

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE
RHYDYMWYN FOOTBALL CLUB PREMISES ON 17 JULY 2017**

Present: **Chairman:** Cllr W Owen Thomas
 Councillors: Ann Baker Janet Butlin
 J Emyr Davies John S Douglas
 Greg Foster Gwen Hardman
 Gareth W Hughes Ian Hughes
 Ian Smith John Worthington
 The Clerk was also in attendance

1. CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed all, in both English and Welsh, to the July (Gorffennaf) 2017 Council Meeting. Cilcain residents Mrs Sue Jones and Mr Les Millington attended the Council Meeting. Mr Ian Williams from Flintshire Streetscene was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Cllr John S Douglas as Vice Chairman reported a number of Rhydymwyn residents had enquired why Cllr Greg Foster had stood as a Rhydymwyn Ward Member, when he lived in the Cilcain Ward. Cllr Foster explained he had made enquiries before the election and established that there were possibly two vacancies in the Rhydymwyn Ward.

2. APOLOGIES - Cllr Jean Ramsay

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

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the 19 June 2017 Council Meeting held at the Football Club premises, Rhydymwyn were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as being correct.

5. MATTERS ARISING - from the 19 June 2017 Council Meeting:

- p15 **White lining** - Mr Williams had reported via the Clerk that the white lining work was now scheduled to take place at the end of July.
- (a) Chapel 'H' line
 - (b) Tarmac entrance A541
 - (c) Centre line near the Royal Oak / A541 junction

The Chairman maintained there was a need to have GO SLOW markings painted on Ffordd y Llan near the Berth Road junction. Clerk to pass the request on to Mr Ian Williams at Flintshire Streetscene.

Members noted an unofficial 'slow' sign had been attached to a tree near the Berth Road Junction. The homemade sign was in black and white and was not particularly conspicuous.

- p15 **Star Crossing Junction** - Mr Ian Williams had confirmed via the Clerk that the following three items had been done:
- (a) stone copings in place
 - (b) re-hanging the field entrance gate

(c) livestock netting provided

p15 **Hendre culvert** - Mr Ian Williams to meet Tarmac in next few weeks. The Chairman and Cllr Gareth W Hughes to participate in the site meeting with Tarmac. Items to be discussed at the site meeting with Tarmac were:

- (a) Repair to the gabion
- (b) Desilting of the culvert
- (c) Need to restore an effective post and rail fence alongside the culvert. A joint venture between Flintshire and the landowner was a possible option for the fence restoration.

p15 **Street Lighting repairs, Rhydymwyn / Hendre** - Mr Williams had reported via the Clerk that the lamps at Hendre had been passed on to the Street Lighting Section. Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported there had been no repairs done in the last three months.

Cllr Greg Foster enquired if it was within the Council's remit to report on Flintshire's lighting system. Cllr Foster wondered if it would more sensible for the reports to be made directly to Flintshire's Lighting Section.

Cllr Gareth W Hughes maintained that the system used by the Community Council was the one advocated by Flintshire's Streetscene Liaison Officer. Clerk reported that Mr Williams had supplied the Council with a map showing the reference number of every Flintshire column. This map system of reporting was also being used in the adjoining Councils of Halkyn and Caerwys.

p15 **Location maps system for reporting street lighting faults** - Extending the map reporting system to Cilcain may be considered in due course.

p15 **Coping Stone, Church Meadow** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported - the protruding coping stone had been inspected during the recent walkabout meeting with Mr Ian Williams. Mr Williams to contact the house owner.

p15 **Depression in carriageway outside No 1 Church Meadow** - Mr Williams had reported via the Clerk that the Utility Company had still not responded. Mr Williams to pursue.

p15 **Path between Heatherdene and Football Ground** - Mr Williams had reported via the Clerk that the holly bush on the Heatherdene side of the path had been trimmed. Cllr Gareth W Hughes maintained the hedge had not been cut last week. Cllr Hughes to check the current position.

p15 **Longitudinal crack in carriageway - Coed Du Hall entrance.** Work to be programmed for Sept / Oct to avoid the tourist summer traffic.

p15 **Rose Lane, Cilcain, deteriorating road surface** - Crusher run material to be provided in roadside edge. Tarmac patching gang has started work in the area covered by Mr Williams, so will shortly reach Cilcain.

p15 **Seepage across road - caravan park side of junction** - Mr Williams had reported via the Clerk that he had not yet received a response from Flintshire's Environmental Health Section.

p16 **Nant Alyn - highway water discharging into Cae'r Eithin** - Mr Williams had reported via the Clerk that he anticipated doing this work in early August

- p16 **White lining Dolfechlas Road junction with A541 at Hendre** - Item discussed earlier under 'white lining' on the front page of these Minutes. In future, item to be deleted from this part of the Minutes.
- p16 **Potholes at Loggerheads Road, Cilcain** - Mr Williams had reported via the Clerk that patching work had taken place last week. Cllr J Emyr Davies maintained the road was now worse. Cllr J Worthington reported that the 'holes in the surfacing' had now been replaced by 'humps in the surfacing'. Concern regarding the workmanship to be reported to Mr I Williams.
- p16 **The Pistyll** - Site meeting with Flintshire's Survey team to be arranged.
- p16 **Overhanging trees Ffordd y Llan** - Mr Williams had reported via the Clerk that the work was anticipated during the summer school holiday period.
- p16 **Village walkabout meeting for Cilcain:**

- (i) **Surface water drain running along gable end of Chapel.** Clerk reported that in the recent walkabout meeting held in Cilcain, Mr Williams and the local Ward Members met Mr John Clement Evans to explain the nature of the repair works carried out to the surface water sewer.

Mr Williams explained that Flintshire had discovered a surface water drain at the rear of Chapel having been stoppered off. The main repair to the drain by Flintshire had been at the front of the Chapel. Cracks to the lintels and gable wall of the Chapel were noticed. It was not clear what had caused the current building and lintel cracks.

The Chairman noticed at the site meeting that the ground between the gable end and the boundary was still fairly damp. Mr Williams to arrange for a TV survey when the equipment is next in Flintshire.

Chair maintained that the sewer across the school yard needed a TV examination at same time, ideally before the School Yard refurbishment scheme takes place.

- (ii) **Tree lopping affecting boundary wall by the cemetery** - Mr Dewi Ellis (Flintshire's Tree Officer) joined the walkabout meeting for the part of the meeting involving the boundary tree.

Use of a chain saw in close proximity to the stone wall was accepted as being an impediment to removing the three bows leaning on the wall. Removal of the whole tree was therefore the only sensible option. Mr Ellis to obtain quotations with two main options being considered:

- (a) Price for the contractor to take down the tree and remove all materials off site.
 (b) Price for taking down but leave logs and branches (or chipped branches on site for removal by volunteers with access to farm trailers).

Mr Dewi Ellis had checked, prior to the site meeting, with Mr Stuart Body at Flintshire and concluded that the tree was outside the conservation area. Therefore, the need to obtain permission to take a tree down, above a certain girth did not apply.

- (iii) **Surface water from car park** - The Cilcain Ward Members present undertook a quick survey to assess where the various drains and gulleys were discharging to. Members concluded (with over 90% certainty) that there were no connections to a soakaway involved. Members concluded that the problem with the yard gulley in front of the Village Hall entrance was entirely due to a lack of routine maintenance of the gulley itself. All the other surface water gulleys serving the building were flowing freely. Because a certain amount of silt was being drained into the yard gulley outside the main door, it was more important for this particular gulley to be cleaned out a couple of times per year. The Council would need to draw the Village Hall Committee's attention to this lack of maintenance issue in due course.

p16 **Refuse collection vehicle** - Three new concerns were reported at the meeting:

- (i) J Emyr Davies - three plastic bottles in the verge by a turning in the road, presumably overflow from vehicle taking the road bend.
- (ii) Cllr John S Douglas reported food bin waste not being collected. Flintshire's advice on the telephone - put food waste in with the black bag collection.
- (iii) Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported litter left in Church Road following the litter collection. Mr Russell Broughton to be invited to a future meeting.

p16 **Dog fouling enforcement service** - A number of inconsistencies / anomalies had been identified in the consultation information from Flintshire. Clerk confirmed having responded to Flintshire. A copy of the observations sent to Flintshire had been included in the correspondence pack attached to the Agenda.

Flintshire were still confident that the consultation process would be completed and the regulations would be in place by the end of September.

Cllr Mrs Ramsey had looked at a possible site for a dog bin in Hendre, Cllr Ramsey had spoken to an adjoining resident regarding a possible location where the telephone kiosk had been. A plan to be supplied to Mrs Ramsey so that another location can be identified in this vicinity.

p16 **Hendre Parking** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes maintained the Community Council needed to write to the Police Commissioner in due course, if the Police continuously fail to respond to the County Council's Traffic Section. Mr Lee Shone had sent an email to the Community Council since the June Council meeting to indicate that he was still having difficulty in persuading the North Wales Police to arrange for a representative to meet the Community Council in a site meeting.

Cllr Greg Foster enquired what was the desired outcome the Council was trying to achieve.

Cllr Miss Ann Baker indicated that vehicles travelling towards Mold from the Denbigh direction had to use the opposite carriageway to negotiate past the 5 or 6 parked cars outside Mill Terrace. The proximity of the bend in the road at the Mold end of Mill Terrace created a serious traffic hazard.

The Clerk maintained that the Community Council is merely drawing the traffic hazard to the attention of the Traffic Section at Flintshire. It was up to Flintshire Traffic Engineers and North Wales Police to come up with a solution. Developing the appropriate traffic measures to deal with the traffic hazard was not the responsibility of the Community Council.

Cllr Foster wondered if bay parking would help, whereby vehicles overtaking the parked vehicles could pull in if they met oncoming traffic. Cllr J Emyr Davies maintained that the overtaking vehicles can be too long to pull in

Members noted that on Mondays, when the refuse bins are outside Mill Terrace, vehicles are able to park elsewhere, which would suggest that alternative parking facilities are available.

- p17 **Road from Cilcain Church to the Waterworks** - Mr Ian Williams had reported prior to the Council Meeting. Some repairs undertaken. Further work envisaged.
- p17 **Plas Wilkin side of Coed Du Hall entrance** - Mr Ian Williams had reported prior to the Council Meeting. Roadside channel cleaning scheduled to be swept in the next four weeks.
- p17 **Entrance to playing field, Cilcain** - Mr Ian Williams had reported prior to the Council Meeting. Sealing material for mortar coping ordered. Sealing work to take place when supply of sealer has been delivered.
- p17 **Bryn Gollen, Rhydymwyn, split channel at entrance to estate** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported the top section of the split channel gully has now been tarmacked, instead of the debris being cleaned out. Mr Ian Williams requested to inspect.
- p17 **Rhydymwyn, Leete Avenue - depression in footway** - Mr Ian Williams had reported prior to the Council Meeting. Site meeting with Flintshire's Survey team to be arranged.
- p17 **Tarmac Quarry Liaison Meeting** - Items discussed earlier.
- p17 **Nant Alyn Road, Rhydymwyn, fencing off a passing place** - Mr Williams to provide the Clerk with the name of the Officer in Flintshire's Legal Section who deals with highway legal matters.
- p17 **Ysgol y Foel, kerb line settlement** - Mr Ian Williams had reported prior to the Council Meeting. Work now completed. Item can now be removed.
- p17 **H-white marking required in front of Chapel entrance gate.** Item discussed earlier. Item can now be deleted from this part of the Minutes.
- p17 **Overgrowing hedges, Pedair y Groesffordd and Bryn Celyn area** - Mr Ian Williams had reported prior to the Council Meeting. Flintshire's hedge cutting team started at Caerwys in area covered by Mr Williams on the 6 July. The team is now working its way towards Cilcain
- p17 **Nant Alyn Road, Caravan park up to Cae'r Eithin** - Carriageway edge breaking away badly on this section. Work scheduled for October 2017.

- p17 **Church Meadow, Rhydymwyn** - Breaking up of surfacing in a number of locations in Church Meadow. Item discussed recently at the Rhydymwyn walkabout meeting. Patching work now imminent.
- p17 **A541 Rhydymwyn and Hendre** - Patching work has been completed. Surface dressing to be undertaken next week.
- p17 **Ffordd y Llan, between the Shop and the Square** - Ivy overhanging and encroaching onto the carriageway. Mr I Williams to pursue.
- p17 **Pantymwyn Road, near the Square** - Leylandi protruding into the carriageway. Mr Williams to pursue.
- p18 **Street lamp no 8 Park y Llan, Cilcain** - Repair of street lamp by Flintshire County Council still outstanding.
- Cllr Ian Hughes had recently reported that the lamp outside No 8 had been repaired approximately two months ago by Flintshire, but had failed within a few days following the repair. Clerk had written to Streetscene for Flintshire to check its repair records, and to report that the lamp has failed again.
- p18 **A541 Footpath style by Gas Plant, Rhydymwyn** - Clerk reported having spoken to Mr John Hill. Mr Hill confirmed he will now be inspecting the style to assess its condition.
- p18 **A541 Hendre bends** - Clerk reported having spoken to Mr Dereck Charlton. Flintshire has not yet considered whether or not it is to adopt the Welsh Assembly guidelines on Memorial Flowers. Mr Charlton indicated he would pursue the matter with the Council's Cabinet Committee.
- Cllr Greg Foster questioned why the Council was raising this issue again. Cllr Foster felt the Council was interfering with peoples personal grief. Cllr Gareth W Hughes confirmed having recently received a complaint about highway safety as a result of the memorial flowers. The Council had no option other than to include the memorial flowers issue on the Agenda again.
- Clerk to e-mail a copy of the guidelines to Cllr Foster.
- p18 **Encroachment of green verges, Pantymwyn Road, Cilcain** - Item looked at in the 14 July Cilcain village walkabout meeting. Mr Williams to pursue highway land ownership issue.
- p18 **Gap in hedge, Rhydymwyn football ground, opposite the Memorial Institute** - Item looked at in the 30 June 2017 Rhydymwyn village walkabout meeting. Clerk had spoken to Mr Williams. County would prefer a style. Flintshire appreciates the Community Council expressed a preference for a gate. Flintshire to look at funding position to see if a gate can be provided.
- p18 **Road past Plas Newydd, Cilcain** - Mr I Williams reported that a Flintshire work ticket had been issued. Work could be imminent.

- p18 **Condition of road past the Gronfoel junction** - Mr I Williams reported that a Flintshire work ticket had been issued. Work could now be imminent.
- p18 **Pantymwyn side of Bont Newydd, Cilcain** - Mr Ian Williams reported having passed the item on to Mr Andrew Lightfoot, the Mold Area Streetscene Supervisor.
- p18 **Proposal of a bus shelter in Llys Alyn** - More details required for the Jan 2018 Council precept meeting.

Other Highway matters

- **Verge grass cutting on country lanes** - Cllr John S Douglas reported that the lack of verge cutting on narrow lanes had been discussed at the Rhydymwyn village walkabout meeting on the 30 June. Mr Williams had promised the cut would take place in a week's time. The verges at Nant Alyn had still not been cut. Cllr Douglas felt the position was unacceptable. Cllr Douglas tabled photos at the Council Meeting. Clerk to forward photos to Mr Ian Williams.

End of Highway Matters

(b) Non-Highway Matters arising:

- p18 **Bath House, Coed Du, Rhydymwyn** - Clerk reported having attempted to contact Mrs Eleanor Carpenter in Flintshire's Conservation Section. Clerk to pursue.
- p18 **Antelope Industrial Estate, recycling plant** - Cllr W Owen Thomas had indicated in the February Council Meeting that when the last planning permission was given, one of the planning conditions referred to the operator being given 12 months to implement a plan for reducing the amount of material being stored on the site. Cllr Thomas reported having spoken to Mr Gary Nancarrow (Flintshire's Minerals Section) regarding the dates involved. Mr Nancarrow to supply Cllr Thomas with the required information.
- p19 **Old school yard refurbishment** - Clerk reported that still no application, information or plans had been received from the Village Hall Subcommittee regarding the refurbishment proposal. Members noted that Cllr Mrs Hardman and Cllr Miss Ann Baker had approached Mrs Val Thomson prior to the May Council Meeting to request information. In a recent Hall Ctee Meeting, Cllr Ian Hughes had also requested a copy of the proposal plan for the Community Council to consider.
- Chairman reported he had now received access to information which would be discussed at the end of the Council Meeting.
- p19 **Brown Signs, Revised Application** - Item to be discussed at the end of the Council Meeting.
- p19 **Canon photocopying agreement** - Clerk to make further enquiries.
- p20 **Dog control (PSBO) in Flintshire** – Item to be discussed later.
- p21 **Village Hall Lease** - Clerk to send background information to the Council's Solicitor, to enable Mr Dion Williams to prepare a Statutory Declaration for the Chairman to sign.

Cllr Gareth W Hughes indicated that the Land Registration process could take approximately three months after the Statutory Declaration stage has been completed.

Members noted that at some stage the Community Council needs in writing, an assurance from the Hall Ctee, that when the lease is in place, the Hall Ctee will accept Clean and Lock under its auspices, on terms acceptable to Clean and Lock.

At a recent meeting of the Hall Ctee, there were reservations expressed regarding the possibility of the Waen Field not being owned by the Community Council.

Members noted that in accordance with the Commons Registration Act 1965, a hearing had been held by a Commons Commissioner in Mold in 1975, resulting in the Waen Field being registered as being owned by the Cilcain Community / Parish Council. A certified copy (provided by the County Council's Solicitor) of an extract from the Register of Town or Village Greens is currently being held by the Community Council's Solicitor.

p21 **Motor Cross Event 20 March 2017** - Issue to be discussed under the correspondence item on the Agenda.

p22 **Litter bins Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported - the item had not been looked at in the village walkabout meeting on 30 June 2017. Members agreed the item should be discussed when Cllr Jean Ramsey is present.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Community Council observations requested on: - None received.

(a) Location: Site adjacent to Bryn Rhodyn, Cefn Road, Cilcain
Proposal : Erection of 2 No dwellings and 9 no. holiday lodges
Ref No: 056448

Community Council's observations:

- (i) A new development on this site constitutes sporadic development in the countryside.
- (ii) Additional development at this location will worsen the foul drainage problems in the area. Any overflows from septic tanks finds its way into the River Alyn. In the summer months, the River Alyn is completely dry for several months, thus no dilution of the polluted seepage takes place, leading to river bed pollution.
- (iii) Since the location of the proposed holiday type facilities is in close proximity a quarry and a building products yard (Trimm Rock and Lloyds respectively) the site location is unsuitable for a holiday type facility.
- (iv) The road from the applications site down to Rhydymwyn is unsuitable to accommodate additional traffic that would be generated by the development. The lane is very narrow, has minimum visibility and inadequate passing places. Whilst the road from Star Crossing on the A541 to this site is quite adequate, vehicles following Sat nav instruction invariably take the shortest route. Vehicles approaching the site along the A541 from the Mold direction are directed by the sat nav instructions up Nant Alyn Road.
Two photographs to be sent:
Photo (A) - The narrow one track road towards Rhydymwyn - poor visibility and inadequate passing places.

Photo (B) - shows what can happen when drivers not familiar with the local road network ignore the recommended road towards Star Crossing and follow the sat nav instructions by using Nant Alyn Road instead.

- (b) Location: Plas Uchaf, Ffordd y Berth, Cilcain
Proposal: Proposed first floor extension and internal alterations to an existing dwelling
Ref No: 057096

Community Council's observations - No objections

(ii) Planning decisions made by Flintshire County Council

- (a) Location: Workshop, Parc Bychan Cottage, Rhosesmor, Mold
Proposal: Proposed single storey extension to provide ground floor bedroom shower room facility, study and WC
Ref No: 055988
Decision: Approved
- (b) Location: Mill Cottage, Pentre, Cilcain
Proposal: Erection of a replacement conservatory
Ref No: 054800
Decision: Approved
- (c) Location: Nant y Gain, Pentre, Cilcain
Proposal: Erection of extension to units 1 and 2
Ref No: 056557
Decision: Approved
- (d) Location: Brithdir Mawr, Loggerheads Road, Cilcain
Proposal: Conversion of 2no. existing outbuildings into a utility, library and bookstore
Ref No: 056276
Decision: Approved

7. CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS - The following items of correspondence were discussed:

- 1) 29/06 **Dog Control Public Spaces Protection in Flintshire** - A copy of the Community Council's consultation response was minuted in the June 2017 Council Minutes. Plans were included at the rear of the July correspondence pack. The Clerk explained that at this stage, the Community Council was merely correcting the various anomalies in the plans included on Flintshire's website.

Cllr Mr Greg Foster referred to the existing sign at the entrance to the Waen Field. The Clerk confirmed that the black and white sign at the Waen Field entrance has no legal standing. The sign is 'merely a request'.

Cllr W Owen Thomas indicated that when the Dog Control Orders come into force throughout Flintshire, different signs will apply to different category areas, and these new signs will have specific legal implications.

2) 03/07 **Parking in Hendre** - Information from Mr Lee Shone. Item discussed earlier.

3) 04/07 **Public Services Ombudsman for Wales** - Meeting arranged by Flintshire for 2nd October 2017. Questions invited from Community Councils.

Cllr Mrs Gwen Hardman felt it would be helpful if more guidance was issued by the Ombudsman regarding the way in which Community Councils should respond to complaints.

Cllr Miss Ann Baker had looked at the Ombudsman's website, and it would appear that one of the obvious ways Councils could obtain guidance is to look at past cases, and glean information from the case files, especially those where the complaints against the Councils have been upheld by the Ombudsman.

Cllr Foster maintained some advice would be included in the Councils Standing Orders. Clerk to email a copy to Cllr Foster.

Clerk to submit a number of appropriate questions by the deadline date identified by Flintshire.

4) 07/07 **Summer Playscheme 2017** - Details from Flintshire's Play Development Officer regarding the forthcoming three week playscheme at Cilcain and Rhydymwyn. Coloured poster provided for each Village. Attendance figures would be forthcoming from Flintshire following the scheme. The Clerk explained that in the 2016 playscheme, the County Council made a 30% contribution towards the cost. Due to Welsh Assembly cap on expenditure, Flintshire was not able to contribute towards the 2017 cost. This meant an additional 30% (equivalent to £640) had to be funded by the Community Council.

5) 11/07 **Brown signs, new proposal, Star Crossing Road** - Copy of information received from Flintshire Tourism. Item to be discussed later in the Council Meeting.

6) 12/07 **Streetlamp, Dolfechlas Road, opposite the Llys Alyn junction** - A Rhydymwyn resident (Mr Vernon at No 56) had reported a lamp not working opposite the Llys Alyn junction. Item had been reported to Deeco. Clerk reported at Council Meeting - lamp repaired by 13 July 2017.

7) 12/07 **Rural Wales - Time to meet the Challenge 2025** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported. 30 page document available on the internet. Commissioner proposed. Clerk to run off four copies of the document for a future Council Meeting.

8) 10/07 **Notice Board, Llys Alun, Rhydymwyn** - Report received from Pat Cassells regarding damage to the Llys Alyn Notice Board. Cllr W Owen Thomas inspected the damage on Tuesday 11 July 2017. Cllr W Owen Thomas reported at the Council Meeting. The lock was either forced or damaged. Recent high winds had aggravated the position. New lock will be required. List of key holders arrangement to be re-introduced. Cllr Thomas to arrange repair.

9) 10/07 **Community Council - Request for Information** - Response from the Cilcain resident to the letter sent by the Clerk on the 23 June 2017. This item will need to be discussed at the end of the Council Meeting following the exclusion of the press and public.

- 10) 10/07 **White and brown signs, Cilcain** - Response from Cilcain resident to the Council's letter of 18 April 2017. This item was discussed at the end of the Council Meeting following the exclusion of the press and public.
- 11) 10/07 **Track past Plas Newydd, Cilcain** - Response from Mr Jon Hill (Flintshire's Public Right of Way Inspector) regarding the status of the track in relation to its use for motor cycle event. The track where the bikes were is classed as a public highway, but the permission of the landowner should have been sought. Mr Hill will enquire with the landowner, so that contact / liaison with the organising group can be made. Future motor cross events can be monitored once the organisers can be identified. Chair to provide the Clerk with the contact details of the owner of Pen Bedw. This information can then be forwarded to Mr Hill.
- 12) 10/07 **Co-option of Cilcain Ward Member** - County Solicitor enquired if the co-option decision had been made at the AGM of the Community Meeting. Clerk confirmed by e-mail that the co-option had been in accordance with the guidelines given in paragraph 4 of Flintshire's e-mail dated 9 April 2017. Item to be discussed at the end of the Council Meeting. Members noted the information in item (No. 17) below.
- 13) 13/07 **Streetscene coordinators attendance at Community Council meetings** - Clerk reported on his discussions with Mr Williams. Mr Williams can confirm the position when he attends the September Council Meeting.
- 14) 13/07 **Election Expenses** - Request from Flintshire County Council dated (27 June) regarding any payments made by the Community Council to the County Councillor during the year April 2016/2017. Clerk responded (13 July) to Mrs Leslie Woods in Flintshire's Members Services Section. No expenses paid.
- 15) 13/07 **Rhydymwyn Nature Reserve**, Notice of forthcoming DEFRA stakeholders' meeting scheduled for 14 Sept 2017 at 10.00 am until 1.00 pm. Chair and one other Member to attend.
- 16) 14/07 **Preferred Strategy Briefing** - Invitation to LDP meeting on 25 July 2017. Chair will probably be attending.
- 17) 14/07 **Co-option** - Information from Flintshire's County Solicitor. This item will be discussed at the end of the Council Meeting.

8. MATTERS RAISED SINCE LAST MEETING

- (a) **Rhydymwyn Church, refurbishment grant** - Five Rhydymwyn Ward Members and the Clerk met four representatives of the Rhydymwyn Church on Tuesday 27 June to discuss the result of the Lottery grant funding application. Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported on the meeting, and on the subsequent public meeting held in the village last Thursday. Approx. 40 village residents attended. Cllr Hughes and Cllr Ian Smith had now joined the Church Committee. The original refurbishment scheme for the Church will probably now be scaled down and a grant re-submission made. Members noted a recent press announcement indicating that Caerwys Church had recently received an £80,000 lottery grant. Clerk to make enquires with the Caerwys Clerk to establish the contact details of the person in Caerwys who led their grant application submission.
- (b) **Rhydymwyn Walkabout, 30 June 2017** - Five Rhydymwyn Ward Members in attendance. The following items were looked at / discussed in the walkabout. Members reported:
 - (i) Coping stone at Church Meadow
 - (ii) Church Meadow surfacing repairs required
 - (iii) Path between Heatherdene and FC land (holly hedge)

- (iv) Gap in hedge between FC field and A541
- (v) Style on Bowling Green side of A541
- (vi) Pot-hole by garage
- (vi) Catch-pit by A541 culvert - check on silt levels
- (vii) Culvert under A541 - check on silt levels
- (viii) Path between A541 culvert and Bryn Alyn bends - slippery in wet conditions and accumulation of debris on path.

Hendre:

- (ix) Potential sites for dog bin
- (x) Site visit arrangements with Tarmac re. culvert cleaning and gabion repair.
- (xi) Pothole in Dolfechlas Road 100m up from cottages at rear of the Royal Oak
- (xii) Confirm location for new notice board - where the BT kiosk used to be.
- (xiii) Overhanging hedge by No 1 Mill Terrace

(c) **Cilcain walkabout Friday 14 July 2017** Four Cilcain Members and Clerk in attendance
Members and Clerk reported on:

- (i) Surface water yard gully outside Village Hall entrance door - direction of flow - item minuted earlier.
- (ii) Wall coping between Hall carpark and Waen Field entrance - sealing required - item minuted earlier.
- (iii) Tree in cemetery boundary wall - quotations discussed and selected price agreed.
- (iv) Need to cut back overhanging trees around the cemetery top gate and back of seat. Work proposed for Sept / Oct.
- (v) Removal of branches by hedge in Waen field.
- (vi) Meet Chapel representatives at 2.45pm. Item minuted earlier.
- (vii) Overhanging bush by Preswylfa and Pantymwyn Road + 30 mph speed limit sign obstructed by evergreen hedge.
- (viii) Verge damage and status of wide verge in Pantymwyn Road.
- (ix) Check on air vent system at Village Hall. Item reported at meeting.
- (x) Faded 30 mph sign on Ffordd y Llan (near the Lon Cilan junction) - reported by Cllr J Emyr Davies.
- (xi) (Brithdir Mawr Lane, Loggerheads Road - Problem with visitors following sat-nav instructions using this 'no through road'. Appropriate sign wording agreed with Mr Ian Williams.
- (xii) Public Notice Board - Hard to press drawing pins into backing board + the top and bottom catches are difficult to close. Item to be discussed in future meeting.

9. Exclusion of Press and Public In Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, it was **RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting, for the following item of business:

- (i) **Correspondence item 9 above - freedom of information request** - Response from the Cilcain resident to the letter sent by the Clerk on the 23 June 2017. Members discussed the contents of the letter and agreed for a draft response to be prepared by an additional meeting which would need to be held in the August recess.

- (ii) **Correspondence from item 10 above - white and brown signs** - The response from the Cilcain resident to the letter sent by the Clerk on the 18 April 2017. Members discussed the contents of the letter and agreed for a draft response to be prepared by an additional meeting which would need to be held in the August recess.
- (iii) **Correspondence from item 5 above - revised brown signs proposal** - Copy of correspondence received from Flintshire County Council on the 11 July 2017. Members discussed the contents of the letter, and agreed for the matter to be discussed further in the August recess meeting.

RESOLVED: that the press and public be re-admitted to the meeting.

10. OLD SCHOOL YARD REFURBISHMENT - discussions further to the Minutes on page 30 of these Minutes.

Councillor W Owen Thomas reported on his discussion with two Members of the Hall Subcommittee.

The following items were discussed at the site meeting:

- (i) The floor vent had been removed in a recent refurbishment scheme. The Council would have to consider introducing a brass grill in the floor in due course.
- (ii) The proposed plan was examined at the site meeting. The gravel surfacing shown on the plan was not considered suitable for providing an emergency exit from the fire doors.
- (iii) For historical reasons, the kissing gate needs to stay in its current position - an alternative access gate alongside the kissing gate needs to provide access for the disabled.
- (iv) The fir tree (within a Conservation Area) will not be missed, but a check on the girth would need to be made and the information discussed with Mr Stuart Body.
- (v) No soil must be placed next to the Village Hall external wall. The free flow of surface water away from the wall must not be impeded, to prevent damp penetration into the cavity below the Hall floor.
- (vi) The Council is the owner of the land, and a written request must be made to the Council for its permission, before any work starts.
- (vii) The existing lease does not allow the Hall Ctee to carry out any work to the old school yard land without a specific approval from the Council.

Members agreed with the issues which had been raised by Cllr Thomas. In addition, Cllr Mrs Janet Butlin maintained - Because the land is a public open space with access to the general public - a risk assessment would probably be required. Chair to check on this aspect.

Public Liability insurance cover for the area would also need to be looked into.

Cllr Ian Smith maintained the steam bent timber benches proposed for the seating looks fantastic when new, but the seating looks really dreadful as soon as the weather gets to it.

Cllr Thomas to approach the Subcommittee to indicate the Council's approval in principle, but a number of issues would need to be addressed. The Hall subcommittee representative to be asked to submit a request for permission letter.

11. CORRESPONDENCE ITEM NO 17 - CO-OPTION OF CILCAIN WARD MEMBER

Prior to the start of the discussion, Cllr John Worthington left the room.
The letter received from the County Solicitor was considered. Clerk to erect a Notice on the Cilcain and Rhydymwyn Notice Board to invite expressions of interest for the Co-option position.

12. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS - Accounts scheduled in the Appendix were approved.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - An August Recess meeting will be held in the Village Hall Cilcain on 21 August 2017. The next regular meeting of the Council will be held at the Football Club premises in Rhydymwyn at 7.30 pm on 18 September 2017. Members authorised the Chairman and Vice Chairman, following consultation with local Members as appropriate, to determine the Council's business on behalf of the Council during the recess period.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Clerk

Date