

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL AT THE FOOTBALL CLUB  
BUILDING, RHYDYMWYN ON 20 FEBRUARY 2023.**

Present: Chairperson: Cllr Gwenda Hardman

Councillors: John Emyr Davies      Malcolm Down  
                  John Doyle                Ian Hughes  
                  Karen Parker                 John V Worthington

The Clerk was also in attendance

Cllr Michael Parr had requested on line access to the meeting, but due to technical difficulties access was not possible.

**1. CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS**

The Chairperson welcomed Members to the February Meeting. Croeso i bawb i Gyngor Mis Chwefror. The Chair also welcomed over forty Rhydymwyn residents, two Cilcain residents and County Cllr Andrew Parkhurst to the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Cllr Pauline Douglas, Gareth W Hughes, Cllr Jean Ramsay, Cllr Christine Vaughan.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - There were no Declarations of Interest submitted.

**4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** -

Cllr J V Worthington proposed acceptance of the 16 January 2023 Council Meeting minutes. Cllr Karen Parker seconded acceptance and all Members agreed to approve the Minutes.

**5. ANAEROBIC DIGESTION FACILITY PROPOSAL, RHYDYMWYN**

Over forty residents from Rhydymwyn attended the meeting to enquire about the proposed anaerobic digestion facility at the Ruby Brick site in Rhydymwyn.

**Resident (MR)** - general enquiry regarding the landownership.

**Chairperson** - The land we assume is currently owned by D P Williams and the proposal to develop the land is being made by N W Energy Ltd. One assumes that the land will be leased on to the site developer if the necessary permissions are obtained for the anaerobic digestion facility.

**Resident (MR)** - concerns regarding traffic, high risk of pollution, risk of disease, houses devalued. The well being of village residents is not being taken into account.

**Resident (PJ)** - concern regarding increasing traffic, existing quarry wagons are already ignoring the speed limit through the village centre. The proposal mentions the possibility of the trucks bringing in the waste to the digestion plant being used for taking away stone from the Tarmac quarry. The idea of doubling up on the use of wagons is not feasible. There will definitely be extra trucks.

There is no turning back with this type of development. Once it is built, the smells, traffic problems, pollution leakage into brooks will be the subject of complaints for years to come. These digestion plants have not got a good record. The tank height proposed is 21 meters high. The plant should be located in an industrial estate. The skips which take food waste to the digestion sites are sealed with rubber to prevent juices leaking on to the road.

**Resident (GJ)** - maintained that the road and footway by the garage in the middle of the village is already covered with wet limestone sludge that can be felt under one's feet. He also maintained that it was not sufficient to say one has objections, one has to identify planning issues for making the objections.

**Chairperson** - explained to be effective one needs to identify, if possible, which planning policies are being infringed as a result of the development. The NRW (which is the Welsh equivalent of the Environment Agency in England) has to issue a permit for the development.

So objections need to be made:

- (i) by the residents and the Community Council to the Developer at the pre-planning application stage.
- (ii) by residents and the Community Council to Flintshire CC if a planning application is eventually made by the Developer.

Note - A copy of the Community Council's response to the Developer should be sent to NRW at the pre-planning application stage.

**Resident** - What power does the Community Council or the residents have to prevent the development.

**Chairperson** - This proposal is considered to be a major development so N W Energy Ltd must by law undertake consultation with the community about the scheme in line with the Planning (Wales) Act 2015.

N W Energy Ltd is required to consult with the community before they submit a full planning application to Flintshire County Council's Planning Authority. Anyone who wishes to make representations to N W Energy Ltd about this proposed development must do so by 10 March 2023.

In 2018, the community in Cilcain was consulted regarding the building of houses outside the village envelope. The objections were made but the points made were backed up with reference to planning policy. The significant reaction from the community resulted in the applicant withdrawing the proposal. Hold back from making objections to Flintshire at this stage.

**Resident** - Should residents consider not letting the applicant know all their concern at this stage? The applicant could take on board some of the objections in the design, resulting in a stronger application being made.

**Chairperson** - It is probably best to raise the objections at this stage, but go into more detail at the planning application stage when you have more information.

**Resident** - the residents in general are not acquainted with which policy information to quote - is there any assistance available on this point. Chair indicated that a list of the relevant policies could be made available to residents in due course.

**County Cllr Andrew Parkhurst** - had been in touch with NRW and had got the contact name of the appropriate Regulation Officer. The NRW Officer would be willing to attend a public meeting if there is sufficient interest. The Applicant's consultant would also be prepared to attend a public meeting further down the line after the pre-planning consultation stage is over. Cllr Parkhurst maintained that the predictable objections are about odour, visual effect and pollution. The important issue is for sufficient people to write in so that the applicant knows the strength of feeling that there is in the community objecting to the proposal.

**Cllr Ian Hughes** - stressed the importance of writing individual emails as opposed to several people putting their names to one email.

**Chairperson** - added to this point by emphasising the importance of not copying other people's letters. Make them as individual as possible.

**Resident** (Ruby Villas) - The site landowner in the past has not shown much respect for environmental issues. He has compromised the drainage system in Ruby Villas. Highway surface water at one time discharged freely into Fechlas Brook. The landowner raised the level of low lying land fronting Ruby Villas and obstructed the surface water outfall system.

**Resident** (SB) - Indicated that there is a proposal currently being considered to transform the AONB to a National Park. This proposal is likely to involve expanding the existing boundary of the AONB to this area. The development would be detrimental to the AONB proposals.

**Resident** (Hendre Villas) - A helipad has been used from 1995. Discussion with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) will be necessary to check on the safety implications of landing a helicopter in close proximity to methane gas storage tanks. The smell and noise in the valley will be unreal. The plant will be operational all day and all night.

**Resident** - It is not easy for Rhydymwyn residents to assess the smell likely to be generated by the digestion facility. The only way is to visit a few existing digestion plants or to enquire with residents in local communities which have already had such facilities imposed upon them. The heavy traffic problems in Rhydymwyn village have increased over the years. Flintshire CC has not done anything in the past to introduce traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures. What makes us think that the Council will deal with traffic issues in the future if the number of transport wagons through the village increases further as a result of this proposal.

**Chairperson** - Googling smells due to digestion facilities does enable one to learn from other people's experience. Information is there on the internet to back up one's objections.

**Resident** - Digestion facility in Coedpoeth - plant now closed down. Allegedly the owner received grant funding. When the grant finished, the plant was no longer economic.

There is a facility near the Wrexham Industrial Estate (Tomlinson Dairies) - plant on farm land, well away from houses.

**Resident** - The Developer, allegedly owns a 150 Acre farm in Llanarmon yn Ial, so why is he promoting a facility in Rhydymwyn.

**Resident** - Employment - Employees are likely to be specialist and the work not suitable for local employment?

**Resident** - If the application eventually goes to Flintshire, is there anyone in Flintshire with experience in these facilities that can come and address the residents?

**Cllr Andrew Parkhurst** - Cllr Parkhurst had already approached Dan McVeigh in Planning. The plant in St Asaph is of similar capacity. A visit could be arranged.

**Cllr J V Worthington** - Expressed concern that this type of facility could tick a lot of boxes as far as Flintshire and the Welsh Assembly are concerned.

**Resident** - If an application has already been approved in St Asaph by Denbighshire CC, it would be useful for the community to know what persuaded the County Council to give permission. Going forward, if the community is being encouraged to set up its own residents group it will be important for the Community Council and the residents group to liaise with each other.

**Petition** - There is nothing wrong with a petition, but a significant number of separate objections is more effective. A leaflet drop is very effective for spreading the news and needs to be considered.

**Resident** - Why did Caulmert not attend a public meeting?

**Chair** - because the proposal is in draft at this stage.

**Resident** - Can the Community Council make contact with Halkyn Community Council because the smell would affect Halkyn.

**Chair** - No reason why not.

**Resident** - Some of the buildings within the site are listed - clarification required.

**Resident** - Bat survey carried out during the day, which is not an appropriate time to conduct a bat survey.

**Resident** - indicated that she was in a position to look for inadequacies in the ecological report.

**Resident** - Can two people write separately from the same house?

**Chair** - Of course, they may have separate views.

## **6.0 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Mr N Hickie was not in attendance but Members went through the Action Plan included in the Correspondence pack supplied to Members.

New items reported -

- (a) Item 14 - Temp signs gone missing
- (b) Request for a salt bin in Parc y Llan - Item to be discussed with Mr Neil Hickie.

## **7.0 MATTERS ARISING (NON HIGHWAY MATTERS)**

p76 Hendre Traffic - Cllr Karen Parker reported on the speed measurements:

- (i) Three more sessions done at Hendre
- (ii) When the registration numbers are forwarded to North Wales Police, the Police make a check on the insurance and vehicle tax at the same time that the speeding warnings are issued.
- (iii) Since the speed surveys are undertaken on different days of the week and at different times of the day - it is not possible to assess if there has been any perceivable reduction in traffic speed over the weeks as a result of the residents of Hendre speed survey initiative.

Cllr John Worthington maintained that there could be long term benefits if the survey information gathered can eventually be used to justify a speed camera installation in the village.

Members accepted that there is no suitable location for a speed camera van in Hendre, so a yellow speed camera would be a more practical option for the village. Cllr Parker reported that Hendre used to be eighth on Flintshire's priority list, and Hendre is currently fourth on Flintshire's priority list for the installation of a speed activated sign.

The Clerk reported that a Welsh Assembly initiative was currently being pursued by Flintshire for changing 30 mph limits down to 20 mph. The changes had been trialled in Buckley last year, and Flintshire will shortly be rolling the changes out in other villages in the County.

p76 Dolfechlas Road, foul smell from drainage system. Item not discussed.

p77 Summer Playscheme - Consideration regarding options for 2023 playscheme to be deferred until another Council meeting.

p77 Cilcain Shop - Cllr Parker reported that a meeting would be arranged for March when Cllr Gareth Hughes was available to accompany her to meet the Shop Ctee.

p77 Cilcain car park signage - Item to be discussed later in the Council meeting.

p78 Consultation on the Draft Well Being Plan - Item to be deferred to a future meeting. Cllr Karen Parker reported having been through the well being plan. The Chair felt the Community Council should give further consideration to the plan in a future meeting. Cllr

Parker explained that a publication was anticipated in May of this year, so it might be appropriate to wait until the publication was available.

- p79 Brown bins - Chair reported that a meeting regarding the handover is scheduled to be arranged. Brown bin collection starts in March.
- p80 Cilcain car park signs - Chair reported on the RGB values that the AONB had given the Council. A copy of the colour suggested by the AONB's RGB numbers was darker and less blue than the colour distributed at the previous meeting. All Members present were satisfied with sample colour Chair to contact the two Cilcain Members who were not in attendance to seek their agreement.
- p80 Cllr John Doyle reported that the lamp referred to in item (15) of the correspondence had now been repaired.
- p80 Brick arch culvert Fechlas Brook - Cllr Karen Parker reported that the access road had now been closed off with metal barriers either end of the road. Members noted that whilst the safety issue had been dealt with, the drainage implications of the culvert collapsing still needed pursuing with the NRW. Clerk to send NRW a reminder.
- p80 Cilcain Village Hall Door - Chair reported that One Voice Wales had confirmed in writing their advice on a conflict of interest question that had been raised. One Voice Wales view was that since there was no pecuniary gain to the Chairperson in this matter there was no conflict of interest.
- p81 Confidential Items included in the Appendix - The Chair referred to Cllr M Parr expressing concern in the January Meeting regarding the number of items included in the Appendix which were viewed as confidential. Chair had sought guidance from Voice Wales. Items regarded as confidential are -  
(i) Staffing matters.  
(ii) Confidential commercial matters.
- p84 Grant funding for schemes, - Cllr Karen Parker had stressed the importance of obtaining grants for the work undertaken by the Community Council wherever possible. The Chair totally agreed with Cllr Parker. The Chair reported that the Community Council had been very successful at obtaining grants for various work in the past. The Clerk reported that over 95% grant had been received by the Community Council for the three play area refurbishment schemes at Rhydymwyn and Cilcain, the total scheme costs being over a hundred thousand pounds. The Chair maintained that allocating time to pursue the grants was very often the limiting factor. Cllr J V Worthington had recently drawn the Council's attention to a 100% grant being available from the Clocaenog Windmill Farm Fund. Hopefully, stage two of the Cilcain play area project can be considered for this 100% grant in due course.

## **8.00 PLANNING MATTERS:**

### **1. Community Council observations requested on:**

Ref No: FUL/000119/23  
Proposal: Construction of an agricultural building to shelter beef cattle.  
Location: Fron Farm, Gwrachen Farm junction A541, Hendre, Mold, CH7 5QW

The Community Council has **no objection** to the application.

## **9.00 CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1) 12/01 Summary of personal interest for Agendas - Information/advice from Flintshire CC's Gareth Owens. Position noted. Clerk to check that the email has been circulated.
- 2) 12/01 Hendre Quarry Liaison Ctee - meeting arranged for 16 Feb 2023. Cllr Malcolm Down, Cllr Gareth W Hughes and Cllr Karen Parker scheduled to attend. Cllr Parker reported:
  - (a) Connor Mitchell has now left - Fraser Harding is now Acting Manager.
  - (b) New crusher equipment being commissioned (changing from diesel to electrical power)
  - (c) Start of extension phase this Spring
  - (d) Six blasting complaints received since the last meeting, only one blast was over the limit
  - (e) Sweeping of the road only taking place twice per week. They are supposed to sweep as far as the Rhosesmor turning. Dan McVey indicated he would check the frequency position.
  - (f) Recent slippage - no immediate danger to the public highway (20 yds away )
  - (g) No mention made of the wheel wash having been out of commission recently.
- 3) 13/01 Cilcain Bowling Club - Lease and dilapidations. Information / update from Flintshire CC Estates Section. Position noted.
- 4) 17/01 White on grey blue background sign - Request to Flintshire Streetscene for a sample colour for the Colour Ref Numbers suggested / specified by the AONB. Item discussed earlier.
- 5) 18/01 Cilcain Community Council precept for 2023/2024 - Information sent to Flintshire CC regarding the precept amount agreed in the 16 January 2023 Council meeting. Position noted.
- 6) 20/01 Mold Alun bus service - Email from Cilcain resident (JH) expressing concern about the bus not being able to visit the village during snow conditions. Issue referred to Flintshire CC Cllr Andrew Parkhurst. Cllr Parkhurst reported that a salt bin had been placed by the Bus Shelter, so it should help.
- 7) 20/01 Maes Cilan, Cilcain - copy of request made by Flintshire CC Councillor to Flintshire Streetscene to add Maes Cilcain to the gritting route. Neil Hickie had provided the green bin in lieu of adding Lon Cilan to the gritting route.

- 8) 21/01 Two street lamps out at Rhydymwyn - reminder sent to Mr Jamie Bennett at Flintshire CC. Lamp at No 8 Church Meadow initially reported by Cllr Gareth W Hughes on 5 Jan 2021. Lamp now repaired.
- 9) 23/01 Brick arch culvert, Fechlas Brook, A541 Rhydymwyn - Information from Flintshire CC to indicate that the culvert is scheduled to be repaired and the road is to be coned off until the work is undertaken. Item discussed earlier.
- 10) 25/01 Cilcain Walkabout meeting with Mr Neil Hickie - Chair and Cilcain Members who attended will report at the Council Meeting. Cllr John Worthington, Cllr Christine Vaughan and the Chairperson had met Mr Neil Hickie.  
Items looked at:
- (i) Gulleys near the car park entrance - the gully below the car park entrance is not a trapped gully but due to the level of the outlet it would be difficult to introduce a trap to prevent debris and twigs gaining access to the surface water drain that runs across the Village Hall land.
  - (ii) Mountain Road - the County Council had provided a salt bin as a temporary measure until work can take place in the summer. The work envisaged would include a new drain across the road and a new gully on the RHS as one looks up the road.
- 11) 26/01 Hendre Quarry - Information regarding a clay slip which has recently occurred at Hendre Quarry. Item discussed earlier.
- 12) 26/01 VAT claim submitted for £714 confirmed by HMRC. Funds paid into Council's bank account 9 Feb 2022. Position noted.
- 13) 28/01 Proposed revised Burial Fees for Cilcain and Rhydymwyn cemeteries - For Members' consideration. Details of the proposed changes had been emailed to all Members. All Members agreed to the changes. New fees to apply from 1st March.
- 14) 28/01 Salt bins - Copy of salt bins matrix provided by Flintshire Streetscene - Members may consider it appropriate to discuss this item when Mr N Hickie attends the next meeting of the Council.
- 15) 31/01 Rose Lane, Cilcain - Cllr Ian Hughes had reported the remains of a dead badger in Rose Lane. Item forwarded to Flintshire Streetscene. Mr N Hickie reported on the 31 Jan 2023 that the badger remains had been removed.
- 16) 31/01 Cefn Road to Plas Wilkin - Cllr Michael Parr had reported fly tipping. Item forwarded to Flintshire Streetscene. Mr Hickie had reported that the tipped material had been removed. Flintshire had sifted the tipped material to look for evidence. No evidence found.
- 17) 31/01 Tan 15 Consultation / information regarding flood plains. Members may need to examine the flood map in relation to the Ruby Brickwork site.

Clerk explained that there are two types of flood related maps:

- (i) (TAN) 15 maps are for planning purposes showing the flood plains etc.
- (ii) Flood Risk Assessment Maps produced by the NRW is for insurance purposes, the map giving an indication of how likely a certain property is to flood. Insurance companies can then assess what insurance premium to charge.

18) 02/02 Rhydymwyn walkabout meeting with Mr Neil Hickie - Rhydymwyn Members who attended reported on the items looked at:

- (i) Rhydymwyn -

Cllr Malcolm Down felt that Mr Hickie was very diligent in logging all the pot-holes and surface defects everywhere in the village, but Flintshire's budget constraints were noted.

Members inspected and expressed concern about the road and footpaths in Church Meadow and Leete Avenue.

Cllr John Doyle had expressed concern regarding pot-hole repairs being undertaken on the A541 with traffic lights in place, but the repair gang had ignored a dangerous pothole in the carriageway nearby.

The need for sweeping in Dolfechlas Road was brought to Mr Hickie's attention.

- (ii) Hendre -  
Extent of the debris on the footways in the village was noted.  
Rock fall sign is facing the wrong direction in Hendre.

19) 03/02 Proposed anaerobic digestion facility, Former Ruby Brickworks, Rhydymwyn Pre-planning application consultation. Item to be dealt with later in the Council Meeting.

20) 05/02 Burglaries, Cilcain and Rhydymwyn - Information from County Cllr Andrew Parkhurst regarding recent incidents in Cilcain and Rhydymwyn. Clerk had sent an email to Connor Freel requesting his observations on the Cilcain burglaries and seeking Police advice pamphlets to inform residents of any protection measures they should consider. Clerk to pursue the Police pamphlets with Connor Freel. Reply from Connor Freel referred to in correspondence item No 27 below.

21) 08/ 02 Wall between the car park and the Village Hall - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported repair to the mortar coping by Mr Tom Smith has been completed. Two Cilcain Members had been requested to inspect the work. Cllr Ian Hughes and Cllr John Worthington confirmed on 9 Feb that the work was satisfactory. Payment can now be made. Photo received from Cilcain resident (SJ) to show the completed mortar coping.

- 22) 09/02 Anaerobic digestion facility, Rhydymwyn - Information from Cllr John Doyle regarding 'guideline' distances required between digestion facilities and residential dwellings. The Clerk has added a plan to indicate the number of properties that would be within the 'guideline' distance of 200 m.
- 23) 09/02 Street Lighting Wattage Survey, Information from AONB. Item not discussed.
- 24) 09/02 Summer Playscheme 2023 - Similar provision to last year (3 half days in each village for 3 weeks) will cost £1,595.80 x 2 = £3,191.60. Details have been forwarded to all Council Members. Flintshire CC requires a decision in principle by 31 March regarding Cilcain CC's intention to participate, or not. Item discussed earlier.
- 25) 10/02 Digestion Facility - Information from Cllr Andrew Parkhurst regarding Environmental 'permitting' in relation to a Planning Application. Discussion later
- 26) 11/02 Re-painting of red road speed markings in Ffordd y Llan - Information regarding a request received by Cllr Parkhurst from a Cilcain resident (JH). Position noted.
- 27) 11/02 Burglaries in Cilcain - Response from North Wales Police. Police anti-burglary advice pamphlets being prepared. Item discussed earlier.
- 28) 12/02 Anaerobic digestion facility, Rhydymwyn - Information noted by the Council Chairperson regarding Environment Agency's 'permit' requirements for digestion facilities. Please note - underlined in red the requirement for digestion facilities must be a minimum of 250 m from dwellings. Position noted.
- 29) 12/02 Earth moles in Waen Field - Cllr J Emyr Davies reported earth moles in Waen Field. Report passed on the Mr Neil Hickie. Last Summer / Autumn, when mole heaps were noted in Cilcain Cemetery, the soil generated was regarded as a plus, in that the fine top soil could be used to deal with settled plots. In Waen Field, the Clerk will discuss with Mr Hickie if Flintshire normally consider treating the mole runs in Flintshire playing areas. Item not discussed.
- 30) 12/02 Street Lamps in Rhydymwyn - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported that the two Flintshire lamps in Rhydymwyn (outside No 8 Church Meadow and the 11th lamp along the A541 tarmac straight from the Dolfechlas Rd junction) have been repaired. Position noted.
- 31) 13/02 Caravan in field near the Bowling Club, Rhydymwyn - Report received from Rhydymwyn Ward Member. The caravan is still in place. Vehicle now regularly parking on the A541. Clerk to pursue with Flintshire Planning Enforcement
- 32) 13/02 Photos of Ruby Brick works from Chairperson. To be discussed later.

- 33) 14/02 Cilcain YFC - Thank you letter to the Community Council for the support leading to the Bonfire Event and always being there to help the YFC when the Council's assistance was required. Position noted.
- 34) 15/02 Letter of concern from Cilcain resident (DF) - Caravan facility, Mountain Road, Cilcain. Chair explained that the siting of a maximum number of 5 caravans on private land is an issue outside the normal planning rules and as such the Community Council is not consulted. The Council had not received any expressions of concern from residents
- 35) 16/05 Trimm Rock Quarry - Security Information from County Cllr Andrew Parkhurst with photos of new security fencing recently erected at the former quarry site. Position noted.
- 36) 16/02 Star Crossing Junction, vehicle actuated speed sign - Information from County Cllr Andrew Parkhurst regarding the outstanding repair to the speed sign. Cllr Parkhurst had reminded Flintshire Traffic.
- 37) 17/02 N W Energy - Proposed Anaerobic Digestion Facility - Information from County Cllr Andrew Parkhurst regarding NRW's role at the pre-planning stage of the application by N W Energy. Possible visit to Biogen Ltd, St Asaph facility would need to be considered, to allow the Council to see what the Digestion facility there involves and how the environmental aspects of the plant are managed. Item to be discussed later.
- 38) 17/02 Dwr Cymru, Welsh Water, Reservoirs 1 and 2, Cilcain - Information from Dwr Cymru regarding the work of returning two of the reservoirs in Cilcain back to their natural state as a river. Members may consider it appropriate to note that work is scheduled to commence on 11 March 2023. Cllr Parkhurst reported on the subsidence issue by Pentre Farm being raised with Dwr Cymru. The Highway Authority was not aware of the work proposed by Welsh Water. Welsh Water has agreed to use smaller wagons than they would normally use. Welsh Water are now discussing the subsidence position with Flintshire Highways.
- Cllr John Worthington reported on the unsatisfactory way that Dwr Cymru's Contractor dealt with the highway preparation work at the Brithdir Mawr Lane Reservoir.
- 39) 17/02 Garth Lane Sign, Cilcain - Information from County Councillor Andrew Parkhurst regarding the prospects of having a black on yellow 'No vehicular access to Moel Famau' sign at the bottom of Garth Lane. Cllr Parkhurst explained that the Community Council and Mr Hickie had been involved in the provision of a similar sign at the bottom of Brithdir Mawr Lane. Since the Brithdir Mawr sign had been successful, the Community Council had recently been advocating the use of a similar sign at Garth Lane.
- 40) 12/02 Wall between Cilcain car park and Village Hall - Photo of repaired wall taken by Cilcain resident (SJ). Position noted.

- 41) --/-- Remuneration Form - For Members to sign and return to Clerk.
- 42) --/-- Anaerobic Digestion Facility at Rhydymwyn -
- Chair - Issues that Community Council would need to raise include the following :  
Noise, air quality, transport, ecology, wildlife, heritage, woodlands, landscape visual impact, place.
- Cllr JWV Where is the evidence that an anaerobic digestion facility is required.
- Chair Bringing in waste from various local places - we should ask where these places are?  
If the places are known already - where are these places disposing of the waste now?  
What is going to happen to the treated waste?  
All the possible wastes listed are the most odorous. How long will the waste be stored on site?
- Cllr JWV Concern this type of facility could tick a lot of boxes as far as Flintshire and the Welsh Assembly are concerned.
- Cllr Doyle Light pollution - the plant would be working all night, compressors would be making a noise all night.  
Storing gas at high pressure is a potential high risk situation.
- Clerk - Is the project grant led? Can a check be made if the facility is grant aided?  
Cllr Parker - These types of facility are attracting less grants than they used to.  
Chair - We should still check this point.
- Chair How long are the inputs going to be stored on site before being processed - that will be an odour issue?  
If the plant breaks down the stored inputs will generate a tremendous smell locally.
- Cllr Parker A lot of mains water may be used - will this heavy usage affect the mains pressure in the adjoining houses?
- Chair Disposing of waste water into the drainage system - Is there a drainage system available?
- Clerk Nearest foul drainage system is by the Service Station. Use of pumping stations already causing odour issues in Rhydymwyn.
- Clerk Check if the development is on the flood plain. See Welsh Assembly (TAN)15 Maps. How is the increase in hard site standing areas surface water discharge going to be dealt with? Properties are already being flooded on a regular basis as a result of the Fechlas Brook overtopping its banks during storm conditions. See NRW's (Flood Risk Assessment Maps.
- Chair The development has generated a high level of interest in the Village, all of it negative Copy of Cilcain CC observations to go to the NRW as well as to Caulmert.

Cllr J E D      The further down the line this application goes, the more money is spent on the application, the harder it will be to stop it. So as much effort as possible must be exerted early on in the process.

**10.00**      **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS** - The accounts scheduled in the Appendix were approved for payment.

**11.00**      **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for the Village Hall, Cilcain at 7.30 pm Monday 20 March 2023.

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

**APPENDIX - PAYMENT SECTION NOT FOR PUBLICATION UNTIL APPROVED AT THE COUNCIL**

1. Payment of Accounts

(i)	A E (sal + fixed exp) for January 2023	625.85
(ii)	HMRC - PAYE (L.G.A.1972 S112)	97.45
(iii)*	Members allowance - (12x150 = £1,800) (Chair - extra £250) (V Chair - extra £200)	2,250.00
(iv)	Office Equipment and stationery - (L.G.A.1972 S111) (Invoice for each item available at the Council Meeting)	83.54
(v)	Cilcain Clean and Lock - insurance premium	74.48
(vi)	GB - Rhydymwyn Notice Board annual payment	40.00
(vii)	JD-K website - annual hosting fee	55.00
(viii)**	AE - 2 brown bins - Cilc cemetery at £32 / bin	64.00
(ix)***	AE - Stain and staining materials for Rhydymwyn and Cilcain seats this year. (stain, abrasive paper, brushes, brush cleaner) Invoice for each item available at the Council Meeting	101.03
(x)	A E - Web Fee (£15 +VAT) - VAT recoverable.	18.00
(xi)	Transfer to Deposit Account	3,000.00
(xii)****	T S - replace mortar coping on wall between the car park and the Waen Field entrance.	400.00
(xiii)	AE - SLCC - annual subscription	146.00

Please Note:

- \* The proforma attached to the Agenda was for Members to sign and bring to the Council Meeting.
- \*\* Payment has been made for two bins - last year's stickers are used to detect if payment has not been made when the collection system starts in March 2023.
- \*\*\* New painter in Rhydymwyn this year. Please note that three of the seats being stained cost £750 per seat ten years ago. Two seats were 100% funded by 'Keep Wales Tidy' and one seat was donated by Cilcain's WI. All the other seats purchased by the Community Council have cost between £200 and £250, but will still benefit from an annual coat of a quality Sadolin stain.
- \*\*\*\* Two Cilcain Members have inspected the wall repair and have reported the work to be satisfactory.

2. Current Council Bank Balance. Members noted that the closing balance in the Council's Bank Account on 11 Feb 2023 was:

Current Account: £17,757

Deposit Account: £24,242 (Deposit Acc interest Jan 2023 - £19.08 (Dec 2022 - £15.52)

3. Cemeteries - (i) Please note that a headstone was erected in one of the Council's cemeteries last month before the 12 month statutory period had expired after burial took place. Memorial Mason was penalised by £50. Fine paid.

(ii) A headstone was removed from the Cilcain cemetery last month without notification being received. Enquiries made with Memorial Mason. Headstone had been taken away for a correction to the inscription. No penalty fee involved.

Chair ..... Clerk .....