

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE FOOTBALL CLUB PREMISES, RHYDYMWYN ON 16 OCTOBER 2017

Present: **Chairman:** Cllr W Owen Thomas
 Councillors: Gareth W Hughes J Emyr Davies,
 John S Douglas Gwen Hardman
 Ian Hughes Jean Ramsay
 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 October (Hydref) 2017 Council Meeting. Cilcain residents Mrs Sue Jones and Mr Les Millington attended the Council Meeting.

2. **APOLOGIES** - Cllr Miss Ann Baker, Cllr Mrs Janet Butlin, Cllr Greg Foster, Cllr Jean Ramsay.

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

4. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the 18 September 2017 Council Meeting held at the Football Club premises were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as being correct. The Minutes of the 21 August Meeting held at the Cilcain Village Hall were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as being correct.

5. **MATTERS ARISING** - from the 18 September Council Meeting.

(a) **Highway matters**

p41 **Minerals grant** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported having received an e-mail from David Hanson MP to provide information regarding the disappearance of the Minerals grant. Apparently, the grant had stopped in England in 2011, but in Wales, the grant had kept going until this year.

p42 **Llys Alyn play area** Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that no response had been received from Flintshire following the meeting he had on site with Mr Ian Williams. Members noted that there were two aspects to the play area issue:

- (a) The boundary fence, which was probably the responsibility of Flintshire Streetscene
- (b) The rotting timber posts used for youngsters to climb on. This was probably an issue, which Mr Williams had passed of the Mr Richard Roberts,

Clerk to clarify the position with Mr Williams and Mr Richard Roberts.

p46 **White lining** - Mr Williams to pursue.

p47 **Hendre culvert** - Site meeting with Tarmac had taken place. Chair and Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported at the Council Meeting. Agreement reached on site that Tarmac and Flintshire would pursue a joint arrangement for:

- (a) clearing the ditch,
- (b) repairing the gabions

(c) repairing the fence in due course.

At the site meeting, damage to the stone wall at the side of the culvert was noted. Clerk to send a report to Flintshire Drainage Section.

- p47 **Street Lighting repairs, Rhydymwyn / Hendre** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes provided an update, and was to provide a further comprehensive report on the position to the Clerk in a few days. Clerk to take up the delay with the Flintshire's Street Lighting Section.
- p47 **Coping Stone, Church Meadow** - Mr Ian Williams to contact owners.
- p47 **Depression in carriageway outside No 1 Church Meadow** - Mr Williams pursuing.
- p47 **Longitudinal crack in carriageway** - Coed Du Hall entrance - Work being programmed.
- p47 **Rose Lane, Cilcain, deteriorating road surface** - Mr Williams to check if the work had been done.
- p47 **Seepage across road - caravan park side of junction** - No response received by Mr Williams from Flintshire's Environmental Health Section.
- p47 **Nant Alyn** - highway water discharging into Cae'r Eithin - Mr Williams to pursue.
- p47 **Potholes at Loggerheads Road, Cilcain** - Mr Williams to pursue.
- p47 **The Pistyll** - Survey results awaited.
- p47 **Overhanging trees Ffordd y Llan** - Work on going.
- p48 **Village walkabout meeting for Cilcain, 14 July 2017** - The following items were discussed:
(i) Problem surface water drain at side of Chapel - TV survey required.
(ii) Tree affecting boundary wall by the cemetery - Mr Williams to arrange.
- p48 **Refuse collection vehicle** - Mr R Broughton to be invited to attend the November Council Meeting. Cllr W Owen Thomas was concerned that the paper collection vehicle he had seen recently travelling through the village had the doors open on each side of the vehicle, so presumably this encouraged the wind to blow the paper out from the collection vehicle.
- p48 **Dog fouling enforcement service** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported on Mr Gerwyn Davies' presentation at the recent Flintshire Forum Meeting.
- p48 **Proposed new dog bin for Hendre** - Location agreed at recent site meeting.
- p48 **Hendre Parking** - The need for a site meeting with North Wales Police was discussed.
- p48 **Road from Cilcain Church to the Waterworks** - Further work required.
- p48 **Plas Wilkin side of Coed Du Hall entrance** - Further leaves sweeping required.
- p49 **Bryn Gollen, Rhydymwyn, split channel at entrance to estate** - Work ticket raised.
- p49 **Rhydymwyn, Leete Avenue** - Site meeting with Flintshire's Survey team to be arranged.

- p49 **Nant Alyn Road, Rhydymwyn, fencing off a passing place** - Mr Williams had provided the Clerk with the name of the Officer in Flintshire's Legal Section who deals with highway legal matters. Clerk to write to Flintshire Legal.
- p49 **Overgrowing hedges, Pedair y Groesffordd and Bryn Celyn area** - Item to be discussed when Mr Ian Williams attends the Council Meeting.
- p49 **Nant Alyn Road, Caravan park up to Cae'r Eithin** - Carriageway edge breaking up. Flintshire's Financial constraints discussed.
- p49 **Church Meadow, Rhydymwyn** - Breaking up of surfacing. Item to be discussed when Mr I Williams attends the Council Meeting.
- p49 **Ffordd y Llan, between the Shop and the Square** - Flintshire requested the house owner to cut back the overhanging growth.
- p49 **Pantymwyn Road, near the Square** - Estate Agent requested to provide details of the owner's address.
- p49 **A541 Footpath style by Gas Plant, Rhydymwyn** - Mr Jon Hill had inspected the style. Clerk to pursue with Mr Hill.
- p49 **A541 Hendre bends, memorial flowers** - Clerk to pursue with Mr D Charlton
- p50 **Encroachment of green verges, Pantymwyn Road, Cilcain** - Landowners to check their deeds to seek ownership clarification.
- p50 **Gap in hedge, Rhydymwyn football ground** - opposite the Memorial Institute - Gate acquired by Flintshire. Gate to be erected.
- p50 **Road past Plas Newydd, Cilcain** - Mr I Williams to check if work has been done.
- p50 **Condition of road past the Gronfoel junction** - Mr I Williams indicated - work ongoing.
- p50 **Proposal of a bus shelter in Llys Alyn** - Details required for the Jan 2018 precept meeting.
- p50 **Timing of verge grass cutting on country lanes** - Item to be discussed when Mr Williams next attends the Council Meeting.

End of Highway Matters

(b) Non-Highway - Matters arising:

- p50 **Bath House, Coed Du, Rhydymwyn** - Clerk to write to Flintshire's Conservation Section.
- p50 **Antelope Industrial Estate, recycling plant** - Chairman Thomas reported on current position. Some material had been taken away, possibly to improve access to the site. Flintshire's Enforcement Section will be taking action if significant progress is not made before the end of the year.
- p50 **Old school yard refurbishment** - Item to be discussed later in the Meeting.

- p50 **Brown Signs, revised application** - Item to be discussed at the end of the Council Meeting.
- p50 **Canon photocopying agreement** - Clerk to make further enquiries.
- p50 **Dog control (PSBO) in Flintshire** - Item discussed earlier.
- p51 **Village Hall Lease** - Chair confirmed having signed the Statutory Declaration. Cllr Hughes and Clerk to arrange another meeting with Mr Dion Williams.

Members had noted in the Sept Council Meeting a reference in Flintshire's Website regarding parts of the 1965 Commons Registration Act being repealed by the 2006 Commons Act. Clerk had written to Gareth Owens at Flintshire to enquire if the Village Green at Cilcain was affected by the update. Reply from County Solicitor included in the correspondence part of the Agenda.

Members were reminded 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.

- p51 **Motor Cross event 20 March 2017** - Chair reported having spoken to Mr John Hill at Flintshire. Mr Hill to speak to landowner. Clerk to pursue with Mr John Hill.
- p51 **Public services Ombudsman for Wales** - Meeting 2 Oct 2017 - Chair, two Members and Clerk had attended. Members and Clerk reported at the Meeting.
- p51 **Summer Playscheme** - No attendance figures yet available from Flintshire.
- p51 **Time to meet the challenge** - Copies of document were available at the Council Meeting.
- p51 **Rhydymwyn nature reserve** - Item can now be deleted.
- p51 **Hendre Notice Board** - Chairman reported - Size modification now taking place.
- p52 **Footway between Hendre and Rhydymwyn** - Clerk to pursue hedge obstruction.
- p52 **Brithdir Mawr, Loggerheads Road** - Cllr John Worthington reported that a local resident had made enquiries with Flintshire regarding the new sign. Sign to be erected. Clerk to pursue with Mr Nick Williams.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Community Council observations requested on:

- (a) Location: Penallt, Cilcain
 Proposal: A single storey extension to provide a new family room and entrance porch
 Ref No: 057497
 Community Council observations - **no objections.**
- (b) Location: Penallt, Cilcain
 Proposal: Erection of a single storey extension to side elevation
 Ref No: 057496

Community Council observations - **no objections.**

(ii) **Planning Decisions made by Flintshire County Council** - None received

7. **CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS** Position noted on the following:

- 1) 20/09 Ysgol y Foel Summer Social - reply sent to Chair of Governors regarding the use of a Bouncy Castle on the Waen Field event.
- 2) 21/09 Lon Cilan, Cilcain - concern raised by Cilcain resident regarding garden hedges overhanging the highway footway. Item brought to the attention of Mr Ian Williams at Flintshire Streetscene. Clerk to write to Flintshire Streetscene to request Mr Ian Williams to have another look at the suitability of the width of the path for wheelchairs.
- 3) 24/09 Council's response to the Information Commissioner's Office following a complaint against the Council by Mr A. This item can be discussed at the end of the Council Meeting following the exclusion of the public and press.
- 4) 25/09 Proposed village garden adjoining the Village Hall - Copy of Council's response letter to the Village Hall Committee.
- 5) 04/10 Flintshire Forum Meeting - Cllr Gareth W Hughes, Cllr John S Douglas and the Clerk had attended the meeting on Thursday 12 Oct 2017 at Buckley Town Council Offices. Cllr Hughes reported on the topics discussed at the Forum meeting.
- 6) 06/10 Local Resolution Procedures - Information from Flintshire's Solicitor following the Meeting with the Ombudsman at Connah's Quay on 2nd Oct 2017. Council to consider in detail in due course.
- 7) 09/10 Cilcain Bonfire, 5 Nov 2017 - Cilcain YFC - request for permission to use Waen Field, plus a request for a donation. Permission given. Clerk to write to Ctee so as to include the usual conditions. Donation to assist with the Bonfire event authorised. Discussion regarding the request for a donation towards a defibrillator in Cilcain discussed at the end of the Council Meeting.
- 8) 10/10 North Wales Police - update on recent local crime from PCSO 3660. Position noted.
- 9) 10/10 One Voice Wales - copy of 'Model Complaints Policy' - Cllr Gwen Harman explained the position at the Council Meeting. Council to consider in detail in due course.
- 10) 11/10 Proposed village garden adjoining the Village Hall, Cilcain - Letter from Village Hall Sub-Committee Member enclosing an amended school yard design plan. Item to be considered at the end of the Council Meeting.

8. **MATTERS RAISED SINCE LAST MEETING** - The position was noted on the following items:

- (a) **Mountain Road, Cilcain** - A Cilcain resident (Mrs Sue Jones) reported (25 Sept) considerable discharge from the manhole cover recently installed at Mountain Road - Item reported to Mr Ian Williams at Flintshire Streetscene. Mr Williams had inspected the system. Monitoring of the system under icy conditions was considered to be critical.
- (b) **Meeting with the Ombudsman 2nd October 2017** - Item discussed earlier.

- (c) **Nant Alyn Road Speed Limit** - A Rhydymwyn resident had requested the Community Council to consider whether or not the 30 mph speed limit section in Nant Alyn Road should be extended as far as the end of The Graig end of the Yarranton new houses. Members agreed for Clerk to pursue with Flintshire's Traffic Section.
- (d) **Hendre Quarry, Liaison meeting** - A quarry liaison meeting was held at the Tarmac quarry on Wednesday 4 October - Cllr Gareth W Hughes attended the Meeting. Cllr Hughes reported on the matters discussed.
- (e) **Street Lamp, Church Meadow, Rhydymwyn** - Item discussed earlier.
- (f) **Village Hall, Statutory Declaration** - Item discussed earlier.
- (g) **Hendre Culvert** - A site meeting was held on Thursday 12 October 2017 with Tarmac's Quarry Manager. Item discussed earlier.
- (h) **Fir tree removal by the old school yard, Cilcain** - Clerk confirmed having contacted Mr Stuart Body (10 Oct) regarding the tree removal within the Conservation Area. Mr Body confirmed - permission had been given to a Member of the Village Hall Ctee.

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 items of business:

1. **Cilcain Village Hall Lease** - Members discussed the observations made at the recent Village Hall Management Ctee Meeting. The legal status of the land on which the Hall extension was built is now being questioned. The Community Council noted the observations and the matter would need to be discussed with Mr Dion Williams.

The Council would need to establish if the possible 'Victorian Law' infringement would prevent the Council applying for 'possessory title' for the 'extension land'? The lease would probably have to be put on the shelf until the possessory title is obtained.

Clerk to clarify with Mr Dion Jones if there are any further plans required

2. **Old School Yard, Cilcain Village Hall**

Members discussed the observations made in the letter (dated 11 October 2017) received from a Member of the Village Hall Management Sub Committee.

In principle, the Council was in support of the refurbishment initiative. However, the Council had reservations about certain aspects of the scheme:

- (i) The absence of cost details. Therefore, the Council felt unable to identify the amount of donation it could contribute towards the un-costed scheme.

- (ii) Members made reference to the word 'Dwell' on the hard surfacing area of the plan. Members concluded the word Dwell referred to the computer software utilised to produce the sketch plan.
- (iii) Members were slightly confused by the plan indicating a paved route between the fire escape entrance towards the kissing gate. The kissing gate would not be suitable for an emergency exit for wheelchairs. There was no description on the plan to indicate the nature of the dark grey shaded area. Members assumed it would also be a paved surfacing, but possibly different in nature from the light grey shaded area.
- (iv) Members noted that the lower third of the old school area was still depicted as gravel surface. Members felt that all the non-shrubbery area should be surfaced with disabled friendly surfacing material.
- (v) The Chairman maintained the gravel area between the entrance path and the seating should also be disabled friendly. Gravel surfacing was not therefore appropriate.

3. Donation for Defibrillator

Member discussed the proposal for Cilcain and Rhydymwyn. Members recalled the Council resolution which had been included in the January 2017 Precept meeting - If no Community Council election was held in May 2017 - then the money allocated in the Council budget for the election could be used to assist the defibrillator proposal for Rhydymwyn since the plans were now well advanced for a proposed defibrillator in Cilcain as well as Rhydymwyn. Members agreed on the following resolution:

- (a) Chair and two Cilcain Ward Members to meet the Cilcain Young Farmers' Chairman to discuss the Cilcain proposal. Favoured location for the defibrillator was the Village Hall.
- (b) Council to give a donation of £500 to assist each of the two villages.
- (c) Consideration to be given for an allocation in the Jan 2018 precept meeting for the Council to assist with a defibrillator installation in Hendre.

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

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (i) **Trial Hill, Cilcain** - Cllr Ian Hughes reported the galvanised railing tubes had slipped out of the concrete post.

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

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next meeting of the Council will be held at the at the Village Hall Cilcain at 7.30pm on 20 November 2017.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Clerk

Date: _____