

**4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** Cllr Ian Smith proposed acceptance, Cllr Pauline Douglas seconded and all Members agreed to approve the Minutes of the 21 June 2021 Council Meeting. The Chairman signed the 21 June 2021 Council Minutes.

**5. MATTERS ARISING - (Highway Matters)**

**Streetscene Action Plan - dated 21 June 2021** - Mr Neil Hickie had been unable to attend the Council Meeting. The following observations were made on Neil's Action list

- No 1. Item discussed in the last Quarry Liaison Meeting. Cllr W Owen Thomas had attended the liaison meeting. Cllr Thomas to report in due course.
- No 2. Tre Lan - Waiting for stage 2 of works. Neil to pursue.
- No 3. A541 footway cleaning - In addition, footway cleaning work required from Bus Shelter to the Antelope.
- No 4. The Pistyll - Awaiting recourses - No change.
- No 5. Defra Bridge tide flap obstructed with vegetation - Chairman reported having undertaken the work himself. Item can now be removed.
- No 6. Nant Alyn Rd potholes - No change.
- No7. Plas Ucha to Pistyll potholes - No change
- No 8. Mountain Rd drainage - survey required - No change
- No 9. Loggerheads Rd pothole - Neil's Action plan indicated potholes done.
- No 10. Coed Du entrance - Neil's Action plan indicated work done.

- No 11. Loggerheads Rd, sunken gulleys adjoining carriageway - Work outstanding.
- No 12. Gully connection by Winnwood - drain exposed by Flintshire - diversion of water connection by Welsh Water not yet started.
- No 13. Nant Alyn Road, verge erosion - Neil to pursue. Cllr Pauline Douglas referred to a wet verge on the village side of the bridge (approx 30 m). Request Neil to investigate.
- No 14. Dolfechlas Rd, sweeping of channel required - no change.
- No 15. Nant Alyn Rd, Rhydymwyn culvert crossing depression - Chairman indicated that Neil had been to see the depression so Neil knew where the depression was located. Neil to monitor
- No 16 Ffordd y Llan, overhanging trees - Meeting held on 14 July - Clerk reported - Cllr W Owen Thomas, Cllr J Emyr Davies, Cllr J W Worthington, Dewi Ellis, Neil Hickie attended. Consideration to be given to cutting back the trees that were clearly located in the highway verge. Depending on the financial situation, this work lasting one week would take place in the Autumn. Members accepted that in wet weather, the leaves are laden with water. The tree canopy is therefore much lower in wet weather, thus forcing high sided vehicles to take to the middle of the carriageway under wet conditions. There has to be less than 5.2 m clearance to force the highway authority to take action against private landowners. The Chairman and Cllr Ann Baker seemed to recall that cutting back by Flintshire took place three or four years ago. The tree at Is y Mynydd needs to be discussed further with Mr Dewi Ellis, following the recent whirlwind event in Cilcain. Cllr Hardman reported that the two Is y Mynydd benches were picked up in the wind and blown down the road. Cllr Hardman maintained that one of the seats was now beyond repair. Mr N Hickie had been asked to look at the condition of the damaged seat.
- No 17 Trial Hill bridge - visibility and vegetation issue - work by Flintshire Streetscene arranged.

To be added to the Action List - Cllr Gareth W Hughes requested the vegetation (nettles) on the school side of the link path to the former Rhydymwyn school to be cut back.

## **6. MATTERS ARISING (Non - Highway Matters)**

p10 **Foul Smell, Dolfechlas Road** - Clerk reported - Clerk had contacted Mr Ronnie Kelbrick for an update.

- (i) Testing the incoming effluent at the Rhydymwyn STW was now at week 7 of the three month programmed monitoring.
- (ii) Unusually high ammonia levels detected in the incoming flow. Mr Kelbrick had enquired if there were any manufacturing premises in the Rhydymwyn or Hendre area, that could contribute to the high NH4 levels at the Works.
- (3) No change being arranged to the pump cycle at Hendre until the STW analysis has been completed.

Clerk to pursue further with Mr Kelbrick

- p11 **Village Hall Lease** - Cllr Ann Baker and Cllr Gwen Hardman reported holiday arrangements had prevented the licence being completed. Cllr Ann Baker reported that the licence would spell out what the shop could and could not do with respect to the Village Hall. The Council's Chair and Vice Chair to sign the lease, with M Penn and A Facer to sign the lease on behalf of the Hall Ctee. Clerk to request Solicitor to prepare the final version ready for signing.
- p11 **Bowling Club, Cilcain** - A site meeting took place on Wednesday 9 June 2021.  
 Flintshire is currently received prices for additional work to the Bowling Green. In the June Council Meeting, the impression had been given that Mr Brockley had been requested to write to Flintshire Legal regarding the Land registry issue. Members agreed it would be more appropriate for the Community Council to write directly to Flintshire Legal, since the Community Council was more familiar than Mr Brockley with the existing documentation and correspondence with the Land Registry Office.
- p11 **Rhydymwyn Public Cemetery** - water main easement - Clerk had now received the name of a new contact in Welsh Water. Clerk to discuss the position further with Welsh Water.
- p12 **Mill Terrace, Hendre** - Reply received from Flintshire to indicate that Mr R Barry in the land drainage section had left Flintshire's employment on 25 June 2021. Clerk to write to Head of Planning Section, A Blyddyn (Delyn AM) and Carolyn Thomas (AM) to express concern regarding the continued delay for the Hendre drainage scheme.
- p12 **River Alyn** - An e-mail had been received from Mr Randles, NRW (item 2 in the correspondence section) to report that samples had now been taken. Clerk to contact NRW to enquire if a sample had been taken by the by the Cilcain STW outfall, and to enquire when the results would be available.
- p14 **Cilcain Play area** - It had been made clear in the June meeting that it was Flintshire, and not the Community Council, who had decided not to include the Cilcain play area in the current 50/50 scheme. Cllr W Owen Thomas was going to enquire with Flintshire why the Cilcain play area had been omitted from the current grant schemes.
- p21 **Bryn Sholyn, Cefn Road** - Chair reported that a statement had been submitted to the Welsh Assembly Inspector. The Appeal had started on the 16 July 2021. Clerk to write to Flintshire to find if there has been an update from the Welsh Assembly Planning Inspectorate.
- p21 **North Wales Police / Trimm Rock quarry** - Correspondence Item 1c - Cllr Pauline Douglas reported that she had not received a response from Mr Gerald Taylor. Cllr Douglas to pursue.
- p22 **Commemorative seats** - The two new seat have been delivered and stored by Cllr Emyr Davies at Trelan Farm. The seat for the Cilcain Bowling Club had already been picked up by Mr O Roberts. Chair to arrange for the Jack Morris seat to be erected.

p23 **Faded tourist sign in Cilcain** - Clerk to liaise with Mr Hickie regarding arranging for a new sign to be provided at the Village Hall car park, and for the sign at Pedair y Groesffordd to be stained.

p23 **Cilcain cemetery - wall repair required**

Cllr Ian Hughes had obtained a price from a contractor who lives in the village.

Cllr Thomas was going to obtain a price from another contractor who lives in the village

The Chairman was going to obtain a price from a contractor who had built a wall up Nant Alyn

Cllr Pauline Douglas maintained that the wall build in Nant Alyn was excellent. Cllr Ann

Baker maintained that any contractor who is engaged to repair the stonewall must have good insurance cover, in case the repaired wall fell on a school child.

p24 **Covid snake in Rhydymwyn Playing Field** - The Chair reported there had been some discussion regarding the appropriate sealer that could be used on the pebbles. A resin film had been considered but further thought needed to given to establish the best sealant for weather protection.

## 7. PLANNING MATTERS

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

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

(a) Proposal: Erection of car port and gym with office over  
Location: Plas Ucha, Cilcain, Mold, Flintshire  
Ref No: 061841  
Decision: Refused  
Decision date: 28/06/2021

(b) Proposal: Single storey extension / replacement roof / other alterations  
Location: 2 Church Meadow, Rhydymwyn, Mold, Flintshire  
Ref No: 062807  
Decision: Approved  
Decision date: 08/06/2021

(c) Proposal: Single Storey rear extension and replace flat roof over front porch with a pitched roof.  
Location: 1 Church Meadow, Rhydymwyn, Mold, Flintshire  
Ref No: 062887  
Decision: Approved  
Decision date: 13/06/2021

(d) Proposal: Erection of garage with storage above  
Location: Casgliad Cerrig, Cilcain, Mold, Flintshire  
Ref No: 054 354  
Decision: Approved  
Decision date: 18/06/2021

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

Paper copies of the correspondence were distributed to Members on Friday 16 July 2021. week.

- 1) 21/06 River Alyn Pollution - report received from Cllr Mrs Janet Butlin regarding a previous incidence of black sludge covering the river bed stones. Members could not recall how the Council had responded to the previous complaint. Members concluded that it was important to note that the black sludge on the river bed stones had occurred previously, and that the current complaint was not a one-off incident. Chair to make enquiries with nearby residents to see if they are able to assess how often the complaint has occurred in recent years.
- 2) 23/06 Pollution of River Alyn, Rhydymwyn - Response from Mr Anthony Randles, River Pollution Officer, Natural Resources Wales regarding the Community Council's pollution concerns at the DEFRA bridge section of the River Alyn. Position noted.
- 3) 02/07 Rhydymwyn Play Area - Confirmation from Mr Richard Roberts that the graffiti and other report of damage etc. have been dealt with by Flintshire. The graffiti items had been reported by Cllr Gareth W Hughes. Cllr Janet Butlin had also reported graffiti and a metal splinter damage to one of the play facilities. Position noted.
- 4) 07/07 Hendre Quarry - Invitation to participate in the Virtual Planning Meeting on 21 July 2021. Clerk reported that a Community Council 250 word statement had been submitted within the deadline. This statement would be read out at Flintshire's Planning Committee on the 21 July 2021. Cllr Ian Smith mentioned that noise level readings had been discussed at the last Quarry Liaison meeting. Cllr Smith had not been very impressed with the way that the results had been presented to give the misleading impression that the noise level limits had not been exceeded on too many occasions per year.
- 5) 09/07 New Collection points for free Covid 19 Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test kits. Information from Flintshire. Members noted that test kits are available free in Boots or the Public Libraries. Note to be posted on Cilcain and Rhydymwyn Notice Boards.
- 6) 12/07 Cilcain Village Hall facilities - Request from the Shop Committee Chairperson regarding the use of the internal toilet in the Village Hall. Members noted that the Hall Ctee Chairman in his email of 12 July had subsequently satisfactorily answered the question posed. Clerk to respond to the Shop Ctee to indicate that the Council agrees with the observations made by the Hall Ctee Vice Chair in his 12 July email to the Shop Ctee.
- 8) 12/07 Cilcain Hall Facilities - Information from Chairman of the Hall Ctee regarding the internal toilet in the Village Hall. Position noted.

- 9) 12/07 Bryn Sholyn, Cefn Road, Cilcain - Copy of the Community Council's submission made to the Planning Inspectorate in connection with the planning appeal made by the landowner.
- Note - - - Councillor W Owen Thomas joined the Council Meeting at this point.
- 10) 13/07 Pollution of River Alyn, Rhydymwyn - an update from Mr Anthony Randles, River Pollution Officer, Natural Resources Wales regarding the Community Council's pollution concerns at the DEFRA bridge section of the River Alyn. Item dealt with earlier in the meeting.
- 11) 13/07 Hendre Drainage Scheme - Response from Flintshire regarding the Community Council's request for an update on the drainage scheme. Item dealt with earlier.
- 12) 13/07 Dolfechlas Road - odour from drainage system - Verbal report received from Welsh Water. Item discussed earlier.
- 13) 13/07 Seats at Is y Mynydd, Cilcain - Information from Cllr Gwen Hardman regarding the condition of one of the wooden seats following the whirlwind incident that occurred in Cilcain on Sunday 4 July 2021. Item discussed earlier.
- 14) --/-- Flintshire's current Action Plan - action plan issues discussed earlier.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. **Dolfechlas Road safety issues at access** - The Chair referred to the site meeting which had taken place with Flintshire's Traffic Engineer to discuss the safety issues at the entrance. The Traffic Engineer had promised to inform the Council whether or not the road at Dolfechlas Rd was wide enough to accommodate a kerbed one way priority system. Clerk to write to Mr N Williams to establish the current position. Chair reported that the red tarmac was still outstanding. The sign has not been moved and the ivy had not been cut. The sign to direct users to use the parking area by the cemetery had not been provided.
2. **Tarmac Quarry Liaison Meeting** - Cllr W Owen Thomas reported that he had requested Tarmac to make good the Quarry boundary fence / railing between the Quarry entrance and Hendre. The hedge overhanging on to the footway also needed attention. Tarmac staff indicated they would look into the issue.
3. **Coed Du Holdings** - Cllr Pauline Douglas had been approached by a local resident who was concerned about the aggressive nature of two dogs. The Clerk recalled that the last complaint received by the Council on a similar issue, the Community Policeman was requested to look at the adequacy of the boundary fence to keep the dogs at bay. Cllr Ian Smith maintained that the two dogs were always extremely friendly, even to passers-by that had a dog with them. Cllr Ann Baker referred to numerous comments on face book last year where residents said they did not like going past there because of being frightened of the dogs.

Cllr Douglas enquired about the outcome of the apparent encroachment of to the public highway by the new owner. The Clerk indicated that he had written to Flintshire Streetscene, The Officer in Streetscene dealing with the Council's concern. Mr Darrel Jones was not convinced that encroachment of the highway verge had taken place. Clerk to pursue further with Flintshire's Legal Section.

4. **Chapel hedge, Cilcain** - Cllr W Owen Thomas referred to the chapel hedge needing to be cut back. Clerk to pursue.
5. **Cilcain seats** - Cllr W Owen Thomas reported that he had requested Mr O Roberts to stain the Cilcain Seats. Two more seats to be done before the work is completed.
6. **On-Line Meetings** - The Chair, on behalf of the Council, thanked Cllr Ian Smith for doing all the arrangement for the On-line Meetings.
10. **PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS** - The accounts scheduled in the Appendix were approved for payment.
11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting of the Council will be an online meeting and is scheduled for 7.30 pm Monday 20 September 2021. Members authorised 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 August recess period.

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