

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL AT THE FOOTBALL CLUB BUILDING, RHYDYMWYN ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2022.

Present: Chairperson: Cllr Gwenda Hardman

Councillors: Malcolm Down John Doyle
 Karen Parker J Emyr Davies,
 Pauline Douglas, Gareth W Hughes
 Jean Ramsay Christine Vaughan,
 John V Worthington

The Clerk was in attendance

Mr Neil Hickie from Flintshire Streetscene joined the first part of the meeting.

1. CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairperson welcomed Members to the September Council Meeting. Croeso i bawb i Gyngor Mis Medi. The Chair also welcomed two residents to the meeting. The Chair welcomed Cllr Christine Vaughan as a new co-opted Member for the Cilcain Ward. The Chair also welcomed Cllr Gareth Hughes back following his bereavement. The Chair referred to a reminder regarding the forthcoming two hour on-line training session being arranged by Flintshire CC for new co-opted Members. The scheduled date was the 12 October 2022.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllr Ian Hughes, Cllr Michael Parr.

Flintshire CC Cllr Andrew Parkhurst had indicated he would not be in a position to attend.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Cllr Gareth W Hughes and Cllr Jean Ramsay declared an interest in the Rhydymwyn FC donation item (Item 19). The Chair declared an interest in the Village Shop meeting item.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - Cllr Jean Ramsay proposed acceptance, Cllr Karen Parker seconded and all Members agreed to approve the Minutes.

5. MATTERS ARISING (HIGHWAY MATTERS)

- (i) **Flintshire Streetscene Action Plan** - The Action Plan which was the last item in the Correspondence Pack was discussed.
- (ii) Unsatisfactory temporary patching - Cllr J Emyr Davies referred to the temporary patching work undertaken being of very poor quality. Mr Hickie appreciated the work was not 1st class patching. The only advantage for Flintshire CC for doing such temporary work was to protect itself from claims.
- (iii) Ash die-back trees - Reference was made to the trees on private land adjoining the public highway between Rhydymwyn and Hendre. If a tree fell on to the highway, Flintshire CC would clear the fallen tree. Flintshire would serve a notice on the landowner if the tree was in a condition to be a potential danger to the highway.

The Welsh Assembly grant recently received by Flintshire for ash die-back only applied to trees on highway land.

- (iv) Manhole cover in footway between Hendre and first quarry turning - Previously reported by Cllr Karen Parker. Work now done.

6.0 MATTERS ARISING

p28 **Hendre Traffic** - Cllr Gareth Hughes requested the Clerk to enquire how much the speed sign in an adjoining village had cost, and who paid for the sign.

Speed Camera Hendre - Clerk informed the Council that Cllr Parkhurst had sent an email to Mr Lee Shone to seek an update on the speed survey in Hendre.

Members felt that enquires should be made regarding the possibility of introducing rumble strips in Hendre. Care would have to be taken in locating rumble strips near dwellings. Cost required from Flintshire Traffic.

p28 **Trimm Rock - former quarry**

- (a) Clerk reported having written to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) (Item 5 in the Correspondence section) in Cardiff.
- (b) Clerk reported having been informed that Flintshire Minerals Section had also written several times to the HSE but had no response.
- (c) Clerk to send a reminder to the HSE.
- (d) Clerk to speak to a new contact in Flintshire who has experience in dealing with the Mines and Quarries Act.
- (e) Cllr Parkhurst had written to Mr Hartey.
- (f) Flintshire Minerals had also written to Mr Hartey several times but had not received a reply.
- (g) Members noted that Mr Hartey is intending to sell the former quarry land.

p28 **Repair of village car park boundary wall.**

Specification discussed with Cllr Ian Hughes and agreed for a camber to be introduced into the coping mortar. Camber discussed with the stonemason. Work should commence in the next few weeks.

p28 **Play Area - Cilcain and Rhydymwyn**

- (a) **Cilcain** - Explanation required on the difference between the website price and the price included in Flintshire estimate to the Council. Written expression of interest to be sent.
- (b) **Rhydymwyn** - Expression of interest had been submitted last year, but needs to be repeated this year. Clerk reported that the Rhydymwyn scheme is not likely to proceed this year. Flintshire needs to give consideration to resolving other issues in Rhydymwyn, that affects the funding available from Flintshire for the Rhydymwyn play area refurbishment scheme.

p28 **Housing survey, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Jean Ramsay enquired if the Clerk had been made aware of any update on the housing survey. Cllr Gareth W Hughes recalled that early 2023 had been mentioned in the recent site meeting for a likely start. for the survey process.

p29 **Permits for trailers in Flintshire's skip sites.** The Chair reported that County Councillor Andrew Parkhurst was attending a meeting in Flintshire today where the trailer permit issue was being discussed.

p31 **Former Quarry - Lloyds Quarry - Concern expressed about Lloyds Quarry**

- (a) Sign at bottom of Cefn Melyn hill turned in the wrong direction. Clerk to report to Mr Neil Hickie.
- (b) Sign at Fforrest Farm Junction - hedge in front of quarry direction sign needs cutting back. Clerk to write to Quarry Manager. Approx two years ago, a large delivery wagon missed the Quarry sign at Fforrest Farm junction and had to turn around at the Lon Cilan / Ffordd y Llan junction, ripping away freshly laid macadam surfacing material from the carriageway.
- (c) Dust at Quarry entrance - Clerk to report to Hannah Parrish.
- (d) Ideally, adjoining residents should write to Flintshire Planning regarding any concerns they have with Lloyds Quarry .

-- **Dolfechlas Road, foul smell from drainage system** - Cllr Gareth Hughes referred to this issue having gone off the Council Agenda. Clerk to pursue the odour problem with Mr R Kelbrick at Dwr Cymru.

p33 **Summer Playscheme** - Chair reported that the attendance had been great in Cilcain this year. Cllr John Doyle reported that the attendance in the beginning had not been good in Rhydymwyn. Cllr Malcolm Down reported that he had checked several times on the attendance in Rhydymwyn and it varied between 10 and 23. Clerk reported that Flintshire's register figures should be available in due course. Clerk to pursue.

p34 **Cilcain cemetery** - Clerk reported that three or four grave spaces, where settlement had taken place, had been top soiled and seeded by Cllr J Worthington and the Clerk since the July Council meeting.

In early July, Cllr J Emyr Davies had also seeded the area where three trailer loads of surplus stone had been taken away in the top corner of the cemetery.

Photos were distributed at the Council meeting showing that by the 26 September, the new grass was growing well in all the recently seeded areas. Clerk reported that other potentially dangerous settlement areas needed filling and seeding before the end of October. There was no guarantee that new grass would take after the end of October.

Cllr Worthington noted that an elderberry bush by the School boundary had grown to a 4 foot high bush in a matter of six weeks. Members agreed the bush can be cut back and sprayed. Cllr Worthington to arrange.

Cllr Jean Ramsay reported that a number of residents had commented to her that Cilcain cemetery was now one of the most well maintained cemeteries in the area. The Chair felt it was always good for the Council to receive positive comments such as those just mentioned by Cllr Ramsay.

7.0 PLANNING MATTERS:

1. Ref No: FUL/000462/22
Proposal: New detached garage and new vehicular access
Location: 1, Church Meadow, Rhydymwyn

The Community Council **objects** to the proposal for the following reasons:

- (a) The revised location of the access is closer to the road junction (Church Lane / Dolfechlas Road)
- (b) The adjoining buildings in Dolfechlas Rd are all set back an appropriate distance from the Dolfechlas Road boundary. This proposed garage because of its height and being too close to the Dolfechlas Rd boundary is considered to be detrimental to the character of the area.

2. Ref No: FUL/000394/22
Proposal: Construction of an earth banked slurry lagoon 40m by 40m which is 1000m away from the main holding.
Location: Fforrest Farm, Cilcain, Flintshire, CH7 5NW

The Community Council **fully supports** the proposal for the following reasons:

- (a) The size of agricultural vehicles is continuing to increase, so pumping effluent to a lagoon will reduce the impact of large agricultural vehicles on our rural roads.
- (b) The proposed lagoon location is well away from any residential dwellings.
- (c) The proposed lagoon location cannot be seen from any adjoining roads.

3. Ref No: FUL/000201/22
Proposal: Proposed demolition of existing garage and store room area and erection of dormer style extension to the rear and part side of the existing dwelling & associated works.
Location: Tan y Ffrith, Bryn Alun Junction to Maes y Groes Junction, Cilcain, Mold, CH7 5PG

The Community Council has **no objection** to the proposed development.

However, the Council assumes that Flintshire Planning will make the necessary checks to ensure that the current development complies with the planning guidelines regarding the proposed footprint not exceeding the original footprint of the dwelling by more than 50%.

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS

Exclusion of Press and Public - In pursuant of Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, it may be appropriate for a number of the correspondence items below to be discussed after the press and public have been excluded.

- 1) * **Council Meetings, Location.** In the 18 July 2022 Council Meeting, Cllr Michael Parr had requested an item to be considered in the September Council meeting. The Council has traditionally held the Summer Meetings in Rhydymwyn and the Winter Meetings in Cilcain. The reason for this arrangement has been due to the better heating arrangement in Cilcain Village Hall for the Winter Meetings.

Cllr Parr had suggested that the meetings should alternate each month between the two villages, so that residents in each village do not have to wait for a long period if they wish to attend a Council meeting in their own village.

Members considered the suggestion made by Cllr Parr, but decided to follow the previous practice of holding the Winter meetings in Cilcain on the basis that there was a much better heating system in Cilcain for the Winter period. All members were in agreement to stay with the existing arrangement.

- 2) 30/07 Cilcain car park - email from resident (DF) - signage concern. The Cilcain resident had submitted a photograph showing parking congestion between the Public House and the village car park. Another photograph was submitted at the Council meeting showing the same level of parking congestion at this section of road prior to the replacement sign being erected in the Council car park.

Cllr Jean Ramsay had attended a meeting in the village on the 14 September and at 9.15 pm of that evening there were seven cars in the car park. Cllr Ramsay had noticed that the Public House car park was blocked off, whereas it used to be used as a car park. The car park was still being used as a beer garden and blocking off the car park must surely exasperate the parking outside the Public House. Cllr Ramsay thought it was therefore a bit presumptuous of the Cilcain resident to assume that the extent of the parking outside the public house was as a result of a replacement sign being erected in the Council car park.

Consequently, Members did not agree that the parking outside the Public House was as a result of the replacement sign being erected in the car park.

All Members agreed that the Clerk should write to the Landlord of the Public House to enquire how long the Public House car park was going to remain closed.

- 2b) 04/08 Cilcain car park - email from Cilcain resident (AF) - signage concern. The resident requested details regarding when Cilcain CC formally approved the erection of the new car park signs. Clerk to respond.

- 3) 08/08 Schedule of Street Lighting Lamps - Reminder sent to Deeco regarding the need to complete a wattage schedule for the Council maintained lamps in Cilcain, Rhydymwyn and Hendre. Location schedule to be drawn up by the Clerk Arrangements then to be made for Cllr Gareth W Hughes to drive around

Rhydymwyn and Hendre with Gareth Edwards (Deeco) and note the wattages of each lamp. Cllr John Worthington to conduct the same process in Cilcain

- 4) 17/08 Ysgol y Ddol to Dolfechlas Road, link path - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported overgrowth from the former school field obstructing the link path - the complaint had been passed on to Flintshire Streetscene. Mr Hickie had reported earlier in the Council Meeting that one third of the overgrowth had been cut back.
- 5) 21/08 Former Trimm Rock Quarry, Cefn Road, Rhydymwyn - safety issues with trespassers - letter sent to the Health and Safety Executive to express concern regarding the safety issues at the former quarry. Item discussed earlier.
- 6) 22/08 The Antelope, Rhydymwyn - Reminder sent to Flintshire CC from County Cllr Andrew Parkhurst regarding the loose slates on the roof. Members noted that the Community Council reported the loose slates to Flintshire CC initially on 4th April 2022.
- 7) 23/08 Land Registry response required for Bowling Club land and pavilion - Reminder sent to Council's Solicitor. Clerk to send another reminder.
- 8) 23/08 Recycling Centres - Information from Flintshire CC Cllr Andrew Parkhurst regarding a Flintshire meeting scheduled for 26 Sept 2022 to attempt to arrive at a more sensible arrangement for dealing with trailers using recycling sites.
- 9) 24/08 Former Trimm Rock Quarry, Cefn Road - Copy of information received by Cllr Parkhurst from Flintshire CC. Members noted that Flintshire may have powers under Mines and Quarries Acts. Members also noted that Flintshire CC indicated that external legal opinion be needed. Members referred to information received from Flintshire CC on the 10 April 2018, which indicated that Flintshire 'does have' powers. Item discussed earlier.
- 10) 24/08 Former Trimm Rock Quarry, Cefn Road - information from Flintshire Minerals giving contact details for the person currently knowledgeable on the Mines and Quarries Act.
- 11) 24/08 Undulating surface, Nant Alyn - copy of letter from Cllr Parkhurst to Flintshire Streetscene regarding the deteriorating condition of the depression / settlement causing damage to vehicle traffic. Request made for scheduled repair / reconstruction date. Item dealt with earlier.
- 12) 25/08 Nant Alyn road surfacing undulation - Information from Flintshire Streetscene. Nant Alyn Road closure provisionally scheduled for 01 September 2022. Mr Hickie had reported earlier that temporary work had been done. White lines will follow when the white lining contractor is next doing work in the area. Culvert crossing the highway at this location had not been repaired, so carriageway settlement is likely to continue.
- 13) 30/08 Antelope Inn Rhydymwyn - copy of letter from Flintshire Building Control Section to indicate that the offending loose slates had now been removed.
- 14) 31/07 Cilcain car park - response to Cilcain resident (AF) who had expressed signage concern. Clerk had written previously but not all the issues raised by the resident had been

answered. The resident maintained that the Council should have a Council Minute to approve the erection of the car park signs. Clerk to write again to the Cilcain resident.

- 15) 31/08 Antelope Inn Rhydymwyn - copy of letter from Flintshire Cllr Andrew Parkhurst to Flintshire CC - some loose slates removed but danger from roof slates remains.
- 16) 31/08 Antelope Inn Rhydymwyn - Information from Flintshire Building Control Officer. Flintshire will pursue the remaining roof slate danger with the property owner.
- 17) 02/09 Former Trimm Rock Quarry - information received from County Councillor Andrew Parkhurst regarding his meeting with the regional manager of the Coed Du Nursing Home. Position noted.
- 18) 02/09 Nant Alyn, Rhydymwyn - Information from Flintshire CC Cllr Andrew Parkhurst regarding possible options for traffic / speed alleviation measures to be considered. Cilcain CC's views were invited on the options. Cllr Pauline Douglas felt there would be problems with policing any speed limit system. Members recalled previous attempts (about ten years ago) at trying to persuade Flintshire CC to introduce a width limit system between the caravan site and Trimm Rock, but with no success.

Eventually a 'no-sat-nav' sign was provided near the Trimm Rock entrance and a 'No right turn' was provided opposite the Lloyds Quarry exit.

Members felt it might be appropriate for Cllr Parkhurst to enquire with Flintshire's current Traffic Section what can be done in terms of restricting vehicle widths for the section of road between the Trimm Rock entrance and the caravan site.

- 19) 04/09 Rhydymwyn FC - Request for a Council donation to assist with electrical improvement work at the FC building. Members noted a note in the Appendix to show how a donation could be accommodated in the Council's budget. Members approved a £600 donation to assist the Football Club with the proposed work.
- 20) 05/09 Former Trimm Rock Quarry - Update from Flintshire's Senior Minerals and Waste Officer - Members noted that no response has been received from the landowner.
- 21) 08/09 Cilcain Play Area - Report received from Mrs Sue Jones - the rotten timber poles in the play area reported to Aura (Flintshire Leisure) have now been replaced by Flintshire's contractor. Item dealt with earlier.
- 22) 14/09 Proposed visit by independent Member of the Standards Committee - Information from Flintshire's Legal Services regarding the proposed visit to a Council Meeting by a Member of the Standards Ctee. Member recalled some of the recommendations made after the previous attendance a few years ago. Examples of the observations made following attendance at Community Council meetings in Flintshire were - need for 'way in' signs to the Council Chamber, name tabs for Councillors attending.

23)14/09 Cilcain Village Hall, Meeting with Cilcain Shop Committee Chairperson - The Council's Vice Chairperson, Cllr Jean Ramsay and Cllr Karen Parker met the Shop Committee Chairperson and one other member of the Shop Ctee on Wednesday 14 September.

Cllr Ramsay reported that the meeting had been amicable and very productive. Those in attendance came out of the meeting feeling that they were in a position to move forward following the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting had been to discuss concerns raised by the Community Shop and Cafe Management Ctee, relating to the proposal of a licence rather than a lease agreement.

The Vice Chair indicated that she would be preparing a written report for the October 2022 Council Meeting.

24) 15/09 Site meeting at Pedair y Groesffordd parking area - at 4.00pm on Thursday 15 Sept 2022

The Chair reported on a meeting at Pedair y Groesffordd with David Shiel of the AONB and one of his colleagues. Neil Hickie and Richard Jones from FCC and Cllr. Worthington were also in attendance. Approval from the AONB on the appearance of the Cilcain parking signs was not needed given deemed consent but the Council had agreed it would be sensible to seek their views anyway.

David Shiel thought the meeting was 'timely' because an AONB initiative on visitor parking on both sides of the mountain was underway. AONB staff had observed that visitor traffic to the area had increased over the past 5 years or so. The AONB initiative has some Welsh Government funding and would include the development of online information for walkers, cyclists etc, improved direction and tourist information signage, improvement in way markers and styles and an extension eventually of parking facilities to encourage visitors to stop blocking field gateways and narrow roads. These measures could not all be introduced straightaway but would develop over time.

Regarding the Cilcain parking signs, David Shiel recommended a brown background direction sign at the village car park entrance with nationally recognised symbols for walkers, cyclists, horse riders and a viewpoint symbol with the words 'Cilcain Viewpoint Car Park'. This would work with replacement tourist information signs at Pedair y Groesffordd. He also recommended that the sign within the village car park should be in keeping with the surrounding environment, perhaps a grey background reflecting the limestone walls and buildings. All parties agreed that the meeting was fruitful, as would be continuing to work together on this matter.

Cllr Worthington added that the AONB had indicated that grant funding towards LED street lamp conversions was available.

25) 18/09 Cilcain car park - email from resident (AF) - signage concern. Item dealt with earlier.

26) 16/09 Defibrillators, need for defibrillators to be registered with the NHS - Email from Huw Morgan (Nannerch Community Council) regarding the need for defibrillators to be registered with the NHS. Cllr John Worthington elaborated on the need to have a

'Guardian' to be responsible for checking and maintenance of the unit. The Chair felt the registered Guardian needed to be someone who lives in the village. Mrs Sue Jones had volunteered. All Members agreed to accept the offer by Mrs Sue Jones.

- 27) 18/09 Cilcain Clean and Lock - receipt for recent £500 donation (grant awarded by the Senedd). Position noted.
- 28) 19/09 Sample location plan of Cilcain CC lamps in Rhydymwyn and Hendre - these location plan for the lamps in Rhydymwyn and Hendre will now be forwarded to Deeco so that Cllr Gareth Hughes and Gareth Edwards (Deeco) can have a drive around and note the wattages as they conduct a joint inspection. Following the Rhydymwyn schedule being completed, Cllr John Worthington could then repeat the exercise for Cilcain. Position noted.
- 29) --/-- Cemetery Regulations - The Clerk reported at the Council meeting on the need to amend the regulations to bring Cilcain's regulations into line with adjoining Councils:
(a) Delete the additional charge for Saturday burials.
(b) Delete the 6 month waiting time between interment taking place and the placing of plinths in the case of cremation casket interments.
All Members agreed to the modifications.
- 29) -- -- Flintshire Streetscene Action Plan - Action plan discussed earlier.

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

10.00 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for the Rhydymwyn Football Club building, at 7.30 pm Monday 17 October 2022.

SignedChairman Date: Clerk

APPENDIX - MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE - PAYMENT SECTION NOT FOR PUBLICATION UNTIL APPROVED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING -

Payment of Accounts

(a) Payments authorised by Chairperson and Vice Chairperson in the August recess:

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| (i) | A E (sal + fixed exp) for July | 625.85 |
| (ii) | HMRC - PAYE (L.G.A.1972 S112) | 97.45 |
| (iii) | Bloomin Gardens grass cutting in Cilcain cemetery | 238.00 |
| (iv) | Office Equipment and stationery - (L.G.A.1972 S111) | 133.17 |
| (v) | Clean and Lock - Senedd donation via Flintshire CC | 500.00 |
| (vi) | A E - web fee | 18.00 |
| (vii) | JVW - four bags of topsoil for Cilcain cem | 18.00 |
| (viii) | Scottish Power (3 months St Lighting energy charge) | 940.73 |

(b) Payments authorised in the September Council Meeting:

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| (i) | A E (sal + fixed exp) for August + May 2022 £41.30 under payment = £625.85 + £41.30 | 667.15 |
| (ii) | HMRC - PAYE (L.G.A.1972 S112) | 97.45 |
| (iii) | Bloomin Gardens grass cutting in Cilcain cemetery | 220.00 |
| (iv) | Office Equipment and stationery - (L.G.A.1972 S111) | 143.92 |
| (v) | Duggan Keen - Web site (two months) July, August (free) | 20.00 |
| (vi) | JVW 10 bags of topsoil for use in Cilcain cemetery | 50.40 |
| (vii) | A E - web fee | 18.00 |
| (viii)** | Rhydymwyn FC - donation towards lighting improvement | 600.00 |
| (ix) | Edward Davies - repair of existing headstone damaged by boundary tree fallen on grave stone - expenditure previously approved. | 192.00 |
| (x) | One Voice Wales - annual subscription | 217.00 |
| (xi) | Cilcain Calendar - annual donation | 60.00 |
| (xii) | Transfer to Deposit Account | 2,000.00 |

** **Please note** - The following is an extract from the allocation list agreed at precept time in January 2022:

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| <i>Summer playscheme</i> | 2,858 |
| <i>Rhyd play area refurbish match funding scheme</i> | 4,000 |
| <i>Community buildings (B Club, Inst, Rhyd FC)</i> | 1,800 |
| <i>Village Hall - public toilet - annual donation</i> | 600 |
| <i>Village Hall additional lease enquiries</i> | 400 |

(c) Please note that the closing balance in the Council's August bank statement (29 August 2022) was:

Current Account: £14,232.86
Deposit Account: £22,182.80

SignedChairman Date: Clerk