

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE FOOTBALL CLUB PREMISES, RHYDYMWYN ON 16 JULY 2018.

Present: **Chairperson:** Cllr Jean Ramsay

Councillors: Janet Butlin,

J Emyr Davies

Gareth W Hughes

Ian Smith

John Worthington

The Clerk was also in attendance

Gwen Hardman

Ian Hughes

W Owen Thomas

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairwoman wished everyone present a good evening and thanked everyone for their attendance. - "Noswaith dda, croeso i bawb, a diolch ichi am ddod i'r cyfarfod heno". The Chairwoman welcomed three Cilcain residents to the meeting, including Mrs Sue Jones (Cilcain Clean and Lock).

2. APOLOGIES - Cllr Ann Baker, Cllr Pauline Douglas, Cllr Greg Foster

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

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Cllr Gareth W Hughes drew attention to an inaccuracy half way down on p147 of the June Minutes. The Minute referred to an overhanging hedge by Mill Terrace. Cllr Hughes had actually been referring to the overhanging hedge from Hendre through to Rhydymwyn.

Subject to correcting the above inaccuracy, the Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Football Club premises, Rhydymwyn on 18 June 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairwoman as being correct.

5. ATTENDANCE BY MR BARRY WILKINSON, FLINTSHIRE STREETSCENE

Chairwoman welcomed Mr Barry Wilkinson (Highway Network Manager), Mr Ian Williams (existing Area Co-ordinator) and Mr Neil Hickey (new Area Co-ordinator) to the Council Meeting. The Chairwoman explained that the Council had initially written to Mr Steve Jones at Flintshire to express concern about the apparent change in the role of the local supervisors at Flintshire. Flintshire County Councillor W Owen Thomas had previously reported to a Community Council Meeting that the local supervisors were not now responsible for identifying the priorities in their areas.

Council Members felt strongly that the general level of maintenance had deteriorated substantially as a result of the priorities being centrally controlled. Furthermore, the Community Council maintained it was very unfortunate that the central control changes had coincided with the recent maintenance funding cuts experienced by Flintshire.

Mr Wilkinson explained that the Area Coordinators were the first point of contact for the Community Council. The Area Co-ordinators are responsible for inspecting and determining the priorities within their service areas. Mr Wilkinson maintained that the centralised delivery of service from the Alltami Depot does not affect the prioritising role of the Area Co-ordinator. Highway safety is one of the factors that determines the priority for most of the work.

The Streetscene service was in high demand last winter due to the prolonged gritting operations undertaken by Flintshire. Flintshire used double the amount of salt last winter and had double the amount of callouts. Consequently, drivers who were working at night meant less operational staff being available for routine daytime works.

Flintshire Streetscene want to deliver a defect free network wherever possible. Delivering the service from a centralised hub allows Flintshire to benefit from economies of scale.

The reason for changing the Area Co-ordinators came about as a result of one of the Area Coordinators' desire to move to another post in Flintshire Streetscene. To fill the gap in one area, a couple of Area Supervisors had to change areas. The changes in Supervisors does add resilience into the system and it introduces a certain amount of freshness into the service.

Cllr Gareth W Hughes - expressed concern that work tickets had been outstanding for some time, one work ticket being outstanding for well over a year. Maintenance work used to be getting done much quicker. Mr Wilkinson maintained that Flintshire had not cut services from an operational perspective. Restructuring of the workforce had delivered efficiencies which had countered the expenditure cuts. Mr Wilkinson accepted that some delays had been due to exceptional weather circumstances and staffing issues. Flintshire was currently in the middle of a recruitment drive. However, the recruitment process is quite challenging at present.

Cllr Hughes referred to considerable amount of road works taking place in certain areas of Flintshire. A new footway was being provided in a nearby village when there was very little need for such a provision. Mr Wilkinson referred to work sometimes being carried out for specific reasons such as safe route for schools, community transport funding schemes. All improvement works are scored against a matrix in accordance with guidelines given by the Welsh Assembly.

Cllr Hughes referred to a former Area Supervisor identifying Nant Alyn as a road which required resurfacing. Nothing has happened for three or four years since. Mr Wilkinson maintained that Flintshire has to assess a road effect on the highway network. This often depends on the road being on a bus route. Does the road provide essential access to a hospital or shops? Achieving these targets often makes it difficult to justify schemes in rural areas.

Cllr Mrs Butlin - confirmed that the condition of Nant Alyn had been considered for the last two years, and in particular the need to deal with the highway surface water problem at Caer Eithin. Mr Williams indicated that the utility enquiries had been undertaken for the Caer Eithin highway surface water issue, and a work ticket issued.

Cllr W Owen Thomas - maintained that he travelled extensively throughout Flintshire in his role as a County Councillor. Cllr Thomas had noticed many areas being marked up for repairs. Cllr Thomas was not aware of any roads in the Community Council's area being marked up. Cllr Thomas referred to the Loggerheads Road being a disgrace. Mr Wilkinson indicated the major patching work had already started in Loggerheads Road and patching repairs was scheduled to continue for a number of weeks in the Community Council's area. Regarding marking up of repairs, Mr Wilkinson indicated that where the repair work was being done by a private contractor, marking up for measurements and payment purposes was normal. Where Flintshire's direct labour force was undertaking the repair, marking up was not required.

Mr Wilkinson - Flintshire tries to address problems on the rural roads when it is possible to do so. However, it is often difficult, due to the assessment system Flintshire has to follow.

Cllr Thomas referred to the grass cutting on narrow country lane being a problem. There were some examples when Flintshire's own refuse vehicles were unable to use the roads because of the overgrown verges. Mr Wilkinson indicated that verge cutting had commenced in Flintshire on 20 June this year. If the first cut is done too early, then a second cut could become necessary. Visibility splays and other visibility areas were being cut more often than once per year on rural roads.

The highway grids in Berth Road had not been cleaned out for the last eighteen months. Grass was growing out of most of them.

Cllr Thomas had written to a Senior Manager in Flintshire several months ago regarding a drainage problem at Crown Farm. However, he was still waiting for a reply. Mr Wilkinson would investigate.

Cllr Gwen Hardman - referred to the uneven road near the elderly resident bungalows on Pantymwyn Road, Cilcain. The elderly residents were not in a position to benefit from a 'matrix system' to negotiate their way to the village Shop and the Post Office.

Why does the matrix assessment system not take into account the needs of the elderly in the community? Mr Wilkinson indicated that Flintshire was trying to prioritise work in a fair and consistent manner.

Cllr Ian Hughes - referred to the number of children visiting Cilcain Village in the summer months in connection with various awards schemes. In Summer months, the overgrown verges on the narrow county lanes reduces the available visibility and creates a serious road safety hazard.

Cllr Janet Butlin - referred to white posts recently appearing in Nant Alyn to indicate where verge cutting restrictions were in place. Mr Ian Williams reported that Flintshire accepts that health and safety issues can now override the restrictions.

Cllr J Emyr Davies - indicated that Community Council Members were being extremely frustrated, month after month, with the lack of maintenance. The road conditions were the worst he had experienced for the last 25 years.

The Council Clerk referred to recent concern expressed in the Community Council Meeting that the rural roads were only being cut once per year, whereas roads in the urban areas were being cut every two or three weeks, often when there was no apparent need. Mr Wilkinson reported that the lack of grass growth this summer had resulted in a reduction in the frequency of the urban cuts. Mr Wilkinson indicated that he would be considering a second cut in the rural areas this year, but this would come at a cost.

In conclusion, Mr Wilkinson maintained the Flintshire had cut total staff, but not reduced the manpower on the operations end of the services. Flintshire had not reduced highway maintenance standards. Economies had been achieved by centralising the depot facilities.

Cllr Gwen Hardman maintained that one can only cut so far. When 50% of the total staff cut was being made, one wonders whether or not such cuts are sustainable.

Finally the Community Council passed a vote of confidence in Mr Ian Williams for the tremendous work he had done for the Community Council during his period as Area Supervisor.

The Chairwoman thanked Barry, Ian and Neil for their attendance at the Community Council meeting .

Before leaving, Mr Wilkinson indicated his willingness to attend the Community Council Meeting in 6 months time to review progress. Members requested the Clerk to arrange for Mr Neil Hickie to meet the Cilcain and Rhydymwyn Members in September for the annual walkabout meeting.

6. MATTERS ARISING:

Highway related matters:

(a) Cilcain area

p143 **Rose Lane, Cilcain**, deteriorating road surface - Awaiting resources.

p143 **Tardd y Dwr, Star Crossing Road** - The area needs further repair.

p143 **Potholes at Loggerheads Road, Cilcain** - Pothole repairs outstanding.

p143 **The Pistyll** - Mr Williams had indicated in previous Council Meetings that he was still waiting for the Technical Section to undertake the survey work.

p143 **Overhanging trees Ffordd y Llan** - Work ticket issued in Sept 2017.

p143 **Village walkabout meeting held at Cilcain, 14 July 2017** -

Mr Williams had indicated in a previous Council Meeting that he would request the Flintshire Drainage Engineer, who had done the previous survey, to have a look for the inspection chamber in the White Horse car park.

- p143 **Flooding incidence at Village Hall entrance gate** - The size of the two gulleys by the entrance to the car park need checking.
- p144 **Road from Cilcain Church to the Waterworks** - Repair work required.
- p144 **Overgrowing hedges, Pedair y Groesffordd and Bryn Celyn area** - Item to be pursued.
- p144 **Plas Newydd, Cilcain** - Work ticket issued for pothole repairs.
- p144 **Upper Cilan Lodge Road, BT cable in highway verge** - Mr Ian Williams had reported in the May Council Meeting that 60% of the highway verge area had been cleared.
- p144 **Ffordd y Llan, vegetation between the Shop and the Square** - Flintshire Streetscene to pursue.
- p144 **Pantymwyn Road, protruding hedge near the Square** - Flintshire Streetscene to pursue.
- p144 **Encroachment of green verges, Pantymwyn Road, Cilcain** - Landowners to check their deeds.
- p144 **Lon Cilan, Cilcain, hedge cutting** - Mr Ian Williams had reported in the May Council Meeting that he had written to the Ffordd y Llan resident to request the protruding hedge in Lon Cilan be cutback.
- p144 **Mountain Road, Cilcain** - Waiting for jetting machine to be made available.
- p144 **Pantymwyn Road, Cilcain** - Uneven surfacing near 'The Close'. Work ticket issued.
- p144 **Ffordd y Berth, Cilcain** - Gulleys blocked. Streetscene Area Co-coordinator to enquire why the Berth Road gulleys have not been cleaned out.
- p144 **Brithdir Mawr Lane, Loggerheads Road** - Mr Ian Williams had reported to the May Council Meeting that the Moel Famau 'straight on' sign had been delivered to Flintshire.
- p144 **Flintshire's parking survey outside the Shop in Cilcain** - Item discussed later.
- p145 **Street Lighting map for Cilcain** - Location maps required for reporting faults in Cilcain. Clerk to pursue with Flintshire's Mr Jamie Bennett.
- p145 **Crown Farm, Ffordd y Llan** - Cllr W Owen Thomas still waiting for a reply from Streetscene's Central Co-ordinator.
- p145 **Rhydymwyn Playing Field, new seat** - Mr Neil Hickie to meet the Clerk to mark out the agreed concrete slab location in the Donkey Field.

The replacement plaques also need sorting out for all the older seats owned by the Community Council.

- p145 **Brown signs** - Item to be discussed later.
- p145 **Adjoining White Horse, Cilcain, obstructive parking** - Correspondence received from North Wales Police indicating that the resident will in future be parking elsewhere. Position to be monitored.
- p145 **Berth Road, sink hole** - Streetscene operatives to arrange for the sink hole to be filled.
- (b) **Rhydymwyn area**
- p145 **Coping Stone, Church Meadow** - Plastic warning post now being considered as an option.
- p146 **Depression in carriageway outside No 1 Church Meadow** - Work ongoing.
- p146 **Longitudinal crack in carriageway - Coed Du Hall entrance.** Mr Neil Hickie to pursue.
- p146 **Llys Alyn play area** Members noted in the October 2017 Council Meeting that there were two aspects to the play area issue:
- (a) The boundary fence.
 - (b) The rotting timber posts used for youngsters to climb on.
Mr Ian Williams had indicated in the June Council Meeting that Streetscene would now be responsible for these two items of repair.
- p146 **Donkey Field play equipment defects** - Cllr Mrs Janet Butlin had reported in the June Council Meeting:
- (a) Top horizontal bar in central slide equipment.
 - (b) Stiffness of Zip Wire needed looking at.
 - (c) Rocking horse
- Clerk reported having notified Mr Richard Roberts of these complaints.
- Inspection schedule - Clerk had made enquiries regarding the frequency of play equipment inspection. Weekly safety inspections are made by Flintshire.
- Members noted that the wood table and bench unit had been taken away prior to the July Council Meeting. Clerk had checked with Mr Richard Roberts. Mr Roberts indicated that the damaged unit had been taken away by Flintshire for workshop repairs to take place. Clerk to pursue.
- p146 **Street lighting repairs, Rhydymwyn, Nant Alyn** - Clerk confirmed that he had sent a reminder to Deeco Lighting.
- p146 **Bryn Gollen, Rhydymwyn**- split channel at entrance to estate - Work ticket raised.
- p146 **Rhydymwyn, Leete Avenue** - Flintshire's survey to be arranged. Mr Neil Hickie to pursue
- p146 **Nant Alyn Road, Caravan park up to Cae'r Eithin** - Repair works on a Flintshire Work ticket. Drainage repair works outside Cae'r Eithin is also on a Work ticket.

- p147 **Church Meadow, Rhydymwyn** - Repair to road surfacing. Slurry sealing to be tried on this road.
- p147 **Proposed bus shelter in Llys Alyn** - Clerk reported having contacted Jessica Pritchard to arrange a site meeting at Llys Alyn. Streetscene is prepared to provide the concrete base.
- p147 **Overhanging hedge, Hendre** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes referred to an overhanging hedge from Hendre through to Rhydymwyn needed cutting back. Mr Neil Hickie to pursue.
- p147 **Cuts to local bus routes** - Cllr Gwen Hardman enquired if Flintshire had taken any decisions on bus route cuts yet. Flintshire's decision expected this week regarding bus route cuts.
- p147 **Cefn Road, by Pandy Cottage** - Leaning tree. Work ticket issued.
- p147 **Dolfechlas Road visibility at Church Lane junction** - Flintshire Streetscene to pursue.
- p147 **Winnwood Gulley, Dolfechlas Road** - Work ticket had been raised for the frame lifting and reconstruction work around the gulley frame.
- p147 **Settlement adjoining gas trench in Dolfechlas Road** - Flintshire to undertake the repair work.
- p147 **Salt bin next to former Ysgol y Ddol school** - Salt bin needs relocating.
- p147 **A541, Rhydymwyn, stile by gas plant** - Item to stay on Agenda.
- p148 **Nant Alyn Road, white posts** - Mr Ian Williams had reported on the position earlier.
- (c) **Hendre area**
- p148 **Hendre culvert** - Silt material - Work ticket issued for removal of materials from the Coed y Felin parking area.
- p148 **Proposed new dog bin for Hendre** - Flintshire arranging for an inner lining for the bin.
- p148 **Wooden rail fence by the Hendre Culvert.** Flintshire Streetscene to pursue.
- (d) **General area**
- p148 **Pothole repairs, generally** - Item discussed earlier.
- p148 **Refuse collection vehicle** - Mr R Broughton to be invited to attend a future Council Meeting.

End of Highway Matters

- (b) **Non-Highway Matters arising:**

- p148 **Wellingtonia Tree, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr W Owen Thomas reported that a Flintshire Housing Officer was arranging to inspect the damage / repair at Leete Avenue. The Flintshire Officer would look at the tree issue at Llys Alyn at the same time.
- p148 **Bath House, Rhydymwyn** - Clerk had passed the correspondence from the North Wales water divining group on to Eleanor Carpenter at Flintshire Conservation Section.
- p148 **Hendre Notice Board** - Cllr W Owen Thomas reported he would be collecting the new Notice Board for Cilcain in the next few days. The design for the smaller Notice Board for Cilcain would be available this week. Clerk authorised to arrange for the Hendre Notice Board payment prior to the September Council Meeting.
- p149 **Tree in Cilcain Cemetery** - Mr Williams had arranged to speak to Mr Dewi Ellis with a view to having a visual inspection undertaken to check for nesting.
- p149 **A541/ Coed y Felin junction - fly tipping** - Fly tipping in the parking area 100 yds from the Coed y Felin junction. The item had been reported by the Clerk to Flintshire on two separate occasions. Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported having visited the site yesterday. Most of the material had now died off. The silt material from the culvert cleaning by Flintshire was still in place. Clerk to pursue with Mr Neil Hickie. The Clerk reported he had been given a reference number for the fly tipping complaint. An Enforcement Officer had telephoned the Clerk to enquire about location details. However, no feedback was received to indicate whether or not the complaint had been dealt with.
- **Antelope Inn, Rhydymwyn, fly tipping** - Clerk to report fly tipping around recycling skips to Flintshire Streetscene and Flintshire Public Protection Section.
- p149 **Verge cutting on rural roads** - Work had now started.
- p149 **Parking Survey Cilcain** - Item to be discussed under the Correspondence part of the Agenda.
- p149 **Rhydymwyn Cemetery - Welsh Water easement** - Clerk had written to Welsh Water's Property Section to establish:
 - (i) the exact location of the water supply pipe.
 - (ii) the width of easement required by Welsh Water.
Clerk and Cllr Ian Smith noted that there was no email address given on Welsh Water's website. Cllr Gareth W Hughes and Clerk to meet Welsh Water's local supervisor at the cemetery.
- p154 **A5451 Slurry spreading on farm land near the Bowling green** - Clerk reported that the complaint had now been dealt with. Item can now be removed.
- **Sheep complaint** - Cllr W Owen Thomas had received a telephone complaint about sheep, but the person making the complaint had not indicated the nature or location of the problem. No other Council Members were aware of a current sheep problem. The Chairwoman referred to twenty or so sheep on the road in Hendre recently. The farmer had been contacted and the matter had been dealt with.

p149 **Site meeting at Hendre** - Clerk to contact Mr Lee Shone to enquire regarding any progress made with introducing the speed reduction measures.

7. **NORTH WALES POLICE**

Connor Freel from North Wales Police not in attendance, but local crime report included in the correspondence pack circulated to Members with the Agenda.

8. **CHAIRWOMAN'S REQUEST FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING:**

- (a) **Council Website update** - The Chairwoman thanked Cllr Gwen Hardman and Cllr Ian Smith for assisting the Clerk in updating the Community Council's website. The Complaints procedure will be discussed later, and can be added to the website when formally approved by the Council.

The Council formally adopted the Complaints Procedure Policy Document which had been prepared by Cllr Gwen Hardman. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Hardman to prepare an introductory paragraph. The policy document can then be added to the Council's website.

- (b) **Cilcain play area** - Members noted that other issues had held up progress for the last two years on the play area scheme. The Minerals grant funding had also now entirely disappeared, so that the experience gained by the Council on the minerals funding applications procedures was no longer relevant. Fortunately, Cllr Gwen Hardman had been successful in obtaining grant funding for several non council projects in Cilcain village recently.

The Clerk referred to plans having been prepared and costs identified by Mr Richard Roberts from Flintshire County Council. The proposals would need to be looked at again and the estimates updated.

Members had discussed previously the possibility of a sub group of Cilcain Ward Members getting together to review the position. Clerk to discuss the plans with Mr Richard Roberts, and arrange a Cilcain Ward Members meeting.

- (c) **Plaques on Memorial benches** - Clerk and Cllr Gareth W Hughes to collect the size measurements of all existing memorial plaques, including details of the inscriptions, so that new plastic based plaques can be purchased.

9. **PLANNING MATTERS**

Community Council observation requested on:

- (a) Proposal: Erection of single storey extension
Location: 9 Nant Alyn Road, Rhydymwyn, CH7 5HQ
Ref No: 058590

The Community Council has **no objection** to the proposed development, subject to the external materials used for the extension being in keeping with the existing dwelling.

- (b) Location: Site adjacent to Bryn Rhodyn, Cefn Road, Cilcain
Proposal : Proposed development of 9 No holiday lodges
Ref No: 056448

The Community Council **strongly objects** to the application for the following reasons:

- (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 to a quarry and a building products retail yard (Trimm Rock and Lloyds Spar respectively) the site location is unsuitable for a holiday type development. The dust and noise from Spar Quarry has been the subject of numerous complaints recently received by the Community Council from the adjoining residents in Cefn Road. The use of the approach road by heavy articulated wagons from the Star Crossing direction has also been the subject of recent local complaints. Therefore, consideration should be given to undertaking offsite road improvements in conjunction with the development. Alignment improvement to the bend at Ty Coch and Brynmair would fall into the category of necessary offsite approach road improvements.
 - (iv) The road from the application's 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 more suitable, 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. Photographs to be submitted.
 - (v) Any site administration facility required for the holiday type development should be included in one of the proposed lodges.
- (2) **Planning decisions made by Flintshire County Council**: None received as of 10 July 2018. Members noted that a weekly decisions list is received from Flintshire Planning. The latest list had been received on the 4 July 2018. Unfortunately, the information contained in the 4th July list included decisions made by Flintshire up to 1 June 2018. Members noted, therefore, that the information presented to the Community Council meeting every month is six to seven weeks out of date.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS**

Exclusion of Press and Public - In pursuant of Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, it will be appropriate for correspondence items no 6 below to be discussed after the press and public have been excluded.

- 1) 20/06 **Grassed area in Park-y Llan Cilcain** - Email from Cilcain resident to express concern regarding the grassed area at the entrance of the Park y Llan estate not being cut this year. Copy of the letter was forwarded to Mr Steve Jones, Flintshire's Head of Streetscene. Clerk reported that Flintshire had stopped cutting the highway verge on the basis that there was no footway in front of the verge. Flintshire's policy had previously been interpreted that all grass areas within a 30 mph zone would be cut approximately thirteen times per year. The Area Coordinator, Mr Ian Williams had been attempting to have the amenity area cut for several months, but to no avail.
- 2) 21/06 **Tourism signs, Cilcain** - Response from Flintshire County Council regarding the Community Council 's concern regarding a parking survey undertaken by Flintshire County Council. Members recalled that residents from Ffordd y Llan had expressed concern regarding a Flintshire Survey Contractor carrying out measurements to establish the number of parking bays which could be provided outside the former Shop premises at Ffordd y Llan. The Council had written to Flintshire on the 24 April to enquire who paid for the parking survey, and to express concern that the survey work had been undertaken when the former Shop had been closed for several weeks prior to the survey taking place. Members considered certain aspects of the response letter received from Flintshire County Council at the end of the Council Meeting.
- 3) 21/06 **Vehicle Obstruction, Cilcain** - Item discussed earlier.
- 4) 26/06 **Grassed area in Park-y Llan Cilcain** - Response email from Mr Steve Jones to the Community Council's email expressing concern regarding the lack of maintenance on this amenity area. Mr Jones indicated that he was prepared to revisit the maintenance position. Item discussed earlier.
- 5) 27/06 **Grassed Area, Parc y Llan, Cilcain** - Information from Cilcain resident regarding the status of the grassed area on the approach road to the Park y Llan estate. Position noted.
- 6) 29/06 **Match Funding Scheme** Information from Flintshire's Organisational Change Section regarding the availability of grant for Play Area refurbishment schemes. Item discussed earlier in the Council meeting. Options to be discussed at a site meeting between Mr Richard Roberts and the Cilcain Ward Members.
- 7) 01/07 **Permission to install a sculpture in the Old School Yard, Cilcain** - Request from Secretary of the Village Hall Management Committee. Council approved sculpture, subject to the safety aspects being carefully considered. Insurance cover to be checked.
- 8) 02/06 **Suspicious gathering of youths - Rhydymwyn** - Information from Rhydymwyn resident detailing the circumstances of the concern. Information being sent to North Wales Police. Need to make a note of the vehicle registration numbers was emphasised.

The Chairwoman reported that the position has recently improved.

- 9) 04/07 **Attendance at Council Meetings** - Enquiry from Cilcain resident. Position noted.
- 10) 05/07 **Cilcain Village Hall lease** - Request received from Council's Solicitor. Item to be discussed later in the meeting.
- 11) 05/07 **Brown signs** - Copy of a letter from Mr Richard L Jones to the Secretary of Cilcain Church Ctee regarding the single logo application from the Church.

Members noted that Flintshire had informed the Community Council and the County Councillor of the outcome of the Church's single logo application. Members agreed to request Flintshire to inform the Community Council and the County Councillor in future, when single logo applications are received by Flintshire.

- 12) 06/07 **Spar Quarry, Cefn Road, Cilcain** - Letter from Cilcain resident detailing the concerns Cefn Road residents have about the dust from the Spar Quarry establishment .

Cllr W Owen Thomas had spoken to Mr Gary Nancarrow in Flintshire's Minerals Section and Mr Glyn Jones in Flintshire's Planning Control section. Cllr Thomas to enquire further with Mr Nancarrow to establish the nature of planning conditions relevant to the Spar Quarry operation.

Cllr Gwen Hardman expressed concern regarding:

- (i) Road verges on Spar Quarry approach road covered with dust.
- (ii) Litter thrown out by wagon drivers on approach road having to be picked up by residents.

Cllr Hardman felt the Spar Quarry operation could be classed as a retail distribution facility with a connection to minerals. Cllr Hardman had noted on the Internet that Spar Quarry operator had applied to the Traffic Commissioner for a licence to operate 7 wagons and 5 trailers from the Quarry. Cllr Hardman wondered if this was an indication that expansion was being planned?

Cllr Thomas indicated he would discuss the position again with the Quarry Manger as soon as he has access to the conditions which apply to the minerals retail facility operation.

Clerk to pursue with Flintshire and keep residents informed of the current position.

- 13) 06/07 **Brown Signs Application** - Letter from Cilcain resident expressing concern regarding the contents of the Community Council recent letter to the Secretary of Cilcain's Church Committee. Copy of letter sent to the Church Secretary dated 27 June 2018 had been circulated to Members prior to the Council Meeting. Clerk to write to the Cilcain resident.
- 14) 06/07 **Grassed area, Parc y Llan, Cilcain** - Update from Cilcain resident regarding the maintenance of the grassed area by Flintshire County Council. Item discussed earlier.

- 15) 09/07 **North Wales Police** - Area crime report for the past month from PCSO 3928 Connor Freel. Position noted.
- 6) 12/07 **Revised brown signs application and parking survey** - Information requested from Flintshire Business Development Officer. Item to be discussed at end of Council Meeting.
- 17) 13/07 **Bus Service Concerns** - Concern received from Cilcain resident regarding Flintshire's proposal to cut bus routes. Clerk reported having spoken to Jessica Pritchard from Flintshire. Jessica indicated that Flintshire was likely to acquire 9 mini buses for operating in the rural areas. The proposed mini buses would be able to accommodate wheelchairs etc.
- The final decision on the bus service would be taken by Flintshire on Wednesday 18 July. The mini buses would be able to accommodate wheelchair passengers etc.
- Cllr W Owen Thomas maintained that Flintshire's bus service in the rural areas was likely to continue without too much change.
- 18) 05/07 **Road Closure for Events** - Information from Flintshire's Streetscene and Transportation Section. Position noted.
- 19) -- **Code of Practice for Local Councils in Handling Complaints** - The draft Code of Practice compiled by Cllr Gwen Hardman had been circulated to Council Members prior to the meeting. Members considered and approved the Policy document. Introduction paragraph to be added.
- 20) 10/07 **Spar Quarry, Cefn Road Cilcain** - Copy of correspondence between Cefn Road resident and the Assembly Member. Item discussed earlier in Council Meeting.

11. **MATTERS RAISED SINCE THE 18 JUNE 2018 COUNCIL MEETING**

- (i) **Waen Field, re-seeding after the Nov 2017 bonfire** - The Chairman of the Cilcain YFC reported (20 June) that the area, where the bonfire was, had been re-seeded in the spring of 2018. Unfortunately, due to the damp and cold spring this year, the seed had not grown too well. Cilcain YFC indicated the Club would re-seed again. Cllr John Worthington had been contacted by the Clerk. Cllr Worthington reported at the Council Meeting that he had inspected the bonfire area. Cllr Worthington confirmed that recent re-seeding had taken place but the seed was unlikely to flourish until we have better grass growing weather.
- (ii) **Council website** - Cllr Ian Smith reported (20 June) that the schedule of Council Meetings has now been added to the Cilcain Community Council website.
- (iii) **Street Lamp, Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (27 June) the street lamp next to Winwood was day burning intermittently. Item had been reported to Deeco Lighting. Cllr Hughes reported at the Council Meeting that the lamp had now been fixed.

- (iv) **Suspicious gathering by youths, Rhydymwyn** - Verbal report (29 June) had been received from Rhydymwyn resident regarding suspicious gathering by youths in late evening at the Church Lane parking area. Item had been reported to Connor Freel at North Wales Police. Item dealt with earlier in the Council Meeting.
- (v) **Grassed area in Park-y Llan Cilcain** - Mr Ian Williams had reported (6 July) on his discussions with Mr Steve Jones regarding the grassed area at Park y Llan. Flintshire will now be reverting to cutting the grass on the Parc y Llan entrance Road on a 13 times per year basis. Item dealt with earlier in Council meeting.
- (vi) **Change of Streetscene Supervisor for the Council's area** - Mr Ian Williams had reported (6 July) that in the next few weeks, he would be moving area. The new Streetscene Supervisor for the Cilcain area was to be Mr Neil Hickey
- (vii) **Grassed area in Park-y Llan Cilcain** - Mr Ian Williams reported (11 July) that the grass area on the entrance of the estate had now been cut. Item discussed earlier.

12. **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:

- 1. **Donation towards old school yard refurbishment** - Donation agreed.
- 2. **Tourism signs and parking survey, Cilcain** - Members discussed the letter received from Mr Richard L Jones in Flintshire's Tourism Section. Clerk to write to Mr Richard Jones at Flintshire.
- 3. **Village Hall Lease** - Clerk to arrange a meeting with the Council's Solicitor. Chairwoman, one Cilcain Member and Clerk to attend.

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

13. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** -

- (i) **Pedestrian Crossing, A 541 Rhydymwyn** - Members referred to the discussion which had taken place at the June Council Meeting regarding the need to enquire with Flintshire County Council regarding the possibility of having a pedestrian crossing on the A541 in Rhydymwyn. Cllr W Owen Thomas had initially thought that pedestrian crossings could not be installed if the speed limit was above 30mph. Cllr Thomas to arrange a site visit with Flintshire's Traffic Engineer.
- (ii) **Dolfechlas Road / Leete Park junction, Rhydymwyn** - Depression on the Dolfechlas Road side of the tarmac hump at the junction of Leete Park and Dolfechlas Road. Clerk to pursue with Mr Neil Hickey.
- (iii) **Play Area Rhydymwyn, maintenance of equipment** - Items discussed earlier.

- (iv) **Donkey Field, Rhydymwyn** - Request from a Rhydymwyn resident to use the area near the vehicular entrance gate for function parking on 28 July. Permission given. Gareth W Hughes and Cllr Ian Smith to act as 'parking stewards' for the 90 minute function duration.
- (v) **Star crossing Road, Cilcain** - Need for 40 mph speed restriction control on Star Crossing Road. Item raised by Cllr J Emyr Davies. Cllr W Owen Thomas had recently written to Mr Steve Jones at Flintshire. Reply awaited.
- (vi) **Splay entrance to Welsh Water's Treatment plant, Rhydymwyn** - Clerk to pursue with Flintshire Streetscene.

14. **PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS** - To submit the accounts scheduled in the Appendix for payment.

15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for 7.30 pm Monday 17 September 2018 at the Football Club premises, Rhydymwyn.

Signed Chairman Date: Clerk