

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL AT THE VILLAGE HALL
CILCAIN ON 20 MARCH 2023.

Present: Chairperson: Cllr Gwenda Hardman

Councillors: John Emyr Davies Malcolm Down
J Pauline Douglas John Doyle
Gareth W Hughes Ian Hughes
Karen Parker Michael Parr
Christine Vaughan John V Worthington
The Clerk was also in attendance

1. CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairperson welcomed Members to the March Meeting. Croeso i bawb i Gyngor Mis Mawrth. The Chair also welcomed three Cilcain residents and County Cllr Andrew Parkhurst to the meeting.

The Chair reported with great sadness that former Cllr Jean Ramsay had passed away since the February Council Meeting. Jean would be remembered for the work she had done, not only for the Community Council, but for all the other local community groups she had been involved with. Council Members stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect for Jean.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - No apologies. All Members were present.

2A APPOINTMENT OF NEW VICE CHAIR

Referring to the loss of the Council's Vice Chair, the Chairperson explained the need to receive nominations for a new Vice Chair.

Cllr Pauline Douglas nominated Cllr Gareth W Hughes for the position, seconded by Cllr J Emyr Davies. The Chair asked Cllr Hughes if he was prepared to accept nomination and Cllr Hughes indicated that he was.

The Chair then asked for any further nominations. There were none forthcoming and Cllr Gareth W Hughes was duly elected as Vice Chair.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Cllr J V Worthington declared an interest in the correspondence items regarding the Cilcain Caravan facility Site Notice.

The Chair and Cllr Michael Parr declared an interest in items 4 and 5.

4. CILCAIN VILLAGE HALL, PROPOSED SOLAR PANELS - PRESENTATION BY CILCAIN RESIDENT

Mr William Pierce (Member of the Village Hall Ctee) requested:

- (i) Community Council's permission to install photovoltaic cells (solar panels) on the Village Hall roof.

- (ii) The Council to submit the pre-planning application to Flintshire on behalf of the Hall Ctee.

Mr Pierce explained that the need had come about as a result of the increasing cost of energy supply from £2,000 + in 2019/2020 (pre-pandemic) to a projected £7,000 + in 2023. It is estimated that the system will reduce the energy cost by approximately 50%. The installation cost is approx £13,000 and grants are likely to be available for most of this cost. Council agreed to the request.

5 CILCAIN RESIDENT (MRS JEANNE PENN) - PRESENTATION REGARDING THE KINGS' CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

The Chair having declared an interest in this item, invited the Vice Chair to chair the meeting, and she left the room. Similarly, Cllr Michael Parr having declared an interest in this item left the room.

Mrs Jeanne Penn explained that a group of friends in Cilcain village were proposing to hold a Cilcain Coronation cafe on the Sunday 7 May 2023 to mark this historic occasion. A check had been made with other Cilcain Organisations to ensure that there was no duplication taking place.

Mrs Penn was requesting a donation from the Community Council to assist with the cost of arranging the event.

The Council had earmarked £300 in the budget for each village.

Cllr Ian Hughes proposed and Cllr Emyr Davies seconded the £300 donation. The donation would be made to the Village Hall Management Committee.

Cllr Mrs Hardman returned to the Chair at the end of this item.

6. 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.

7. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Before going on to the highway Action List, Mr N Hickie presented the colour sample proposed for the car park sign to be erected on the Bowling Club fence. The sample had been provided by the painting Contractor, and was in accordance with the paint reference numbers provided by the AONB. All Members were in agreement regarding the sign being in white on a medium grey background as shown in the sample. All Members agreed that Flintshire Streetscene could now proceed with the sign preparation process.

Mr Hickie went though the Action Plan included in the Correspondence pack supplied to Members.

8.0 MATTERS ARISING (NON HIGHWAY MATTERS)

Anaerobic digestion
p87, p88, p89, p90, p98, p99

Chair reported:

- (i) Council's submission sent to Caulmert Ltd
- (ii) Public Notices posted on the Council's website, notice boards and Facebook.
- (iii) Documents from Caulmert on display at Rhydymwyn Church.
- (iv) Meeting of Rhydymwyn Members, the Community Council's Chairperson and County Cllr Parkhurst took place at FC building (01/03).
- (v) Over 90 submissions from residents made to Caulmert (copies received by the Council)
- (vi) Copy of the Council's submission sent to NRW (09/03)

Cllr Gareth Hughes reported that he was in receipt of a number of observations from residents to indicate how impressed they had been with the Community Council's excellent submission to Caulmert.

Cllr Hughes thanked the Chair for the amount of research and effort she had made in preparing the submission.

Chair explained that the next steps would be:

- (i) For Caulmert to consider the submissions received and take a decision whether or not to proceed.
- (ii) Meeting being arranged between Rhydymwyn Members and the Rhydymwyn Action Committee - scheduled for Thursday 23 March 2023 at 7.30pm at Rhydymwyn Church.

Chair referred to the correspondence items on the Agenda:

- Item No 8 - Meeting at Football Club - Dealt with above.
- Item No 10 - Cllr Karen Parker had found a very useful document 'Stop Hardwick Energy Power' on the internet. Several copies of the document had been made available at Rhydymwyn Church.
- Item No 15 - Impressive list of observations submitted to Caulmert by County Cllr Andrew Parkhurst.
- Item No 18 - Council's submission to Caulmert on 9 March 2023.
- Item No 20 - Email from Action Group secretary to thank the Council for assistance in dissemination of information in Rhydymwyn and Hendre.

Cllr Karen Parker had investigated the planning history of the site. It was noted that the site itself is in the Halkyn Community Council area Ward. Part of the land fronting the site had been considered for housing at one stage of the LDP consultation process. The development did not fit the category of development identified for the site in the new LDP.

Mr A Roberts had indicated he would identify the planning status of the site if a plan is sent to him.

The candidate sites considered by Flintshire for a recent LDP review of the Council's area would need to be checked.

Cllr Gareth Hughes commented that only one of the candidate sites considered for inclusion in the LDP was approved. Cllr Hughes referred to a general tendency for residents to misunderstand the concept of candidate sites. Just because a landowner had applied to put a parcel of land forward as a candidate site, it did not mean that the site was earmarked for inclusion in the LDP.

The Clerk had checked if the site was on the flood plain. The site adjoins the flood plain. Another Map used by the NRW is the Flood Risk Assessment Map. The digestion site is surrounded by flood risk areas. It will be important for the point to be made that any additional surface water arising out of hard surface development areas would have to be dealt with by storage (surface or underground) to ensure that no additional flows from the site discharge into the flood risk areas.

p91 Dolfechlas Rd, Rhydymwyn, drainage odour

Clerk to write again to Welsh Water and enquire:

- (i) If the MH by Impala has yet been sealed.
- (ii) Can the filter be placed in the manhole at Impala instead of the manhole higher up Dolfechlas Road.
- (iii) When is the filter due to be changed

Clerk to arrange a site Meeting.

p91 Cilcain Shop - Cllr Karen Parker reported that she was still attempting to make contact with the Shop Ctee Chairperson.

p91 Summer Playscheme discussion to be left until April. Accept the scheme in principle.

p92 Cemetery bins - Transfer from one volunteer to a new volunteer had taken place.

p93 Hendre Quarry - Cllr Karen Parker had discussed the sweeping practice with the new Quarry Manager. There were problems with the sweeping Contractor (Go Plant) sweeping within the 40 mph speed limit without the protection of an 'escort vehicle' or a 'crash barrier'. Cllr Parker and Cllr Gareth W Hughes to arrange a meeting with Frazer Harding with a view to clarifying the new issues raised.

p93 Cilcain Bowling Club lease - Item to stay on the Agenda.

p94 Brick arch culvert - Clerk had sent a reminder to NRW on 20 March 2023. The road has been closed with barriers, to deal with the potential danger to vehicular traffic if the culvert collapsed. The potential for flooding due to a collapsed culvert still remained a concern.

p94 Burial Fees / Cilcain cemetery - The Clerk confirmed that the revised burial Fee List agreed in the February Council Meeting was now on the Council Website. Cllr J V Worthington reported that the central hedge needed cutting back in the next few weeks. Cllr Worthington authorised to make enquiries and arrange as necessary.

- p96 Caravan in field near the Rhydymwyn Bowling Club - Clerk to send a reminder to Flintshire Planning enforcement.
- Tourist Information board near Cilcain car park entrance - Cllr Gareth W Hughes enquired about the renewal of this board. The Chair explained that once the signs in the car park were in place, renewal of this board would be considered.
- Cilcain LED lamps - Cllr Worthington enquired about the latest position. Clerk explained that an on-line meeting had been suggested by the AONB. Meeting to be arranged
- p97 Sign at the bottom of Garth Lane - Cllr Christine Vaughan enquired about the proposed sign. Cllr Parkhurst and the Clerk to ask Mr Neil Hickey about the likely timescale for the sign to be erected.

9.00 PLANNING MATTERS: None received

10.00 CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) 23/02 Caravan site in Cilcain - Concern received from a Cilcain resident (DF) regarding the decision reached by the Council in the 20 February 2023 Council Meeting. To be dealt with similar items later.
- 2) 25/02 Unusual marker stone in Cilcain cemetery - Information from local historian and a request for photographic information. Clerk explained that the headstone leaning against the boundary wall on the school side in the cemetery (with the mysterious markings on it) is not the ancient stone that the author / researcher Dr Tim Jones was looking for. Cllr Worthington has been sent a photograph of the stone apparently built into the Church wall. Cllr Worthington to try and establish the location of the 'Tim Jones stone' in the Church wall.
- 3) 27/02 Replacement stile, adjacent to Pumping Station, Trelan, Cilcain. - Concern received by Cllr Andrew Parkhurst from a Cilcain resident regarding the height of the new stile recently provided by Flintshire CC. Clerk to request Mr John Hill to establish:
 - (i) is the stile of the recommended height?
 - (ii) because the approach to the stile is on an incline, has a step been considered in the path leading up to the stile.
- 4) 27/02 Dwr Cymru Welsh Water Cilcain - Information from Gwenan Davies regarding the timescale for the proposed work to remove Reservoirs 1 and 2. Email forwarded to all the Members regarding the timescale for the works.
- 5) 06/03 Play Area, Cilcain - Information from Flintshire CC to confirm that the new play unit has been delivered and paid for by Flintshire. See the payment section in the Appendix for the Community Council's contribution. Site installation scheduled for early April, weather permitting. Clerk authorised to make the payment. Payment approved. Clerk to remind Flintshire to draw the plans up for stage 2, so grants can be applied for.

- 6) 28/02 Cilcain Show, 28 August 2023 - Letter from Show Ctee Treasurer to seek permission to use Waen Field. Permission given.
- 7) 28/02 Dwr Cymru, Community Fund - Information from Flintshire CC Cllr Andrew Parkhurst regarding grant funding available from Dwr Cymru. Issue dealt with in Item No 5.
- 8) 01/03 Rhydymwyn, Anaerobic Digestion Facility - The Chairperson, Rhydymwyn Members and County Councillor Andrew Parkhurst met at the Football Club building on 01 March to discuss the Community Council's pre-planning response to Caulmert (closing date 10 March). Item dealt with earlier.
- 9) 03/03 Caravan site in Cilcain - Concern received from a Cilcain resident (IG)
- 10) 03/03 Anaerobic Digestion Facility Concerns - Notes prepared by Cllr Karen Parker taken from the 'Stop Hardwick Energy Paper' matched with concerns relating to the proposal of an Anaerobic Digestion Facility in Rhydymwyn. Item dealt with earlier.
- 11) 04/03 Caravan site in Cilcain - Concern received from a Cilcain resident (RB). Item to be dealt with later.
- 12) 05/03 Cilcain caravan facility at Parc y Llan - Email from Flintshire Cllr Andrew Parkhurst regarding errors on the original 'site notice' causing local confusion. Item to be dealt with later.
- 13) 06/03 DEFRA grit chambers, Rhydymwyn - Request sent to the DEFRA site Office to enquire if the annual cleaning of the grit chambers was undertaken last year. Clerk reported that a response had been received. Grit chambers had been cleaned and a photograph of the empty chambers received.
- 14) 08/03 Gwysaney Arms Hotel, Rhydymwyn - Information from Cllr Andrew Parkhurst regarding a proposed site visit involving Flintshire Planning and the landowner's representative. Councillor Parkhurst will inform the Community Council when a decision has been taken on the date.
- 15) 08/03 Rhydymwyn, Anaerobic Digestion Facility - Copy of Cllr Andrew Pankhurst's submission to Caulmert. The email has been copied to all Members. Item dealt with earlier.
- 16) 08/03 King's Coronation - Information from Flintshire's Chief Executives Office - applications for road closures for street parties' deadline is 31 March 2023. Position noted.
- 17) 09/03 Visits to Town and Community Councils - Feedback from County Solicitor regarding the visits to Community Council Meetings by the Standards Ctee Members during December, January and February. A copy had been forwarded to all Council Members. Position noted.
- 18) 09/03 Rhydymwyn Anaerobic digestion facility - Community Council's submission sent to Caulmert. A copy of the seven page submission has been emailed to all Members. Item dealt with earlier.

- 19) 11/03 Tarmac Quarry Liaison Ctee - email from County Cllr Andrew Parkhurst seeking the Community Council's views on the possibility of funding for a monthly taxi service between Llys Alyn and Mold. Cllr Parkhurst outlined the results of the enquiries he had made regarding the various options available for transport facilities. Enquiries ongoing.
- 20) 11/03 Rhydymwyn and Hendre, Anaerobic Digestion Facility (ADF), Action Group. Email from Action Group Secretary (Mr Ian Smith) to thank the Council for the recent support to facilitate the dissemination and delivery of information in the community regarding the pre-planning application made by NW Energy Ltd for the former Ruby Brickwork site at Rhydymwyn. Item dealt with earlier.
- 21) 12/03 Defra Flood Gates, Rhydymwyn - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that two of the four sections of the flood gate had not opened, to accommodate the rising river level, and that flood debris was collecting at the front of the closed section. The issue was reported to NRW's 24 hr-7 days per week emergency service at Welsh headquarters. The Clerk spoke to the Mr Sando Citra at the DEFRA site office on 13 March. Mr Citra explained that the controlling mechanism was in the process of being changed. Mr Citra had reported the current issue to Defra Head Office (Michael Garrod) on 10 March 2023. Members may recall that in October 2001 flooding of Rhydymwyn village took place as a result of the obstructions on the flood gate, resulting in 68 houses and 8 business premises being flooded. The Council need to have an out of hours DEFRA contact number so that any issues regarding the flood gate can be dealt with if a flooding incident occurred outside normal working hours.
- 22) 12/03 Cilcain, Coronation celebrations - Request for a donation from a Cilcain resident (JP). Members noted that a Coronation event is also proposed for Rhydymwyn this Summer. Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported on the proposed celebration arrangements for Rhydymwyn. A suggested amount for a Cilcain donation was included in the Appendix.
- 23) 14/03 Trial Hill, Cilcain - Road Closure for ash dieback tree cutting work for 5 days from 20 March 2023. Position noted.

Items (1), (9), (11), (12)

Caravan site in Cilcain - This item had been raised at the February Council Meeting. Chair explained that the Caravan and Motor Home Club does not have to apply for planning permission for the proposed facility. It therefore falls outside the Community Council's remit to submit observations since planning is exempt. The Community Council had not received any responses from Cilcain residents about the proposal.

(Item 12) Cllr Parkhurst had written regarding the incorrect date on the Notice but had not yet received a response. Several residents had written to Cllr Parkhurst concerned about:

- (i) Error regarding the incorrect year on the Notice
- (ii) Visual impact on the AONB
- (iii) Traffic concern about caravans being towed through the village.

The above concerns had been highlighted in the response that Cllr Parkhurst had himself made to the Caravan and Motor Home Club.

Cllr Pauline Douglas reported on a similar occurrence in Cefn Road where the residents wrote in to object. The objections were ignored by the Caravan Club. Planning permission was not required and the facility went ahead regardless.

24) --/-- Flintshire Streetscene Action Plan - Item dealt with earlier.

-- /-- Commemoration seat for former Councillor Jean Ramsay. Cllr Gareth W Hughes requested the Council's permission to make enquiries regarding the possibility of a public seat being provided to commemorate Jean. Members agreed for Cllr Hughes to make enquiries.

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 17 April 2023.

SignedChairman Date: Clerk

PAYMENT SECTION NOT FOR PUBLICATION UNTIL APPROVED AT THE COUNCIL

1. Payment of Accounts

(i)	A E (sal + fixed exp) for February 2023	625.85
(ii)	HMRC - PAYE (L.G.A.1972 S112)	97.45
(iii)	Canon 3 months printing cost	43.60
(iv)	Office Equipment and stationery - (L.G.A.1972 S111) (Invoices available at the Council Meeting)	106.06
(vi)	AE - web fee	18.00
(vii)	Canon UK - Photocopying fee for 3 months	117.18
(viii)	One Voice Wales - annual membership	235.00
(ix)	Cilcain Play Area - purchase of equipment - Invoice from Flintshire CC	4,000.00
(x)	Donation to Cilcain's King's Coronation celebrations	300.00
(xi)	Deeco Lighting - annual street lighting maintenance cost	1,122.00
(xii)	A Evans - additional work recognition	500.00
(xiii)	Deeco Lighting - 7 No LED lamps (Rhydymwyn)	1,890.00

2. **Current Council Bank Balance.** Please note that the closing balance in the Council's Bank Account on 13 Mar 2023 was:
Current Account: £10,947
Deposit Account: £27,263
Dep. Acc. interest (Feb £21.53) (Jan £19.08) (Dec £15.52)

Chair Clerk Date