

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL AT THE FOOTBALL CLUB BUILDING, RHYDYMWYN ON 16 MAY 2022.

Present: Chairperson: Cllr Gareth W Hughes

Councillors: Pauline Douglas Gwen Hardman
Ian Hughes Michael Parr
Jean Ramsay John Worthington
The Clerk was in attendance
Mr Neil Hickie had been unable to attend tonight's Council meeting.

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE** All Members present signed the Acceptance of Office form in the presence of the Clerk
2. **CHAIRMANS WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**
3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Cllr J Emyr Davies
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - There were two Declarations of Interest made:
 - (i) Cllr Michael Parr declared an interest in the Correspondence item (regarding the Village Hall / Shop lease issue.
 - (ii) Cllr Gwen Hardman declared an interest in the same correspondence item.
5. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** - Cllr Ian Hughes proposed acceptance, Cllr Pauline Douglas seconded and all Members agreed to approve the Minutes of 16 April 2022 meeting. The Chairman signed the Minutes.

The Chairman welcomed Members to the May Council Meeting. Croeso i bawb i Gyngor Mis Mai. The Chair also welcomed one Member of the public to the meeting. The Chairman congratulated all the Members who had been elected to the Council, including Cllr Michael Parr who was a new Member. The Chair congratulated County Councillor Andrew Parkhurst on his success in the Flintshire CC elections.

6. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ENSUING YEAR 2022/2023 (CILCAIN WARD)**

Before leaving the Chair, Cllr Gareth Hughes took the opportunity to thank all Councillors past and present for all their hard work over the years they had been Council members and for the support given to him as Chairman over the last difficult 12 months. The Chair referred also to Councillor Emyr Davies who was recovering from a hip replacement operation and the Council wished him a speedy recovery. The Chair extended his thanks to the Council's trusted Clerk

A special thanks was also due to our past County Councillor Owen Thomas who had worked tirelessly for over 23 years as a County Councillor and 33 years as a Community Councillor.

He also thanked the Community Councillors who had retired at the May elections.

The Chair mentioned that he had been on the Council for over 40 years and he could honestly say that he had never seen such an attack on the Council as that which had recently been made. Everything that is going on in the world today really put this into perspective. Nevertheless, the Council must respect the concerns that had been raised and we are making enquiries with Flintshire County Council Departments, including FCC Planning Dept, Legal Dept, and the Conservation Area Section, and action will follow. The Council needed reminding that the Clerk is only a part time Clerk. Nevertheless, he has to contend with all the additional work.

The Chairman wished the new Chair, yet to be elected, all the very best in the role and hoped that the Council could be steered to a satisfactory solution to the outstanding issues. The Council had to remember that there are three villages in the Council's area, Hendre, Rhydymwyn and Cilcain to be looked after and we serve all three villages.

It was proposed by Cllr Ian Hughes, seconded by Cllr Jean Ramsay that Councillor Gwen Hardman be elected to be the Chairperson of the Community Council for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations.

Resolved: Cllr Gwen Hardman be elected Chairperson.

Upon her election, Cllr Gwen Hardman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

7. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ENSUING YEAR 2022 / 2023 (RHYDYMWYN WARD)**

In her opening remarks the new Chairperson echoed the remarks made by Cllr Gareth Hughes. In addition, she thanked Cllr Hughes for the hard work he had done during what had been in many ways a difficult year. The new Chairperson also thanked former Councillor W Owen Thomas for his unstinting work during many decades and Janet Butlin and Ann Baker for their sterling work over the last ten years or so. She also thanked Ian Smith and Greg Foster for the contributions they had made in recent years. The Chair wanted to put on record huge thanks to the Clerk for what he does at all times

The Chair welcomed the new Member, Cllr Michael Parr, on his election to the Council.

The Chair read out a note she had received from former Councillor W Owen Thomas. Cllr Thomas wished to thank the Community Council for the support he had received during his thirty three year term as a Community Councillor and his twenty three years as a County Councillor. Owen extended his best wishes to the new Community Council.

The Chair also congratulated County Councillor Andrew Parkhurst on his County election success.

Election of Vice Chairperson : It was proposed by Cllr Gareth Hughes, seconded by Cllr Pauline Douglas that Cllr Jean Ramsay be elected Vice Chairperson. There were no other nominations.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Jean Ramsay be elected Vice Chairperson.

8. TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE FOLLOWING BODIES:-

- (i) (a) Cilcain Cemetery Overseers (6) - six Cilcain Ward Members. Outstanding work in cemetery - (i) Surplus stone to be removed near seat area (ii) Weed kill on front wall (iii) Slate repair on bier house.
- (b) Rhydymwyn Cemetery Overseers (6) - six Rhydymwyn Ward Members.
- (ii) School Managers - Ysgol y Foel, Cilcain (1) -

Resolved - Cllr Gwen Hardman to continue to undertake this role as the Council's representative on Ysgol y Foel Governors Committee.

- (iii) Cilcain Village Hall Management Committee (1)

Resolved - Nomination to be left until there is a full complement of Ward Members.

- (iv) Cilcain Bowling Club Management Committee (1)

Resolved - Members agreed for Cllr Ian Hughes to continue as the Council's representative on the Cilcain Bowling Club Management Committee.

Clerk to notify Bowling Club Secretary.

- (v) (a) Former Trimm Rock Quarry Land (Now owned by Coed Du Hall owner) .

Whilst Members accepted it was unlikely there would be any future quarry liaison meetings arranged, it was agreed that one Member of the Council should be responsible for participating in any discussions between the Community Council and Flintshire CC Minerals Section.

Resolved: Cllr Pauline Douglas to continue to be the Council's representative in any future discussion / correspondence between the Community Council and Flintshire Minerals Section regarding the former quarry site.

- (b) Hendre Quarry Liaison Committee - Tarmac (2) -

Resolved: Cllr Gareth W Hughes and Cllr Jean Ramsay be the Council's representatives on the Hendre Quarry Liaison Committee.

- (c) Lloyds Spar. Item not discussed. The Council accepted that it was up to the Quarry Manager if he wished to have a liaison meeting. Members noted that Lloyds was not currently an operating quarry.

- (d) Cefn Mawr Quarry Pantybuarth Liaison Committee (1) -

Resolved: Cllr Ian Hughes be the Council's representative on the Cefn Mawr Liaison Committee.

(vii) Rhydymwyn Football Club Management Committee (1)

Resolved - Cllr Gareth W Hughes and Cllr Jean Ramsey be the Community Council's representatives on the Rhydymwyn Football Club Committee. Cllr Gareth Hughes reported that invitations to attend Club meetings had recently been rare.

(viii) Rhydymwyn Institute -

Resolved - Cllr Jean Ramsay to represent the Community Council on the Institute Committee.

Members noted the existence of five other bodies where the Community Council has nominees / representatives:

- (a) One Voice Wales - Wrexham / Flintshire Area Committee - Clerk explained there are four meetings per year. Cllr Michael Parr was happy for his name to go forward, but he could not guarantee he would be able to attend on each occasion.
- (b) AONB Committee - Item not discussed. The recent change in AONB constitution does not now accommodate a One Voice Wales representative on the AONB Executive Committee. Former Cllr W Owen Thomas had been attending the AONB Meetings as a County Council Representative.
- (c) Rhydymwyn Flood Sub-Committee (6 No) - Rhydymwyn Ward Members. The subcommittee does cover flooding in Hendre. The involvement of NRW these days is mainly to do with operating and updating the Flood Warning System. The trouble recently experienced with flooding on the Fechlas Brook (Ruby Villas and Hendre) was that river gauges used by NRW were on the River Alyn, whereas the Fechlas Brook flooding was on a tributary of the River Alyn having a different catchment area, which was not covered by the River Alyn water level gauges.
- (d) Rhydymwyn Nature Reserve - DEFRA had not held any meetings for well over twelve months. DEFRA handing the site over to the Land Trust had reached a stalemate. Cllr Gareth Hughes referred to the arrangement whereby the Land Trust wanted a dowry, so that it could use the interest money for maintaining the site. But with interest rates being so low in recent years it was difficult to agree on an dowry amount. Cllr Gareth Hughes and the former County Councillor had attended meetings in the past. Two Community Councillors need to be identified in due course. The County Councillor would receive his invitation via Flintshire CC.
- (e) Flintshire Forum - The Chair was quite happy to continue attending the Flintshire Forum. Clerk explained that the Flintshire Forum meetings do appear to be more well attended than the One Voice Wales Meetings at present. Five Community Councillors attended one recent meeting in Connah's Quay, when the Ombudsman for Wales was giving a presentation.

9. CILCAIN AND RHYDYMWYN WARD MEMBER VACANCIES

Clerk reported on the current position. Members noted that there was one vacancy in Cilcain Ward and three vacancies in the Rhydymwyn Ward. Any vacancy can be filled by co-option. Where vacancies are filled by co-option, the co-option has to take place within 35 days (working days not including Saturdays, Sundays and Banks Holidays) calculated from election day. Members considered the above position and authorised the Clerk to erect the appropriate notice on the three Village Notice Boards and on the Council website.

10. MATTERS ARISING (Highway Matters)

Members comments on Neil's list:

- Item (i) Hendre to Nant Road - No quarry liaison meeting for a while - Cllr Gareth Hughes to speak to Quarry Manager to enquire why there has not been any liaison meeting recently.
- (10) Water Works junction - Work done.
- (12) Nant Alyn road depression - Cllr Gareth Hughes - reported that Flintshire had already received two claims for car damage. Cllr Pauline Douglas reported that the hump warning sign had gone missing. Missing sign already reported to Mr Hickie. Chair asked Cllr Parkhurst to pursue with Mr Hickie. Clerk indicated location was 80m down from Coed Du Nursing Hall Junction.
- (13) Ffordd y Llan - low tree canopy. Clerk had written to Stuart Body regarding the low trees. No response yet.
Tree at 32 Maes Cilan was a separate issue. Clerk to send a reminder to D Ellis.
- (16) Llys Alyn - Cllr Gareth Hughes reported work done.
- (18) A541 - Cllr Gareth Hughes reported work done - but gulley grid opposite the Garage is still sunk.

There were no new items added to Neil's list from Members at the Council Meeting

11. MATTERS ARISING (None Highway Matters)

p96 **Bowling Club, Cilcain** - Community Council has instructed the Solicitor. Reminder to be sent to the Solicitor.

p96 **Mill Terrace, Hendre** - Clerk reported that in a recent Council meeting former County Councillor Owen Thomas had reported that had been waiting for the Mill terrace residents to submit a petition. Cllr Jean Ramsay had spoken in April to one of the residents upstream of Mill Terrace. Cllr Ramsay had been informed that the petition would be prepared in the next few weeks. The Clerk had not received a written update from Flintshire regarding the scheme. However, a telephone conversation with Mr Andy Roberts at Flintshire CC prior to the Council meeting revealed that the Welsh Assembly had not approved the Mill Terrace scheme application. Because of the undertaking given by Mr Ruairi Barry, Flintshire CC would be funding the feasibility work for Mill terrace, the work being undertaken by Consultants. Members felt that County Councillor Andrew Parkhurst pursuing the issue with Flintshire CC would be more effective than further chasing correspondence from Cilcain CC at this stage. Clerk to supply photos for Cllr Parkhurst

- p96 **Mill Terrace, Hendre Traffic issues** - The Clerk reported having written to Flintshire Traffic to seek an update on the proposal whereby a speed camera would be used for a month in four or five locations in Flintshire and then return in six months' time for another month's session. Clerk to pass on recent correspondence to Cllr Parkhurst.
- p96 **Trimm Rock former quarry** - Clerk had not yet received a reply to the email sent to Flintshire's Minerals Section to enquire if Flintshire CC had a Public Protection Officer who could serve a Notice on the owner to make the site safe. Flintshire had also been requested to check if the Mines and Quarries Act could be used to force the landowner or the owner of the mineral rights to make the site safe.
- Cllr Pauline Douglas referred to the footpaths not being maintained. Clerk to pursue with Mr Hill at Flintshire CC. Cllr Gareth Hughes referred to the fence not being repaired, two slats having been missing for well over twelve months. Clerk to pursue the gap in the fence with Flintshire
- Clerk to pass the Flintshire correspondence on to Cllr Parkhurst.
- Referring the concern to the HSE was suggested as being appropriate by Cllr Michael Parr. Clerk to pursue with HSE.
- p97 **Bowling Club, Cilcain** - Item not discussed.
- p97 **Wooden bench at Is y Mynydd, Cilcain** - Chair reported having received a message from former Councillor W Owen Thomas to indicate he had chased the replacement seat issue up with Flintshire Housing. The new seat was now in place. Cllr Worthington had taken the plaque off the old seat for safe keeping. Cllr Gareth Hughes to arrange for a new plaque to be purchased.
- p98 **Cilcain Show, 29 August 2022** - Cllr Andrew Parkhurst confirmed the Show preparation is on schedule, probably on a slightly reduced scale due to the difficulty of attracting volunteers.
- p98 **Coed Du Bath House** - Clerk reported that no written response had been received from Flintshire Conservation. Clerk had spoken to the Officer in Conservation - The Bath House is a Grade 2 listed building. Therefore, the building owner has an obligation to maintain the building in the condition it was in when the building was listed. More information required from Flintshire Conservation. Copy of latest correspondence to be forwarded to Cllr Andrew Parkhurst.
- p98 **Meeting with Shop Ctee** - Members agreed that even though Cllr Gareth Hughes was no longer the Council Chairman, he was the most appropriate person to meet the Shop Ctee. Councillor Hughes explained the current circumstances whereby he was making almost daily visits to the Hospital in Manchester. Clerk to contact Shop Ctee Chairperson in due course.
- p99 **Community Council Training** - Clerk to liaise with the Members to ensure that all Members attend one of the three online training sessions.
- p99 **The Antelope Rhydymwyn** - Reminder to be sent to Flintshire CC regarding the Community Council's concern about the danger to pedestrians using the public footway in front of the building. The Council's concerns had been reported to Flintshire CC on the 04 April 2022 and an email received on the 8 April that Building Control would make an inspection in a few days time.

p100 **Wall mortar coping damage in the Cilcain car park.** Cllr Gareth W Hughes had spoken to Mr D Morris to establish if he was in a position to give the Council an estimate for repairing the wall coping. Cllr Hughes to pursue.

p101 **Cilcain Play Area** - Clerk reported that Flintshire Leisure had not yet written to the Community Council regarding match funding arrangement for this year. The Clerk had spoken to Mr Roberts. Mr Roberts had indicated that the letter could take a few more weeks.

Clerk to write to Flintshire to request Mr Roberts to check again on scheme completion photographs to confirm that no 'under five' items had been taken away for repair and not replaced. Clerk to look for photographs that would show what equipment was in place at the completion of the last minerals funded scheme.

Mr Roberts to be requested to provide details and cost of a couple of items for the under five age group.

The need for a self standing basket ball facility in Waen Field will also need to be given further consideration and a solution found to discourage youngsters from constantly kicking a football against the gable wall of the toilet block. Once the costs were available, a site meeting can be arranged.

12. PLANNING MATTERS:

(a) Planning Applications received from Flintshire County Council.

(1) Ref No: 064087
Proposal: Installation of wooden decking
Location: Ty Ni, The Pentre, Cilcain

Community Council's observations: **No objections.**

(ii) Ref No: 063968
Proposal: First Room extension to side elevation to create master bedroom bathroom study
Location: Upper Felin Newydd, Denbigh Road, Hendre, Mold

The Community Council has **no objection** to the proposal but has some concerns regarding the external fabric of the extension not being in keeping with the existing dwelling.

(iii) Ref No: 064404
Proposal: To replace existing single storey extension with two storey extension along with external alterations.
Location: Ty'n Coed, Pantymwyn Road, Cilcain

Community Council's observations: **No objections**

(iv) Ref No: 064418
Proposal: proposed replacement of existing sub standard kitchen annexe with new kitchen and work from home space

Location: 22 Maes Cilan, Cilcain, Mold

Community Council's observations: **No objections**

13. CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) 14/04 Burial Grant for under 18's - Receipt of £1,769.75 Welsh Assembly grant for under 18's burials. Approval given for the Clerk to amend the Council's burial Fee List.
- 2) 14/04* Cilcain car park - is the sign legal? - email to the County Solicitor to request his observations on the legal aspect of the recently erected sign. Response had been received on the 24 April to confirm that the sign is legal but it should be bilingual, and Flintshire will arrange for the change.
- 3) 19/04* Planning aspect of sign in Cilcain car park - email to Flintshire Planning to seek confirmation that planning permission is not required for the parking information signs. Response received on the 20 April to confirm that planning permission is not required as long as certain conditions appertaining to the Conservation Area are complied with.
- 4) 21/04 Cilcain Show 2022, Bank Holiday Monday. Request from S W Kneale for contact information for road closure. Request passed on to Sam Tulley in Flintshire. Sam has made contact with Mr Kneale. Note subsequently received from Mr Kneale to thank the Community Council for arranging the contact.
- 5) 22/04 Cilcain Clean and Lock - Thank you note and receipt for the Council's donation (£140) to assist with the recent roof repair to the toilet block. Position noted.
- 6) 22/04 Cilcain Clean and Lock - Thank you note and receipt for the Community Council's donation of £63.53 to assist with the annual Insurance premium for the toilet block. Position noted.
- 7) 27/04* Cilcain car park - email from resident (LS) - signage concern. Item dealt with later.
- 8) 27/04* Cilcain car park - email from resident (AH) - signage concern. Item dealt with later.
- 9) 27/04* Cilcain car park - email from resident (Mr C) - signage concern. Item dealt with later.
- 10) 26/04 Pot hole and sunken gully grating - email from Cllr Gareth W Hughes to report sunken gully grating outside Station House, Rhydymwyn. Item forwarded to Flintshire Streetscene. Item discussed earlier.
- 11) 28/04* Cilcain car park - email from resident (AF) - signage concern. Item dealt with later.
- 12) 29/04 Work at Cilcain cemetery - instruction sent to local contractor (DM) to accept £550 quotation for stone and subsoil removal and slate repair on the Bier House. Cllr Gareth Hughes indicated that the roof repair may have to be referred to another builder. Position noted.

- 13) 29/04 Flintshire Playscheme 2022 - to confirm participation in this year's scheme sent to Flintshire Leisure. £2,860 included in the Council's budget for this scheme. Acknowledgment received from Flintshire CC. Position noted.
- 14) 29/04* Cilcain car park in Conservation Area - email sent to Conservation Officer to seek clarification on observations received from Flintshire's Planning Department. Position noted.
- 15) 29/04* Cilcain car park - Reply to Cilcain resident's (Freedom of Information) request. Position noted.
- 16) 30/04* Cilcain car park - email from resident (AS) - signage concern. Item dealt with later.
- 17) 01/05 Waen Field entrance - FCC grass cutter width problem. Photo and verbal report received from resident (SJ) regarding the width restriction preventing access to a new mower Flintshire are utilising. Enquiries made with Mr Hickie to establish if Flintshire CC is OK with using their smaller mower. Photo shows it would not be appropriate to widen the access at this location. The stonework bank on left hand side of entrance supports the bowling green, and some Members recalled a ground movement problem occurring approximately 20 years ago with settlement of the bowling green near the Waen Field boundary of the green. So the last thing the Council wants to consider is widening the entrance on the Bowling Club side of the entrance.
- 18) 01/05* Cilcain car park - email from resident (AS) - signage concern. Item dealt with later.
- 19) 01/05* Cilcain car park - email from resident (RP) - signage concern. Item dealt with later.
- 19B) 01/05* Cilcain car park - email from resident (DM) - signage concern. Item dealt with later. .
- 20) 02/05* Cilcain car park - email from resident (PR) - signage concern. Item dealt with later.
- 21) 02/05* Cilcain car park - email from resident (MR) - signage concern. Item dealt with later.
- 22) 03/05* Various Items from Cllr M Parr -
 - (i) Car park signage - request for information. Clerk reported that the information had been provided.
 - (ii) Permits for trailers in Flintshire's skip sites.

Cllr Michael Parr explained that the system for taking a trailer to the skip site has changed.

- (i) One now has to provide evidence at the site that one lives in Flintshire. (No problem)
- (ii) One has to produce a permit to use the trailer (No problem in itself)

Unfortunately, it is unbelievably complicated to obtain a permit.

Flintshire has imposed:

- (a) Limits on the size of the trailer (all sorts of dimensions are required on the application form)
- (b) Limit of 12 visits per year to the skip site.

Required for the permit application -

- Photo of the inside of the car
- Photograph of the boot

Photo of the trailer
Picture of the driving licence
V5 form for the car
etc. etc.

Cllr Parr maintained that fly tipping will occur in our community as a result of Flintshire making things more difficult for residents to use the skip facility. One gets the impression that Flintshire's aim is to prevent use of the skip site by commercial users. Unfortunately, the residents in Flintshire are made to pay the penalty as a result of Flintshire's inability to devise an effective system for dealing with the issue of prohibiting use of the skip site to commercial users.

The Clerk maintained that Flintshire can be called upon to remove fly tipping from public land. However, there was an incident last year where a person tipped a number of black bags over the highway boundary fence on the A541 near Hendre onto private land. Flintshire refused to remove the waste.

Resolved: Cilcain CC to express its concern to Flintshire CC (via the County Councillor) to see if the permit rules can be made less onerous.

Clerk to copy Hannah Blyddyn (AM) in on the correspondence.

(iii) Request for update regarding the Community Shop - licence / lease. Item discussed earlier. Cllr Parr enquired regarding the current stance of the Community Council regarding the Lease / Licence issue. The Chair explained that a letter had been sent to the Shop Committee to explain the Council's position.

Cllr Parr questioned if it was against the Law to sub let. Cllr Gareth Hughes explained that it was not a question of the subletting being against the Law, but the Council was acting on advice from the Solicitor.

Members noted that the old lease had a number of years left to run when the new lease process started, but the Chairman of the Hall Ctee at the time insisted on a new lease being drawn up. The new lease had cost approximately £5,000 to prepare.

Cllr Ian Hughes maintained that it had taken a number of years of negotiation to prepare the lease. Cllr Hughes felt that since the lease had now been signed, any issue should now be between the Hall Ctee and the Shop Ctee.

Cllr Gareth Hughes explained that Cilcain CC has supported the Community Shop all the way through, and had in fact made donations amounting to approx. £1,600 to assist the Shop.

Cllr Ian Hughes was prepared to attend the meeting with the Shop Ctee with Cllr Gareth Hughes.

- 23) 03/05* Cilcain car park - email from resident (AE) - signage support. Item dealt with later.
- 24) 03/05* Cilcain car park - email from resident (KP) - signage concern. Item dealt with later.
- 25) 03/05* Cilcain car park - email from resident (TC) - signage concern. Item dealt with later.
- 26) 04/05* Cilcain car park - email from resident (AF) - signage concern. Item dealt with later.

- 27) 04/05* Cilcain car park - email from resident (AH) - signage support. Item dealt with later.
- 28) 04/05 Pedair Groesffordd - Site Meeting - Chair and Vice Chair and three Cilcain Members had a site meeting with two Flintshire Officers to discuss the feasibility and funding options for extending the two parking areas near the View Point. Chair and Vice Chair reported at the Council Meeting. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to Mr R Jones to request confirmation that scheme will be designed and costs prepared.
- 29) 04/05* Cilcain car Park - email from resident (DF) - comment on support email. Item dealt with later.
- 30) 06/05* Cilcain Village Hall - Thank you note and receipt for the Community Council's donation of £325 to assist with the annual Insurance premium for the Village Hall. Position noted.
- 31) 06/05 UK Shared Prosperity Fund - Information from Flintshire County Council regarding £11 million funding becoming available to Flintshire in connection with the above fund. Three virtual workshops are scheduled for the 24-25 May. Closing day for registering an interest in participating in the workshop is on Wed 16 May 2022. Position noted.
- 33) 08/05* Cilcain car park - suggestion from resident (DF) regarding signage. Item dealt with later.
- 34) 10/05* Cilcain car park - email from resident (CD) - signage support. Item dealt with later.
- 35) 10/05* Cilcain car park - email from resident (WP) - signage support. Item dealt with later.
- 36) 10/05 Best Kept Communities 2022 - Closing date for competition entries is 17 June 2022. Clerk reported that in a number of past years there has not been any interest from any of the three villages for participating in the competition. Position noted.
- 37) 10/05* Parking Sign in Cilcain car park - Information from Flintshire CC Planning Enforcement Section - 'deemed' consent for 'information sign' erected by public bodies applicable to signs less than 1.55 sq m. Members noted that the recently replaced was 0.51 sq m.
- 38) - - Flintshire Streetscene Action Plan - For Members to comment on, and to add to as appropriate. Item referred to earlier.

Car parking in Cilcain and signage

In view of the personal details information included in the car parking correspondence, Members agreed to leave the correspondence packs behind with the Clerk for the information to be destroyed. Members agreed for the various points raised to be summarised by the Chair, with the summary being included in the Council Minutes.

Cllr Parr maintained that the summary should include the number of letters received that were against the new signs and the numbers of residents that were against the new sign.

Cllr Ian Hughes disagreed about comparing numbers. On Facebook, residents had been encouraged to 'cut and paste' existing concern emails. So they could not really be counted as individuals emailing in to the

Council. Cllr Hughes felt that such practice smacks of desperation by one or two individuals to get their point across.

Cllr John Worthington agreed that the numbers were meaningless. Cllr Worthington had spoken to many people who would not be writing in. Cllr Worthington maintained it was his duty as a Councillor to take account of all the residents, and not just the people that had written in to the Council.

The Chair maintained that numbers were not the most important thing - it is the facts and the issues that are the most important consideration.

Cllr Pauline Douglas maintained that many residents she comes across are not on Facebook, or do not even use emails.

Cllr Gareth Hughes had read the incoming emails, but the one reference which had stood out in his mind was the email that referred to representing the 'silent majority'. Cllr Gareth Hughes referred to the original site meeting where the decision was taken in all good faith that the previous sign would be renewed because of its condition. The decision was taken with all good intentions.

Chair referred to the intention of making visitors more aware of the presence of the parking area at Pedair y Groesffordd, the new sign on the Bowling green fence replicating the words on the previous sign. The previous sign had been in place for over twenty years.

Cllr Jean Ramsay felt that the tone of the comments made on Facebook were quite offensive. The abuse directed at the Council ignored the good intentions of the Community Council. Calling the Council 'mad' was unacceptable. Members noted that the person who had done so had apologised. However, another Member referred to the comment still being still on Facebook.

Identifying the issues - summary of correspondence received:

1. Letters/emails regarding the new signs - concerns raised about signs:
 - Inappropriate design/appearance
 - Wording (unwelcoming, off-putting to visitors)
 - Was planning permission sought?
 - Signs are not bilingual and need to be
 - Are the signs legal/do they comply with law?
 - Should not be restricted parking for residents
 - Unsightly, have no place in a conservation area
 - Confusing, give mixed messages because of the arrow (at car park entrance)
 - Who are the community - residents, users of facilities? Who are the public? (purpose is unclear)
 - Who owns the car park? When was restriction permitted?
 - What was the expenditure on signage?

2. Letters/emails regarding the new signs - support for signs
 - Thanks for putting local residents first
 - Some residents live in outlying areas so need a vehicle to access facilities
 - Some residents can't walk far so need to access facilities by car
 - Emergency vehicles and farm traffic need access to all areas of Cilcain (road parking at centre is problematic)
 - Parking at village centre should be prioritised for residents

- Redirecting some vehicles away from village centre makes sense
- Too many cars make it frustrating and challenging for parents with young children to access facilities
- Cars are forced to park on the road, which is dangerous
- Resident letting the CC know that many residents do not have a problem with the new signage.

3. Clarification sought by the Clerk (some responses still outstanding):

- Flintshire CC Legal - Flintshire CC Conservation Area
- Flintshire CC Business and Tourism
- Flintshire CC Planning
- Flintshire CC Advertisements
- Flintshire CC Streetscene (Highways)

Some questions relating to the possibility in the longer term of external funding to extend the parking facility at Pedair Groesffordd have also been raised with FCC

Councillor Parr enquired why the car park did not include a disabled facility. Chair agreed the disabled issue would be taken on board in due course, but the Council should deal with the substantive issues at present.

Cllr Worthington referred to the need to have the right to close the car park when the Council decides. For instance, in the Cilcain Show, the whole of the car park traditionally has been taken up for displaying vintage tractors etc. If there was a big event on in the Village Hall, the car park would have to be closed for the benefit of the community. There has never been any intention to close people in, only to close the car park first thing in the morning so that the parking area can be reserved for an important event.

The two issues remaining to be clarified are:

- (i) Appearance of signs in a Conservation Area - awaiting reply.
- (ii) Appearance of signs in the AONB - AONB to be consulted.

Site Meeting at the View Point car park

The Chair referred to a Cilcain Ward Members site meeting which took place with Richard L Jones, (Flintshire Tourism) and Mr Neil Hickie. Whereas the blue traffic signs for parking are standard throughout the country, consideration would be given for the blue parking direction signs to be changed to view point signs in a more acceptable colour.

The sign at Plas yn Llan could be lowered in due course.

The Clerk referred to the useful discussion with Richard L Jones regarding extending the car parks at Pedair y Groesffordd. Mr Jones explained that whilst there was no obvious funding right now, it would be appropriate for plans to be drawn up and costs prepared for putting on the shelf in readiness for the day when funding suddenly becomes available. Cllr Gareth Hughes requested the Clerk to confirm the position with Mr Jones. There was also a need to look at other sources of funding. Gwynt y Mor and Awel y Mor keep writing to the Community Council about the availability of funding.

The Chair referred to the need for an integrated approach to the signs issue. The tourist display board in the village car park could have a smaller direction map in it, with room being provided below the map for any additional notes regarding the Cilcain CC car park.

The Chair felt that a tremendous amount of progress had been made, and expressed her thanks to the Clerk and other Councillors for their valuable input.

Members discussed a suggestion that the Council should consider a couple of options for the signage, so that consultation with the community could then take place prior to a final decision being taken.

Cllr Pauline Douglas felt the problem with the above is that the 'silent majority' would not have a say.

The Chair felt the Council needed final answers for the outstanding issues before proceeding any further.

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 the Rhydymwyn Football Club building, at 7.30 pm Monday 20 June 2022.

SignedChairman Date: Clerk

**APPENDIX - MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE - NOT FOR PUBLICATION
UNTIL AFTER THE MEETING HAS TAKEN PLACE**

1. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

(i)	A E - sal + expenses (May 2022) (Sal = £484.6/m) (L.G.A.1972 S112)	584.55
(ii)	HMRC (Customs and Excise) - PAYE Clerk's salary (L.G.A.1972 S112)	97.45
(iii)	A Evans - Office Stationary (Amazon)	64.99
(iv)	Bloomin Gardens - Cilcain cemetery grass cutting central area + Rhydymwyn cemetery and bench (LGA 1972 S214)	215.00
(v)	Deeco - four LED lamps in Rhydymwyn (two in Leete Avenue and two in Nant Alyn). Cllr Hughes has checked that the work has been done.	1,200
(vi)**	Scottish Power - Three month charge for street lighting energy - Please note that the quarterly payment made on 25 Feb 2022 for st lighting energy was £251.50 - So the sooner the Council proceeds with LED conversions the better. The Council has budgeted for four more lamps in this financial year. After these have been completed the Council can provide Scottish Power with a summary of the number of lamps it has. A check needs to be made with Flintshire to establish whether or not Flintshire is paying for the three LED lamps they put up at the School Lane in Rhydymwyn. Flintshire CC also recently provided one lamp in Dolfechlas Road and one in Ffordd y LLan by mistake, but one assumes these two LED lamps will need to stay on the Community Council's account.	481.52
(vii)	External Audit fee for pre 2018-2019	982.84

** Scottish Power Invoice - Cllr Gareth W Hughes requested the Clerk to check the lamps total and the wattage with Scottish Power