

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON LINE ON 18 OCTOBER 2021.

Present: Chairperson: Cllr Gareth W Hughes

Councillors: Janet Butlin J Emyr Davies
Pauline Douglas Gwen Hardman
Ian Smith W Owen Thomas
Cllr John Worthington
The Clerk was in attendance
Mr Neil Hickie from Flintshire Streetscene joined the first part of the meeting.

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

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

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllr Ann Baker, Cllr Ian Hughes
Cllr Greg Foster, Cllr Jean Ramsay

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

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING Cllr J Emyr Davies proposed acceptance, Cllr John Worthington seconded and all Members agreed to approve the Minutes of the 20 September 2021 Council Meeting. The Chairman signed the 20 September 2021 Council Minutes.

5. MATTERS ARISING - (Highway Matters)

Streetscene Action Plan - dated 20 September 2021 - Mr Neil Hickie was invited by the Chairperson to comment on the items on the Action List.

6. MATTERS ARISING (Non - Highway Matters)

p27 **Foul Smell, Dolfechlas Road** - Clerk reported - A response had been received from Welsh Water's Drainage Engineer. (See item 12 in the Correspondence Item) Clerk to pursue further with Mr Kelbrick.

p28 **Village Hall Lease** - The Chairman reported that he had the Council's signed copy of the lease ready to forward to the Hall Ctee Chairman. The Council Chairman was now waiting for the Hall Ctee signed copy to be ready, so that exchange of the leases can take place. Cllr W Owen Thomas maintained that the lease exchange should occur before the licence between the Shop

and the Hall Ctee is agreed. The Chairman agreed that there was no need of the lease exchange and the licence to take place at the same time.

p28 **Bowling Club, Cilcain** - Clerk had written to Flintshire to provide the four contact persons from the Bowling Club, so that Flintshire can obtain quotations for further internal work.

Cllr Gwen Hardman reported having recently attempted to contact the Land Registry Office on several occasions to discuss and clarify the discrepancy in the existing Land Registry documents. Eventually Cllr Hardman had to write to the Land Registry. The Clerk confirmed having written to Flintshire to request confirmation in writing that Flintshire did not wish to renew the lease.

p28 **Rhydymwyn Public Cemetery** - water main easement - Clerk had requested an up to date plan from Welsh Water showing the revised location of the Water Main in the cemetery. Cllr W Owen Thomas had recently looked at a Welsh Water record plan for Cilcain, and the plan made it quite clear that the accuracy cannot be guaranteed. In the case of Rhydymwyn cemetery, the Council was fortunate in having half a dozen trial holes taken and the main had been measured as being exactly 10.6 m from the central path kerb. This distance had been recorded in the Council Minutes at the time the trial holes were excavated. The Chairman requested that the 10.6 m distance be also recorded on the cemetery records plan.

p29 **Mill Terrace, Hendre** - A response letter had been received from Mr Andy Roberts to explain the County Council's position, the letter having been circulated at the start of the Council meeting. Applications for Welsh Assembly funding for drainage improvement schemes are submitted to the Welsh Assembly on a once per year basis. When the applications are submitted to the Welsh Assembly, it is the Welsh Assembly that determines funding priorities. Mr Roberts confirmed that the feasibility and modelling for Hendre will be included in the 2022/2023 programme. Mr Roberts explained that, at present, there was insufficient funding to employ consultants to design and supervise drainage schemes. However, Mr Roberts indicated that he would explore the possibility of identifying sufficient internal Flintshire funding to undertake the feasibility and modelling study for Hendre this financial year.

The Clerk emphasised the general problem with deciding priorities for drainage schemes. Regularity and the seriousness of the flooding incidences was an issue, together with the number of properties being subject to flooding in a particular incidence. Serious heavy rainfall in one region does not always result in regular flooding in a particular village every time. Much depends upon the heavy rain area coinciding exactly with the catchment area for the village or group of houses being flooded.

Cllr W Owen Thomas maintained that the Hendre flooding has occurred regularly, and the regularity issue needs to be emphasised.

The Clerk referred to the Nov 2000 flood in Hendre, A photograph taken at the time of a person in the bedroom window in Lloyd's Terrace, with a ladder resting against the window sill would be an useful photograph to highlight the severity of the flooding incidences in Hendre. Enquiries to be made with residents via Cllr Jean Ramsay to establish if the original photo can be found.

The Chairman felt it was important for residents affected by flooding incidences to express their written concern to the Authorities on each flood occasion.

Cllr J Emyr Davies maintained it was important for a record to be kept for each and every incidence of flooding when it occurs, and how many properties were flooded on each occasion.

p28 **River Alyn** - Item to be dealt with under the Correspondence item.

p28 **Cilcain Play area / Rhydymwyn Play Area** - Flintshire to update the Community Council in due course regarding the refurbishment scheme. The Chair expressed concern regarding Flintshire's suggestion of not repairing any defective items which arise at Llys Alyn. Chair had made enquiries regarding the Llys Alyn Play area. Local youngsters are making use of the Llys Alyn facility.

The Clerk referred to Cllr Carolyn Thomas making a comment on the Rhydymwyn Facebook earlier this year regarding her intention to pursue the resurrection of the minerals grant funding. Clerk to write to the Assembly Member to establish if she has yet been able to make any progress on this issue.

p28 **Bryn Sholyn, Cefn Road** - Clerk to enquire with Flintshire if a decision has yet been made on the Planning Appeal.

p28 **North Wales Police / Trimm Rock quarry** - Item not discussed.

p28 **Commemorative seats** - Both seats have now been erected. Authority given for the Clerk to purchase a wooden seat for the bottom of Cilan Lodge Lane. Neil has indicated that he was prepared to provide a base.

p29 **Faded tourist sign in Cilcain** - Item discussed earlier when Neil was present at the Meeting.

p29 **Cilcain cemetery - wall repair required** - Item not discussed.

p29 **Covid snake for Rhydymwyn Donkey Field** - The Chair reported that Mr Richard Roberts (Flintshire Leisure) was going to make enquiries regarding the sealer used elsewhere. Clerk to check with Mr Roberts. The Chairman explained that the location had been decided upon. Cllr Thomas had recently used a good stone sealer. Cllr Thomas to check on the tin instructions for the sealer he had used for stonework.

p30 **Hendre Quarry Planning Application** - Item can now be deleted.

p30 **Availability of Lateral Flow devices** - Item can now be deleted.

p31 **Dolfechlas Road safety issues at Play Area access** - Item discussed earlier when Neil was present at the Meeting.

p31 **Coed Du Holdings** - A reply had now been received from Flintshire Streetscene. Cllr W Owen Thomas pointed to the fence only protruding in one section. The hedge has never had a protruding section previously, so why should the boundary suddenly be protruding in one section. Cllr Thomas felt Flintshire should be able to provide the plan involved in the sale of the land. Surely the sale should not have been based on a very old version of the Ordnance Survey map, since Flintshire had available an up to date Ordnance Survey map, showing the current position / as it has been for at least the last forty to fifty years. One cannot justify a sudden kink in the highway boundary.

The Clerk confirmed having informed Flintshire - 'Once a highway means always a highway'. Unfortunately, Flintshire's Mr D Jones ignores this basic principle in Law. This principle also overrules whatever is shown on the Land Registry records.

Members felt it would be difficult to sort out the issue without having a site meeting. Clerk to liaise with Cllr W Owen Thomas and Mr Darrell Jones from Flintshire Streetscene to arrange a site meeting.

p32 **Chapel Hedge** - Item can now be deleted.

p39 **Cilcain Cemetery** - Members referred to the amount of grass cuttings left in the central area following the monthly strimming. This had been a fairly regular occurrence in the last two years. Clerk to liaise with grass cutting contractor to establish whether or not he was in a position to clear the grass cuttings regularly next year.

p41 **Mold Roundabout** - The problem had now been sorted. Vehicle entering McDonalds now had to drive through the Aldi car park instead of parking on the roundabout.

p41 **Mold Toilets** - The Clerk explained the financial position regarding the New Street car park toilets. Cllr W Owen Thomas explained, Flintshire could not afford to continue maintaining the toilet at New street car park, so it had to be demolished.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

- (i) Proposal: Proposed detached garage - Amendments to and resubmission of application no. 062263
Location: Penallt, Cilcain, CH7 5NN
Ref No: 063442

The Community Council's observations are:

- (a) The wood material being proposed for the fabric of the garage is not in keeping with stone and slate roofs of the adjoining buildings. The Community Council maintains that the principle of matching materials is extremely important in a Conservation Area.
- (b) Approaching the village from the Loggerheads Road side of Cilcain, the appearance of the proposed garage would detract from the attractive and picturesque view of The Square and the Public House immediately ahead.

Therefore, the proposed garage should be moved back so to be behind the frontage of Penallt. The garage would then be far less imposing in appearance at this approach to the village.

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

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1/ 19/09 Former Ysgol Y Ddol - Request for historical information, and thank you note for the Community Council's assistance. Position noted.
- 2) 20//10 Pollution of the River Alyn - Report received from NRW regarding the pollution incident reported by the Community Council on the 7 June 2021. The response received on the 28 Sept 2021 from NRW was attached to the Agenda. Position noted.
- 3) 21/09 Cilcain Toilet - Reminder to Flintshire regarding the £500 donation that was due from Flintshire in April 2021. Payment had now been received. Payment to be passed on to Cilcain Clean and Lock.
- 4) 22/09 Replacement seat at Rhydymwyn Football Club - Confirmation from Cllr Gareth W Hughes that the Jack Morris commemorative seat which had been in temporary storage at Trelan Farm had now been fixed.
- 5) 22/09 Notice Board in Cilcain Village Hall Car Park - Information sent to Flintshire Leisure. There has been a change in the position with regard to the Notice Board near Pedair y Groesffordd. The item had been discussed earlier when Mr Hickie was present.
- 6) 24/09 Rhydymwyn Community Flood Plan - Information received from Natural Resources Wales requesting the Council to submit its approval to the changes introduced in the review which took place earlier this year. The Chairman had been through the document and concluded that no changes were required.
- 7) 25/05 Cilcain Cemetery Wall - Letter to TPS Building to accept the 13/09/2021 quotation which had been approved in the 20th September Council Meeting. Position noted.
- 8) 27/09 Cilcain Toilet Upgrade, Clean and Lock - Information regarding the proposed upgrade of the Toilet Block and the various grants received for the work. Cllr W Owen Thomas commented that the local contractor had done an excellent job on the refurbishment. Cllr Gwen Hardman outlined the grants received and the total cost of the work.
- 9) 28/09 Publication of new Technical Advice Note (TAN)15 - Information received from One Voice Wales. The Chairman and Clerk elaborated on the issue at the Council Meeting. The letter from NRW confirmed that the flood alleviation scheme, up river of the DEFRA site, undertaken in 2003 had been taken into in preparing the

revised Tan 15 Maps. Members noted that the Tan 15 Maps were for planning development purposes. Insurance Companies used a different set of maps for assessing how much insurance premiums to charge in various parts of the flood area.

- 10) 29/09 Cilcain Young Farmers, Bonfire Display, 5 Nov 2021 - Request for permission to use the Waen Field. See Appendix for the Council donation. A copy of the insurance certificate had been made available to the Council. Cllr W Owen Thomas expressed concern regarding the anticipated amount of vehicles arriving in the village for the event. There would be a need for parking to be controlled in Ffordd y Llan and The Square, to avoid the possibility of a complete log-jam occurring. Clerk to liaise with the CYFC to ensure that adequate marshalling is in place for traffic and parking control. Clerk to request Flintshire to supply road cones. Police to be invited to attend.
- -- Horse box parked next to the Chapel in Ffordd y Llan - Clerk to express concern to PCSO Connor Freel regarding a horse box being parked for several weeks in Ffordd y Llan.
- 11) 30/09 Graffiti, Rhydymwyn - Information from Flintshire Streetscene - Item dealt with earlier when Mr N Hickie was in attendance.
- 12) 04/10 Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn - Odour from drainage system - Reminder sent to Welsh Water's Drainage Engineer requesting an update. A copy of the response received was attached to the Agenda.
- 13) 01/10 The Shack, Pantymwyn Road, Cilcain - Update received from Flintshire Planning regarding recent enforcement cases.
- 14) 04/10 Caravan and shed, field near The Institute, Rhydymwyn - Local concern forwarded to Flintshire's Planning Enforcement Team, subsequent response, and supporting information sent to Flintshire regarding the location.
- 15) 06/10 Flintshire County Council's Standards Committee scheduled for 1 Nov 2021 - Request for discussion topics. Position noted.
- 16) 07/10 Remembrance Day, Nov 2021 - Request from Conner Freel (North Wales Police for information regarding any local events which the Community Council is aware of. Position noted.
- 17) 07/10 Green Community Projects - Information from Cadwyn Clwyd regarding the availability of grants for schemes relating to green issues and the community - orchards, community gardens etc. Position noted.
- 18) 07/10 Concern received (by telephone) from a Rhydymwyn resident that Flintshire CC had recently been kerb weed spraying in Church Lane, Rhydymwyn. Clerk had contacted Flintshire Streetscene to request that Church Lane is not included on Flintshire's schedule for weed spraying next year. Members may note that Church Lane is not classed as a publicly maintained highway. Position noted.

- 19) --/-- Flintshire Streetscene Action Plan - Members commented on, and added to as appropriate.

09. ANY OTHER BUISINESS

- 1 Cilcain car park - Cllr W Owen Thomas was concerned regarding the lack of parking when he attended the Church on Sunday.

Cllr J Emyr Davies felt the sentence ' the car park can be locked at any time' should be in red.

Members noted that the Public House car park is now shut during the day, so that does not help parking matters.

Arrows and pointers directing parking up to the Pedair y Groesffordd car parks was considered. Members noted that on the last occasion someone put notices up 'that vehicles can be towed way', a letter was received from the County Solicitor to say such action was ultra virus.

Cllr Thomas to make enquiries regarding a sign manufacture to provide two new signs - one at the front and one at the back of the car park.

Cllr Thomas to meet the Chairman on site next Wednesday.

- 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 is scheduled for 7.30 pm Monday 15 November 2021.

SignedChairman Date: Clerk