

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE FOOTBALL CLUB PREMISES, RHYDYMWYN ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2018.

Present: **Chairperson:** Cllr Jean Ramsay
 Councillors: Ann Baker J Emyr Davies
 Pauline Douglas Gwen Hardman
 Gareth W Hughes Ian Hughes
 Ian Smith John Worthington
 The Clerk was also in attendance

1. **CHAIRWOMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

The Chairwoman welcomed everyone to the Council meeting after the Council's August holiday break. 'Croeso a gobeithio eich bod wedi mwynhau eich gwyliau'. The Chairwoman welcomed three Cilcain residents to the meeting, including Mrs Sue Jones (Cilcain Clean and Lock).

The Chairwoman referred to the need for the amount of information included in the Council Minutes to be reduced. Also a reduction in the number of correspondence items copied to Council Members was agreed.

Members agreed that only the specific highway items mentioned in a particular Council Meeting would be included in future Council Minutes. Where work tickets had been issued for various highway repair works, future Minutes would refer to these items when the repair items had been undertaken.

2. **APOLOGIES** - Cllr Janet Butlin, Cllr Greg Foster, Cllr W Owen Thomas.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - A declaration of interest was received from Cllr Ian Smith regarding the correspondence item for the Rhydymwyn Bonfire Committee.

4. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** - the Minutes of the 16 July 2018 Minutes were confirmed as being correct, subject to the 'date of the next meeting' being corrected.

5. **MATTERS ARISING: - Highway related:**

(a) **Cilcain area**

p161 **Potholes Loggerheads Road** - Work completed. Item can now be deleted.

p161 **The Pistyll** - Level survey to take place.

p162 **Overgrown hedge Pedair y Groesffordd** - Name of landowner given to Mr Neil Hickey.

p162 **Upper Cilan Lodge Road, BT cable in verge** - Mr Neil Hickey to contact landowner to clarify land ownership issue.

- p162 **Pantymwyn Road, protruding hedge near the Square** - Mr Hickey has agreed with the owner. for the hedge to be cut twice per year for the next two years. Item can now be deleted
- p162 **Lon Cilan, Cilcain, hedge cutting** - Hedge at rear of Bod Erw looked at in recent walkabout meeting. Flintshire to serve a hedge cutting Notice. The need to provide a minimum footway width to accommodate wheelchairs was discussed.
- p162 **Mountain Road, Cilcain** - Mr Neil Hickey reported that the system had been jetted in the last month. Item can now be deleted.
- p162 **Pantymwyn Road, Cilcain** - Uneven surfacing near 'The Close'. Flintshire advocating slurry seal of a road section between Is y Mynydd and the Square.
- p162 **Ffordd y Berth, Cilcain** - Gulleys cleaned out. Item can now be deleted.
- p162 **Brithdir Mawr Lane, Loggerheads Road** - Moel Famau - 'straight on' sign now erected. Flintshire requested to pursue discussions with the Sat Nav firms to amend their maps. Cllr Worthington reported having received reports from a Brithdir Mawr Lane residents that the position was now significantly improved.
- **Star Crossing Road overhanging trees in highway verge needing cutting back** - Mr Neil Hickie conformed that this work was on Mr Dewi Ellis' scheduled work list.
- p162 **Street Lighting map for Cilcain** - Clerk reported street lighting map now received from Mr Jamie Bennett. Item can now be deleted.
- p162 **Crown Farm, Ffordd y Llan** - Mr N Hickie reported gulleys and gulley connection system jetted. The roadside channel had also been cleaned out giving improved access to the gulley system. Mr Hickie to inspect under wet weather conditions. Cllr Thomas had recently expressed concern that one of the gulleys was set slightly above road channel level.
- p162 **Rhydymwyn Playing Field, new seat** - Mr Neil Hickie to measure new seat so that concrete slab can be provided. All the existing plaques had been measured. A photograph of each plaque was tabled at the Council Meeting. Clerk and Cllr Gareth W Hughes to arrange for new plaques to be supplied. Member agreed which existing plaques needed replacing
- p163 **Berth Road, sink hole** - Work done. Item can now be deleted.
- (b) **Rhydymwyn area**
- p163 **Street lighting repairs, Rhydymwyn, Nant Alyn** - Clerk confirmed he had sent a reminder to Deeco Lighting.
- p163 **Bryn Gollen, Rhydymwyn** - Split channel at entrance to estate - Item to be looked at in the Rhydymwyn walkabout meeting.
- p163 **Rhydymwyn, Leete Avenue** - Item to be looked at in Rhydymwyn walkabout.

- p163 **Nant Alyn Road, Caravan park up to Cae'r Eithin** - Item to be looked at in Rhydymwyn walkabout.
- p163 **Church Meadow, Rhydymwyn** - Item to be looked at in Rhydymwyn walkabout.
- p164 **Proposed bus shelter in Llys Alyn** - Item to be looked at in Rhydymwyn walkabout.
- p164 **Overhanging hedge, Hendre** - Item to be discussed in Rhydymwyn walkabout meeting.
- p164 **Dolfechlas Road visibility at Church Lane junction** - Item to be looked at in Rhydymwyn walkabout.
- p164 **Winnwood Gulley, Dolfechlas Road** - Item to be looked at in Rhydymwyn walkabout.
- p164 **Settlement adjoining gas trench in Dolfechlas Road** - Item to be looked at in Rhydymwyn walkabout.
- p164 **Salt bin next to former Ysgol y Ddol school** - Item to be looked at in Rhydymwyn walkabout.

(c) **Hendre area**

- p164 **Wooden rail fence by the Hendre Culvert** - Item to be discussed in Rhydymwyn walkabout and also in the forthcoming Tarmac Quarry Liaison meeting scheduled for the end of October.
- p164 **New Dog bin for Hendre** - Bin now operational. Item can now be deleted.
- **Culvert at rear of Mill Terrace** - Mr Neil Hickie reported he was receiving requests for information about the status of the culvert at the rear of Mill Terrace. Mr Hickie had passed the request over to Flintshire's Land Drainage Section for their observations.

The Clerk referred to the culvert downstream of Mill Terrace having been replaced by Flintshire after the Winter 2000 Floods (in front of Glan yr Afon). However, the work was probably done using 'permissive' land drainage powers, with grant money received from the Welsh Assembly. This did not make the County Council responsible for further improvement work on the same system, or responsible for maintenance work on the culvert replaced by the County Council.

(d) **General area**

- **Pen y Cefn down past Y Vardo** - Cllr J Emyr Davies reported a number of potholes on the section of road from Pen y Cefn and down past Y Vardo. The Clerk reported he had recently sent Mr Hickey a location plan to identify the location of this problem area. Mr Hickie to check Flintshire's system to ensure that this problem area is included.
- p164 **Pothole repair generally** - Mr Neil Hickey referred to the matrix system of determining which roads within Flintshire that can be prioritised for pothole repair and resurfacing. Mr Hickey explained how the matrix assessment is based on a scoring system.

End of Highway Matters

The Chairwoman thanked Mr Neil Hickey for his attendance. The Chair felt that the work achieved by Mr Hickey during the last month has been 'simply amazing', and his efforts had been very much appreciated by the Community Council.

MATTERS ARISING - non highway related:

- p164 **Wellingtonia Tree, Rhydymwyn** - Item to be discussed when Cllr W Owen Thomas is in attendance.
- p165 **Bath House, Rhydymwyn** - Clerk confirmed having written to Flintshire Conservation. Item can now be deleted.
- p165 **Hendre Notice Board** - Item to be discussed when Cllr W Owen Thomas is in attendance.
- **Cilcain Notice Board** - Cllr Gwen Hardman reported at the 17 Sept Council Meeting that the replacement Notice Board for Cilcain had been erected this afternoon.
- p165 **Tree in Cilcain Cemetery** - Mr Neil Hickey reported earlier that the tree removal was on his list.
- p165 **A541/ Coed y Felin junction** - Mr Hickey to arrange removal of silt debris from the Coed y Felin parking area.
- p165 **Antelope Inn, Rhydymwyn, fly tipping** - Item to be looked at in Rhydymwyn walkabout. Flintshire now arranging for recycling bins to be removed. Clerk reported having contacted the telephone number on the recycling skip. Clerk informed that Flintshire had been paying for the skips for the last 15 years.
- p165 **Rhydymwyn Cemetery - Welsh Water easement** - Item to be discussed under the correspondence items on the Agenda.
- p165 **Site meeting at Hendre** - Clerk to enquire with Lee Shone regarding any progress made with introducing the speed reduction measures.
- p166 **Council website update** - Cllr Gwen Hardman explained that the Complaints Procedure agreed in the July Council meeting needed an introductory paragraph before adding the item on to the Council website.
- p166 **Plaques on memorial benches** - Clerk had photographed and measured the plaques on each memorial bench. Two sets of photographs were tabled at the meeting. Clerk and Cllr Gareth W Hughes to proceed with replacing the existing plaques which had become nearly illegible. The plaque down Pentre Road was legible. The plaque outside the Church needed replacing on a 'like for like' basis. The Football Club seat and the Dolfechlas Road seat to be replaced with a 'like for like' inscription.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

1. **Community Council observation requested on:**

- (a) Proposal: Erection of garden room extension and dormer window to roof
Location: Bwlch Cottage, Bwlch Lane, Cilcain
Ref No: 058854
Community Council's observations - No objection.

(2) **Planning decisions made by Flintshire County Council:**

- (a) Proposal: Application for a lawful development certificate for the proposed erection of a single storey extension.
Location: 8 Parc y Llan, Cilcain
Ref No: 058535
Decision: Approved by Delegated-Officer
- (b) Proposal: Construction of shed for storing tractor, trailer, agricultural machinery tools
Location: Ty Cerrig, Rhydymwyn
Ref No: 058480
Decision: Approved by Delegated-Officer
- (c) Proposal: Application for the approval of details reserved by condition no 10 attached to planning permission Ref No 057421
Location: Pen y Cefn Farm, Rhydymwyn
Ref No: 058562
Decision: Approved by Delegated-Officer
- (d) Proposal: Erection of single storey extension
Location: 9 Nant Alyn Road, Rhydymwyn, CH7 5HQ
Ref No: 058590
Decision: Approved by Delegated-Officer
- (e) Proposal: Erection of 2No holiday lodges
Location: Trelan Newydd, Cilcain
Ref No: 058394
Decision: Approved by Delegated-Officer

7. **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) 23/07 **Brown Sigs Application** - Note of thanks from Cilcain resident for the Council's response letter dated 21 July 2018. Position noted.

2) 27/07

Cilcain Play Area - Participation with the community - request for information from local resident.

Clerk reported that a meeting had taken place on site at Cilcain with Mr Richard Roberts approximately two year ago. The items of play equipment to be added had been agreed. Confirmation had been received at the time that the new equipment would be suitable for use by children of all ages.

When the last application was done for Rhydymwyn, a public meeting had been held attended by approximately 50 village residents and children. Different groups of residents required different type of equipment, and a general consensus was only eventually reached with some considerable difficulty.

In the Rhydymwyn scheme, the Council was fairly confident of receiving a grant for the refurbishment. The 75% Minerals grant has now completely disappeared and the Council took the view two years ago it would not be appropriate to raise the public's expectations, when the financing grant for the Cilcain scheme might not even materialise.

The plans were drawn up two years ago. There was now a need to update the costs so the application could be prepared.

Mr Parkhurst was invited by the Chair to table his views. Mr Parkhurst explained that when the original refurbishment was carried out some 7 or 8 years ago, a lot of money was spent and the scheme had not improved the play value of the play area. In fact, Mr Parkhurst went as far as to say that the work had in fact detracted from the play value of the original play area. Mr Parkhurst maintained that some of the equipment was now positively dangerous to use by some of the younger children. Mr Parkhurst wanted parents to be involved in the scheme design to ensure any further work does not make the position worse.

The Clerk maintained that the Community Council relies on the professional expertise of the Play Area design team in Flintshire. Flintshire's design team has years of experience in providing successful play area schemes throughout Flintshire. This experience allows them to assess what is attractive and safe to use by all age groups of children.

Cllr Gwen Hardman maintained that the grant application would be particularly difficult on this occasion, given the changes in the funding regime. Therefore it is necessary to be clear about any changes at an early stage.

The Chairwoman thanked Mr Parkhurst for his attendance and his observations. The Council will endeavour to liaise with Mr Parkhurst in due course.

3) 03/08

Rhydymwyn and Hendre - Fly tipping - Information from Flintshire Customer Services. Cllr Ian Smith had noted that one of the emails included in the correspondence pack referred to fly tipping around the recycling skips. Cllr Smith

wanted to clarify there was no evidence to point to the fly tipping being done by 'local residents'.

4) 03/08 **Village Hall Cilcain** - Wasp nest treatment - report received from Cllr Gwen Hardman. Payment of £36 approved for treatment work undertaken by Flintshire C C.

-)17/08 **Cilcain Village Gardens event - request to use Waen Field for parking for the 2019 event** - A copy of the request had been emailed to all Council Members. The letter was read out at the Council meeting by Cllr Ian Smith.

Cllr Gwen Hardman read out observations which had been prepared by Cllr Owen Thomas:

- (a) The Waen Field is a village green.
- (b) As a village green it is subject to a number of restrictions and Acts of Parliament.
- (c) The Council as owner of the village green has to abide by the Law.

Cllr J Emyr Davies maintained that the Waen Field was essentially a play area used for recreation purposes.

Cllr Gwen Hardman - If we have one objection from one determined objector - the Council could potentially have considerable problems in dealing with the law issue. The Council already has recently received an objection from a Cilcain resident in relation to another matter relating to the Village Green.

In conclusion, the Chairwoman requested the Clerk to write to the applicant to indicate that it is beyond the powers of the Council to give permission for parking.

5) 17/08 **Antelope, Rhydymwyn - fly tipping** - Confirmation from Flintshire that the recycling skips will be removed and Flintshire will clear the rubbish from the area around the skips. Position noted.

6) 23/08 **North Wales Police** - Local crime update for July - August from Connor Freel. Position noted.

7) 28/08 **Cilcain Show** - Request from Show Committee Treasurer for donation for field boundary hedge cutting. Payment / Donation approved. Cllr J Emyr Davies reported that whoever did the work had done a tidy job. Observations to be included in next year's permission letter to the Show Committee that the Council normally arranges for the hedge cutting of its own boundaries.

8) 30/08 **Rhydymwyn Public Cemetery** - Information from Welsh Water Customer Services. Item discussed elsewhere. In the first meeting, Mr Wingeat had a plan with him showing that the water main was on the Church side of the Church Lane boundary hedge.

Prior to the meeting, Mr Gareth Bellis had used his divining rods, and come up with the opinion that the water main was located on the cemetery side of the boundary hedge.

However, Mr Wingeate agreed to arrange for excavating around the sluice valve (SV) to establish the direction of the main leaving the SV chamber.

The subsequent excavation established that the Sluice Valve was in fact a Hydrant, and that the main from the hydrant chamber was heading towards the back corner of the cemetery. Cllr Gareth Hughes and the Clerk left the second meeting on the understanding that Welsh Water would be excavating in the back corner boundary of the cemetery.

For details of the follow-on site meetings Members may wish to refer to Item 8(ii) and Item 8(v) below.

- 9) 30/8 **County Forum Meeting in October 2018** - Forum Meeting scheduled for 23 October at County Hall. Position noted. Chair, Cllr Gwen Hardman and Clerk to attend.
- 10) 05/09 **Defibrillator, Cilcain** - Cilcain resident (Mrs Sue Jones) had submitted a photograph of the new defibrillator having been erected near the Village Hall entrance. Cllr Ann Baker had recently been to give a talk to the Village Hall Ctee on the use of defibrillators in the community.
- 11) 06/09 **Brithdir Mawr Lane** - Photograph received from Cllr John Worthington to confirm the (black on yellow background) information sign had now been erected at the entrance to Brithdir Mawr Lane - 'No vehicular access to Moel Famau'. The photograph was available at the Council Meeting.
- 12) 08/09 **Rhydymwyn Fireworks Display** - Request for permission to use the Donley Field on Saturday 3rd November 2018. Permission given and donation approved. Cllr Ian Smith left the meeting room whilst this item was being discussed.
- 13) 11/09 **North Wales Police, Flintshire South Area** - Consultation meeting scheduled for 15 Nov 2018. Position noted. Chair to attend, plus one other Member if possible.
- 14) -- **One Voice Wales, Wrexham and Flintshire Area Committee** - Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 18 Sept at Gwersyllt. Position noted.
-)16/09 **Cilcain Fireworks Display** - Request for permission to use the Waen Field on the 5 November 2018. Permission given and donation approved. Clerk to write to the Young Farmers Club to list all the Council's usual conditions regarding the event. When Cllr Ian Smith left the meeting room for the Rhydymwyn Fireworks Display item, the Council inadvertently approved the permission and donation for both villages at the same time.
- 15) 12/09 **Use of Waen Field for weekly Runfit classes** - Request from Cilcain resident - Karen Snee for permission to use Waen Field.

Cllr Gwen Hardman read a note received from County Councillor W Owen Thomas:

- (a) The Waen field is a village green, primarily to be used for recreational purposes.

- (b) If the Runfit classes are suitable for all ages and are free for everyone in the community to participate in, then no village green rules are being broken.
- (b) If it is a business venture, then permission cannot be given.

Members also discussed the parking issues raised by the existing Running Club. The current Runfit classes proposal would also potentially create a parking issue for the Village Hall car park. Members maintained that the Village Hall car park is for users of the Village Hall.

Members concluded that more information is required regarding the Runfit classes proposal.

8. MATTERS RAISED SINCE THE 16 JULY 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

- (i) **Footpath obstruction, Dolfechlas Road - Tarmac entrance** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (30 Jul) having received information from a Rhydymwyn resident that the footpath between the former Lime Kiln at Dolfechlas Road and the Hendre Quarry entrance is obstructed. Mr John Hill contacted. Mr Hill had explained that the path connection is an adopted public highway (classified as a green lane), so consequently comes under the jurisdiction of Streetscene. Streetscene's Area Co-ordinator notified of the complaint. Acknowledgment by email received from Mr Neil Hickey on 06 August 2018.
- (ii) **Rhydymwyn Cemetery** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes and Clerk attended a site meeting (Fri 17 Aug) with Mr Dave Jones and Russell Wingeat following the recent excavating around the sluice valve in Church Lane. The excavation prior to the site meeting had confirmed that the 3 inch asbestos cement main was heading towards the indicator post in the back corner of the cemetery. Welsh Water agreed to arrange excavation of three or four trial holes on the inside of the Church Lane cemetery boundary hedge.
- (iii) **Rhydymwyn Cemetery, use of divining rods** - Mr Gareth Bellis and Cllr Gareth W Hughes pegged out the alignment of the water main (21 Aug) as identified by the divining rods. Cllr Hughes and Clerk reported at the Council meeting.
- (iv) **Berth Road, Cilcain** - Streetscene Area Coordinator reported gulley emptying undertaken. Item discussed earlier.
- (v) **Rhydymwyn Cemetery** - Confirmation note to indicate that Welsh Water's contractor was scheduled to excavate a number of trial holes on 22 August 2018. Cllr Hughes and Clerk attended. Photographs of trial holes available at the Council Meeting. Water main turned out to be almost exactly along the alignment predicted by the divining rods. Members noted there had been four site meetings in total, but we got there in the end. Clerk to record the pipe alignment on the public cemetery plan. For recording in the Council Minutes, the water main was measured from the central path concrete edging as being 10.6 m for most of its length with a gentle bend towards the entrance gate for the last 5 meters at the front of the cemetery.
- (vi) **Pedestrian Crossing, A541 Rhydymwyn** - County Councillor W Owen Thomas and the Clerk had met Mr Anthony Stamford and Mr Lee Shone (Flintshire Traffic) to discuss the possible

options for improving the safety of pedestrians crossing the A541 in the vicinity of the garage and the bus stop in Rhydymwyn. Cllr Gwen Hardman read out the notes of the site meeting discussion which had been prepared Cllr Thomas.

- (a) Cllr W Owen Thomas and the Clerk had met Mr Anthony Stamford and Mr Lee Shone on site to discuss the options.
- (b) Any proposed crossing would have to be towards The Antelope as opposed to being directly opposite the garage.
- (c) The cost would be a significant issue at this time. The cost of a full Pedestrian crossing with all the related advance warning signs would cost up to £70,000.
- (d) A lesser version would cost up to £20,000.
- (e) Unfortunately Flintshire County Council has no funding at present to provide any of the above two options.

Members noted that a 40 mph flashing light has been provided on the Denbigh side of the Service Station. The Community Council could request the provision of an activated 40 mph flashing light on the Rhydymwyn side of the Service Station. Cllr Gareth Hughes felt the existing 40 mph flashing light has recently gone faint. Clerk to request Mr Lee Shone to assess if it working correctly.

Clerk to request written information from Flintshire to detail all the options available, including the associated cost for the various options.

Cllr Ann Baker proposed, and the proposal was unanimously agreed, that the Community Council should indicate its concern to Flintshire County Council regarding the highway safety issue that needs to be addressed at this location. Clerk to write to Mr Lee Shone.

- (vii) **Cilcain Walkabout meeting with Mr Neil Hickie** - The Community Council's Chairwoman and a number of the Cilcain Ward Member met Mr Hickie at 2.00pm on Friday 7 Sept 2018. Items covered at the site meeting were discussed at the Council Meeting. Photographs were tabled at the meeting showing the items looked at.
 - (i) Gulleys outside the Village Hall car park - whilst the gulley grids were a good size, the gulley pots themselves were fairly small - so there was limited capacity for silt storage between the annual scheduled gulley cleaning operation by Flintshire.
 - (ii) Level modifications required under the vehicular entrance gate at the Village Hall.
 - (iii) Option of providing a gulley in the Village Hall car park was discussed.
 - (iv) Option of an overflow connection from the small yard gulley, outside the Hall's entrance door, into a subsoil drain in Waen Field was considered.
 - (v) The whole section between the car park and Ffordd y Llan had been jetted in the last month and a camera survey undertaken. The TV Survey can be made available.
 - (vi) No evidence identified of the 6 inch diameter pipe discharging into a 4 inch diameter pipe in front of the Chapel area.
 - (vii) Flow discharging from the Village hall car park direction was found to be discharging in the direction of the main flow in Ffordd y Llan.

- (viii) Cllr W Owen Thomas had noted that the recent repair adjacent to the play equipment was not aligned with culvert shown on plan provided by Flintshire. This raised a question mark on certain aspects of Flintshire's surface water sewer plan.
- (ix) Repair evergreen hedge which had been trimmed in Pantymwyn Road.
- (x) The overhanging hedge at the rear of Bod Erw in Cilcain.
- (xi) Lintels at the side of the Church.
- (xii) Surface of carriageway between Is y Mynydd and The Square - slurry sealing to be considered.

(viii) **Brithdir Mawr Lane, Cilcain** - Mr Neil Hickey had reported (11 Sept) that the 'Moel Famau' sign was erected on Loggerheads Road, at its junction with Brithdir Mawr Lane, on the 10 Sept 2018. Photo taken by Cllr John Worthington was available at the Council Meeting. Item discussed earlier.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS -

(i) **Hendre Parking** - Cllr Ann Baker reported that the parking position outside Mill Terrace had been improving. However, there was a need for the Community Council to pursue the speed reducing measures that Flintshire County Council are proposing to introduce. Clerk to pursue with Mr Lee Shone at Flintshire's Traffic Section.

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

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

Signed Chairman Date: Clerk