

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE FOOTBALL CLUB PREMISES, RHYDYMWYN ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2019.

Present: Chairperson: Cllr Ian Hughes,

Councillors: Cllr Janet Butlin J Emyr Davies,
Pauline Douglas Gwen Hardman
Gareth W Hughes W Owen Thomas
John Worthington
The Clerk was also in attendance

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed Members and one Cilcain resident to the September Council Meeting. Croeso i bawb i Gyngor Mis Medi.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllr Ann Baker, Cllr Greg Foster, Cllr Jean Ramsay, Cllr Ian Smith

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were two Declarations of Interest received. Cllr Pauline Douglas and Cllr Gareth W Hughes declared an interest in the item referring to a request for a donation to the Rhydymwyn War Memorial Institute.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Cllr Gareth W Hughes proposed acceptance of the Minutes, Cllr John Worthington seconded the proposal and all Members agreed to confirm the Minutes of the meeting held at the Rhydymwyn Football Club premises on 17 July 2019 as being correct. The Minutes were signed by the Chairperson.

5. MATTERS ARISING: The action plan dated 15 April 2019 which had been considered in the 15 July Council meeting had been attached to the 15 July Council Minutes. Since Mr Neil Hickie was not in attendance at the Council Meeting, the various items on the action list were not discussed.

p29 Dolfechlas Road - need for venting at the manhole near Impala. Cllr Gareth W Hughes enquired if the introduction of an antiseptic agent in the Hendre pumping station sump had yet started. Clerk to pursue with Welsh Water.

p31 Visibility Splay, near Fforrest Farm junction - Cllr J Emyr Davies reported that the lay-by or splay area by Fforrest Farm junction had not been cut. Clerk to pursue with Mr Hickie.

-- Road conditions generally. Cllr J Emyr Davies expressed concern regarding the general condition of the roads in Flintshire. Cllr Davies indicated that he travels extensively in North Wales, and has come to the conclusion that currently Flintshire has the worse roads in North Wales. On this issue, reference was made to a recent Flintshire Forum, meeting attended by Cllr Ian Hughes and Cllr Gwen Hardman. Cllr Hardman referred to the discussion at the end of the Forum Meeting with Cllr Carolyn Thomas. Members agreed for the Clerk to invite Cllr Thomas to the October Meeting.

- Pot-holes by Tardd y Dwr - Cllr W Owen Thomas reported that he had recently written to Mr B Wilkinson at Flintshire Streetscene to express concern regarding the need for pot-hole repair in that area. Repairs had taken place. Cllr Garth Hughes referred to one particularly deep pot-hole being still there.
- Dolfechlas Road, Footpath between the Football Club land and Heatherdene - Cllr Gareth W Hughes referred to the overhanging hedge obstructing the public footpath. Clerk to report to Mr Neil Hickie.
- Cllr J Emyr Davies referred to a manhole cover on the Tardd y Dwr side of Star Crossing which has been lifted a number of times recently. Item to be reported to Mr Neil Hickie.
- p32 Near the Llys Alyn Play area - Cllr Gareth W Hughes enquired about the current position regarding the tree at the rear of No 47 Llys Alyn. Cllr W Owen Thomas to make further enquiries with the appropriate Officer in Flintshire.
- Llys Alyn play area - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that the sand pit had now been removed. Cllr Hughes could not recall a decision being taken in the site meeting for the sand pit to be removed. Clerk to enquire with Mr Richard Roberts if Flintshire's policy on sandpits in play areas had recently changed. Cllr Hughes reported that Flintshire had done a very good job of replacing the boundary fence. Clerk to remind Mr R Roberts about the tarmac lifting on the swing area in the Donkey Field in Rhydymwyn.
- p32 Cilcain Notice Board - Cllr Gwen Hardman had spoken to Mr Bateson regarding the need for an internal strap device to stabilise / control the door opening process.
- p33 Coed Du Nursing Home - Cllr Pauline Douglas reported having recently spoken to Mr Gerald Taylor regarding the overhanging hedge in Nant Alyn. Mr Taylor indicated he would arrange for the hedge to be cut.

Cllr Janet Butlin enquired if the position regarding the public footpaths had been clarified. The Clerk referred to an item in the Correspondence Section of the Agendas (No 6) which gave the links that Members could use to show the footpath routes in the former Trim Rock Quarry area.

Cllr Butlin referred to the footpath which used to come out of the woods by The Vardo. Cllr Butlin maintained the exit point for the path from by The Vardo is not useable any more. Clerk to bring a hard copy of the digital plan to the October meeting, so that Cllr Janet Butlin can identify the approximate location of the missing access pint. Clerk can then pursue the issue with Mr John Hill in Flintshire's Footpath Section.

- New footpath facilities recently provided near the Royal Oak end of Dolfechlas Road. Members enquired if Flintshire financed the new stiles etc on this land. Clerk to make enquiries with Flintshire's Public Right of Way Section.
- p33 Bus Service Time Table - Cllr Gareth W Hughes enquired if any progress had been made with obtaining a new bus time table The Clerk referred to a correspondence item (No 36) on this evening's Agenda, which sets out Flintshire's timescale for modifying the bus time tables.

Members enquired what is happening to the purchase of buses by Flintshire. Cllr Thomas referred to his recent conversation with Flintshire's Ruth Cartwright. The delivery of the new buses could take a few more months. Cllr Thomas to obtain another update.

p34 Cemetery Path, Cilcain - Cllr W Owen Thomas reported that the person who was scheduled to provide a specification had now changed his work. Cllr Thomas to make enquiries with another builder / engineer who was prepared to come up with a works specification.

p34 Seat at Bottom of Cilan Lodge Road, Cilcain - Cllr J Emyr Davies had requested Mr M Raw to have a look to see if the seat is repairable.

p35 Village Hall drain - Cllr Gwen Hardman enquired if there is any news on the drain TV survey and jetting machine? Clerk to pursue with Mr Neil Hickie.

p36 Summer Playscheme - No attendance figures available yet form Flintshire County Council.

Chair invited Mrs Sue Jones to report on the Waen Field play area sessions. On the first day, the children were given acrylic paints to play with. The paints used had left permanent hand marks on the doors and walls of the toilet block.

Four posters had been erected in each village. A visit by Flintshire to the school had taken place. Information had been put on Facebook in each village and yet the attendance appeared to be the worst its ever been. Mrs Sue Jones had reported two consecutive days when there were only two children attending on each day.

Clerk to obtain the attendance figures from Flintshire by the October Council Meeting, and request a deduction in the amount charged to reflect the cost of the repainting required to the Toilet Block.

-- Slow / Araf road markings at Hendre - Cllr W Owen Thomas enquired if there was any news on the road markings and the flashing speed limit sign. Clerk referred to an item on the Correspondence Section (No 7) of the Agenda. An acknowledgment had been received but no positive response yet received. Clerk to pursue with Mr Lee Shone.

p37 Missing footpath stile, Dolfechlas Brook - Cllr Gareth W Hughes enquired if there had been any progress with having the stile replaced. Clerk indicated that a copy of the letter sent to Flintshire was included in this month's correspondence pack (Item No 6).
Cllr Hughes referred to a missing footpath sign near the concrete bridge structure on Dolfechlas Brook. Clerk to check if the missing footpath sign had been included in the email to Flintshire in July 2019.

6. LIST OF ITEMS WHICH WERE NOT DISCUSSED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING, BUT NEED TO STAY ON THE COUNCIL'S AGENDA.

- (1) Berth Road / Ffordd y Llan Junction - Need to consider Slow/Araf markings for vehicles approaching the junction from the village.
- (2) Slow / Araf sign on the carriageway outside Greystones in Mountain Road.

- (3) Visibility mirror at Star Crossing - Clerk to enquire with Mr Hickie if Flintshire Streetscene had removed the visibility mirror.
- (4) Potholes between Plas Uchaf and Plas Newydd - Cllr J Emyr Davies.
- (5) Potholes between Trelan Bach and Ty Gwyn - Cllr J Emyr Davies
- (6) Potholes between Trelan Bach and The Gors gate - Cllr J Emyr Davies
- (7) Leaking stop tap / hydrant cover - 20 yards from the pump house towards Trelan Farm
- (8) School Footpath, Rhydymwyn.
- (9) Road down to the Pentre, Cilcain - nearly opposite the Council's seat - Overhanging hedge pushing vehicles away from roadside edge.
- (10) Street parking between The Chapel and The Square - Obstruction for wide vehicles. Clerk to write to the residents.
- (11) Bryn Gollen - split channel repair required.
- (12) Winnwood gulley - Item to stay on Agenda. The gulley connection needs investigating to establish why the gulley is blocked.
- (13) Pistyll Cilcain - kerbing required.
- (14) Tarmac Quarry - Pot holes on the section of Nant Road between the quarry exit road and the A541.
- (15) Pedair y Groesffordd - overhanging hedge.
- (16) Hendre culvert - new fence required.
- (17) Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn - street light obstructed by branches.
- (18) A541, Y Dderwen to Hendre Villas -
- (19) Mountain Road Cilcain - blocked gulleys and catch pit under carriageway.
- (20) Llys Alyn, Rhydymwyn - drain survey required.
- (21) Kerbing / path required near School at Ffordd y Llan
- (22) Drain blocked by Plas Wilkin.
- (22) Culvert near Trelan Farm, Cilcain

23. Reporting dead badgers - Clerk to enquire if Flintshire has a policy on removal of badger carcasses, involving liaison with the Welsh Assembly on tuberculosis testing.
24. Notice Board at Hendre. Mr Hickie had recently indicated that Flintshire would arrange for providing the support posts and excavating the posts in the highway verge.

Cllr Gareth W Hughes indicated he would measure again the size of the Notice Board at Llys Alyn.

Cllr Hughes and Cllr Ramsay to outline the details to the Clerk so that Mr Bateson could give a price for providing a timber Notice Board. Backing board for drawing pin system was preferred to the magnet system, traditional sliding bolt mechanism for the door.

25. Pedestrian Crossing, Rhydymwyn.
26. Excavation in highway controlled land - former Post Office, Cilcain.
27. Style to be repaired by gas compound.
28. A541 Overhanging hedge adjoining gas plant.
29. Bryn Sholyn, Cefn Road - Planning aspects of the dog grooming service to be checked.
30. Mountain Road, Cilcain - Need for Slow/Araf sign - Clerk to write to Mr Lee Shone.
31. Seat in Cilcain cemetery - Clerk to arrange for seat to be stained.
32. Village Hall car park - a specification is also required for a 40 sq m entrance patch and renewal of the concrete steps near the Village Hall entrance. Cllr Thomas to request a local engineer to prepare a specification.
33. Cilcain Treatment Works overflow - Clerk to write to Chiara Caserotti to enquire regarding the conclusion of the Works' assessment carried out in 2016.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Planning Applications received from Flintshire County Council:

- (a) Ref No: 060251
 Proposal: Variation of condition no.1 attached to planning permission 052287 to allow further time period for commencement of work.
 Location: Foel Awel, 2 Ffordd y Llan, Cilcain, Mold, CH7 5NH

The Community Council has **no objection** to the proposed development.

- (b) Ref No: 060372
 Proposal: Siting of log cabin to provide ancillary use to the main residential dwelling and siting of a static caravan temporary 12 month period (retrospective)

Location: Brynsholyn, Cefn Road, Cilcain, CH7 5HR

The Community Council **strongly objects** to the proposed development because:

- (a) The proposed location of the log cabin does not tally with the concept of an ancillary facility for the existing dwelling. The log cabin should be closer to the existing dwelling if it is meant to be used as an ancillary facility.
- (b) The Council fails to understand why a log cabin to provide 'ancillary use' to an existing dwelling needs to have a newly constructed separate access.
- (c) One would normally expect some of the facilities provided in an ancillary facility to be shared with the facilities provided in the existing dwelling. The Council is concerned that none of the dwelling's facilities are shared by this development.
- (d) The log cabin is out of character in appearance with the existing dwelling.

In view of the above observations, the Community Council strongly suspects that the intention of the log cabin development is to eventually provide the facilities for conversion to a separate dwelling in due course.

(ii) Planning Decisions made by Flintshire County Council:

- (a) Ref No 059957
Proposal - Erection of 3 bay garage with storeroom above
Location - Bron Wylfa, Star Crossing Road, Cilcain
Decision - Approved
Decision issued - 11 July 2019
- (b) Ref No 060007
Proposal - Erection of single storey extension to dwelling
Location - Ochr y Foel, Park is y Mynydd, Cilcain
Decision - Approved
Decision issued - 11 July 2019

8. CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) 16/07 Residential Development Land at Mountain Road Cilcain - Letter received by the Council from Cilcain Homes Partnership. The Council's response letter was also attached. Members noted that copies of nearly twenty letters of response were received by the Community Council regarding the proposed development. Most have been sent electronically to Council Members. Hard copies can be made available in due course if the Developer pursues a planning application for the site. A photographed copy of the presentation document lodged in the Village Hall is also available for record purposes.
- 2) 17/07 Flintshire County Council Forum - Details of power point presentation made at recent Forum Meeting regarding the Welsh Government's Statutory Pre Consultation Process for Major Development.
- 3) 18/07 Land Registry - Information from the Land Registry regarding land ownership in Cilcain.
- 4) 19/07 Living on the Edge - Information from Natural Recourses Wales regarding maintenance of watercourses. A number of hard copies of this document were

distributed to Members who attended the meeting at the Rhydymwyn Football Club premises on 16 August. All Members were recently emailed the document. Members can contact the Clerk if they require a hard copy.

- 5) 18/07 Cilcain Village Hall - Information regarding the location of the public foul sewer which serves the Village Hall. Position noted. Clerk to provide a coloured copy of the drainage plan in due course.
- 6) 22/07 Missing stile at rear of the Rhydymwyn Service Station. Response from Flintshire CC. Clerk to enquire regarding the latest position with Mr John Hill.
- 7) 25/07 Slow /Araf signs in Cilcain - email sent to Flintshire Traffic regarding the Community Council's request for carriageway slow signs. Clerk to pursue a response from Mr Lee Shone.
- 8) 27/07 Tarmac Quarry, Hendre - Response from Flintshire Minerals regarding security of loaded wagons leaving the quarry. Position noted.
- 9) 28/07 North Wales Police - Crime update for June / July 2019. Clerk to pursue identity of landowner for a speed camera location.
- 10) 29/07 Trimm Rock Quarry, Cefn Road, Cilcain - response from Flintshire Minerals regarding the after-care issue raised in the 17 July Community Council. Position noted.
- 11) 31/07 Old aerial photograph of Cilcain Village Hall provided by Cllr Ian Hughes - Members noted the position of the old external toilets at the rear of the school. Members appreciated the information identified in the photograph, in particular the position of the play area facilities on the Bowling Club side of the old external toilet. Cllr Gwen Hardman referred to historical notes regarding the arrangement whereby the play area equipment would be relocated to the Chapel side boundary of Waen Field once the school's external toilets had been demolished. Unfortunately, Cllr Hardman had not yet been able to locate a formal land transfer document to cover this re-location arrangement.
- 12) 05/08 Proposed shop sign at Cilcain Village Hall - request for the Council's permission as landowner. Members approved the proposal. Clerk to inform the applicant.
- 13) 08/08 Information from Zurich, Making Risk Management Simple - Interactive guides available on line. Position noted.
- 14) 14/08 Tyn Llan, Cilcain - Front door step damaged by passing vehicle - Copy of a letter sent to Cllr Owen Thomas. Cllr Thomas reported having had a meeting on site. The matter had been successfully dealt with.
- 16) 14/08 Cannon photocopying upgrade - details of cost for extending the lease arrangement. Members approved the new arrangement identified in the proposal whereby a facility for copying coloured material would be included.
- 17) 21/08 Flooding in Hendre - Copy of information sent from Assembly Member to Hendre resident regarding riparian owners' responsibilities and house insurance cover in flood risk areas. Position noted.
- 18) 22/08 Cilcain Village Hall Lease - Information from the Council's Solicitor. Information to be sent to the Hall Ctee. Cllr Hardman recommended the Council should subscribe to the Open Space Society for an annual fee of approximately £45. Clerk to arrange.
- 19) 25/08 Rhydymwyn Football Club lease with Flintshire CC - Request from local resident for assistance from the Community Council. Members felt the Community Council did not have powers to intervene in a lease or licence arrangement between Flintshire and the Landowner. The Community Council had attempted to persuade the landowner to hold a stakeholders meeting, but without success. Clerk to respond to the resident.
- 20) 26/08 Rhydymwyn War Memorial Institute - Request for donation to assist with proposed refurbishment and repairs of the building. Cllr Gareth W Hughes and Cllr Pauline

Douglas had already declared an interest in this item at the start of the Council Meeting. Both Members left the meeting room whilst the request was being considered. Members agreed to give a donation for the amount that had been identified in the Council budget for this financial year.

- 21) 28/08 Flintshire Local Development Plan - reminder regarding forthcoming LDP meeting. Cllr Gwen Hardman, Cllr Gareth W Hughes and County Councillor W Owen Thomas had attended. Cllr Gwen Hardman gave a brief summary of the LDP meeting. Members had been very impressed with the presentation given at the meeting by Flintshire's Mr Andy Roberts. Cllr Hardman indicated that a considerable amount of information regarding the LDP can found on Flintshire's Website. Cllr Gareth W Hughes referred to the information regarding petitions received by Flintshire. Petitions only count as 'one' submission received. Cllr J Emyr Davies felt it was important to consider the future of the school in Cilcain when making planning observations on housing development in Cilcain. Cllr Thomas referred to eleven houses built recently in Rhydymwyn, and at the time there was only one child in the total of eleven houses. Cllr Gwen Harman commented that the school in Cilcain, at present, is safe
- 22) 28/08 Review of County Electoral arrangements for Flintshire - Draft proposals for consultation. This item was about the possible changes in the boundary for County Councillors' Wards. Cllr W Owen Thomas indicated that the Cilcain County Council Ward was only about 200 short of the target number of electors per Ward. Since the shortage was within the allowed margin, there would be no change in the Cilcain Ward.
- 23) 29/08 Area Co-ordinator cover during period of absence - Information from Flintshire's Highway Network Manager. Position noted.
- 24) 30/08 Green waste left in cemetery - Information regarding hedge cuttings left in Cilcain cemetery. Cllr J Emyr Davies had visited the cemetery and removed the offending hedge cuttings.
- 25) 03/09 Hendre Flooding - update from Flintshire's Flood Risk Manager following the meeting held with several Council Members at the Football Club premises on the 12 July 2019. Cllr Gareth W Hughes noted that the date had unfortunately slipped back to December, which was a month later than the date indicated in the 12 July meeting.
- 26) 04/09 North Wales Police - Crime report update - July / August 2019. - Position noted. Members felt that future Police reports can be left off the future Agenda correspondence pack. The regular forwarding of Connor Freel's reports by email to Members should continue.
- 27) 05/09 A 541 Rhydymwyn - request for information from PCSO Connor Freel. Item discussed earlier.
- 28) 06/09 Flintshire's action plan. Members noted that the surfacing work at Ffordd y Llan was scheduled for the end of September.
- 29) 10/09 Recent Flood Wardens' Meeting arranged by NRW at St Asaph. - Cllr Ian Smith was not in attendance at the September Council Meeting but his written report was discussed at the meeting. Position noted. Cllr Gareth W Hughes maintained that the Council has still not received a comprehensive explanation for the failure of the flood warning system for the flood incident of the 11/12 June 2019.
- 30) 10/09 Recent Flood Warden's Meeting arranged by NRW at St Asaph - The additional observation in Cllr Jean Ramsay's written report of the St Asaph Meeting was noted.
- 31) 10/09 Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places - Information from Flintshire County Council's Democratic Services Section. Position noted.

- 32) 10/09 Cilcain Village Hall - proposed refurbishment of old school kitchen - Information from Village Hall Committee's secretary. Cllr Gwen Hardman explained the background to the current proposal to provide additional facilities in the Village Hall to replace the space lost by the new shop. The proposal was to refurbish the old kitchen area to provide new kitchen facilities, new heating, addressing the damp problem, with the provision of tables for small meetings. Cllr Hardman was in the process of preparing a grant funding application. Cllr Gareth Hughes enquired if replacing the concrete paving slabs between the entrance gate and the Village Hall could be included in the same grant application. Cllr Hardman explained that the paving work did not fit into the criteria outlined by the current funding body. Resolved: Council's permission given for the proposal.
- 33) 10/09 Flintshire County Forum Meeting - next meeting scheduled for 7 October 2019. Cllr Gareth W Hughes and Cllr Hardman to attend.
- 34) 29/07 Flintshire Summer Playscheme - attendance figures from Cilcain resident. Item discussed earlier.
- 35) 27/08 Cilcain Bowling Club, required repair - report from the Council's Chairman. Clerk had written to Mr J Robinson in the Bowling Club to give the necessary contacts in Flintshire for assistance with the repairs. The Clerk and Cllr Gwen Hardman reminded Members that the existing lease for the Club House will terminate in 2021.
- 36) 01/08 Bus time table, Rhydymwyn - Information from Flintshire C.C. Item discussed earlier.
- 37) 11+14/09 Rhydymwyn Football Club land - observations from Rhydymwyn resident. Item discussed earlier.
- 38) 06/09 Action Plan update from Flintshire Streetscene - dated 15 July 2019. Position noted,

9. MATTERS RAISED SINCE THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

- (i) **Street Lamp, Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported (21 Jun) the street lamp in Dolfechlas Road (opposite No 55/56 Llys Alun) was not working. Defect reported to Deeco Lighting. Deeco reported on 24 June that the lamp had been repaired. Cllr Gareth W Hughes had also reported a lamp out in the Leete Avenue. The Leete Avenue lamp had also been repaired within a couple of days of the lamp being reported.
- (ii) **Antelope Industrial Estate, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (31 Aug) construction works proceeding at the rear of one of the units on the Estate. Clerk had requested Flintshire Planning Enforcement Section to check the planning position. The request had been registered by Flintshire Enforcement. Clerk to make enquires with Flintshire Enforcement if the 20 or so metal containers at the end of the cul-de-sac require planning permission.
- (iii) **Clacking manhole cover, A541, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (5 Sept) the manhole cover outside the Rhydymwyn Service Station making a considerable clacking noise when heavy vehicles are passing over it. Mr Hickie requested to inspect and assess the position. It was noted that the repair of this particular manhole cover is becoming a fairly regular occurrence. The last repair had been carried out approximately two months ago.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS - None

11. **PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS** - The accounts scheduled in the Appendix were approved for payment.
12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for 7.30 pm Monday 21 October 2019 at the Football Club premises, Rhydymwyn.

SignedChairman Date: Clerk