

confident that the items raised could be amicably dealt with. A second meeting had been arranged for next Monday.

With regard to funding, the Chairman maintained that the AONB had certain funds available for community based projects. Cllr John Worthington suggested the Steering Group should also make contact with Cadwyn Clwyd, Mr John Les Tomos in the Royal Oak being an useful initial contact person.

Cllr Gwen Hardman felt the Steering Group was to be commended about the way they had approached matters:

- (i) The Group had taken on board the democratic wishes of the Community.
- (ii) The group had kept the community abreast of the progress made with its activities.

6. MATTERS ARISING - from the 19 February 2018 Council Meeting.

-- **Mwynbwl area, Gareg Boeth, Rhydymwyn** - Chair referred to the damage caused by the Council's refuse collection wagon recently going off the road near Mwynbwl. Mr Ian Williams to pursue restoration requirements.

p99 **Traffic Measures, Hendre** - Mr Lee Shone of Flintshire's Traffic Section updated the Council on the traffic management proposals for Hendre. Mr Shone explained that consultation with the adjoining residents would be necessary prior to implementing a traffic order affecting parking by residents outside their properties. It would be difficult for the Highway Authority to justify restricting the parking in front of the whole terrace.

Members agreed that the type and location of a 'vehicle activated speed' (VAS) sign would have to be determined on site.

Cllr Thomas maintained that at the end of the day the dangerous aspect of traffic from the Denbigh direction having to negotiate passed the parked vehicles had to be sorted. Cllr Thomas suggested that commercial vehicles are constantly increasing in size, so going forward, the problem will become greater if no action is taken.

Mr Shone made it clear that any proposal to introduce a residential parking restriction, the proposal would have to be built on sound evidence based traffic considerations (having taken visibility and braking distances into account). Mr Shone explained that any parking restriction would have to apply to both sides of the road.

The Council concluded that a site meeting would be held at 2.00pm on Tuesday 27 March 2018.

p99 **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. Mr Alan Roberts was checking out the land ownership position on this play area, to establish if Flintshire is responsible for the boundary fence.
- (b) The rotting timber posts used for youngsters to climb on. This was now an issue for Mr Richard Roberts to deal with.

According to Mr A Roberts, Flintshire is likely to undertake repair works in March / April 2018.

p99 **Hendre culvert** - Mr Ian Williams confirmed that the material will be taken away after it has dried out.

- p100 **Street lighting repairs, Rhydymwyn / Hendre** - Update required on lamp No 11 and No 20
- p100 **Coping Stone, Church Meadow** - Mr Ian Williams had discussed the position with the owner. Mr Williams to pursue.
- p100 **Pothole repairs, generally** - Clerk confirmed having written to Mr Steve Jones to express the Community Council's concern regarding the lack of progress in repairing the potholes in the Community Council's area. Acknowledgement received, but no reply as yet.

A question had been included on the Flintshire Forum's Agenda, the Forum meeting having been scheduled for the 28 February 2018. Arrangements had been made for the Chair and Cllr Gwen Harman to attend. Unfortunately, due to snow conditions on the day, the meeting at Saltney was cancelled by Flintshire.

Cllr J Emyr Davies felt it was important to do the pothole repair properly, otherwise the workforce would have to return in a matter of weeks to do the repair all over again. This system of not doing an effective repair was a complete waste of scarce resources.

- p100 **Depression in carriageway outside No 1 Church Meadow** - Work ongoing.
- p100 **Longitudinal crack in carriageway, Coed Du Hall entrance** - Work ongoing.
- p100 **Rose Lane, Cilcain, deteriorating road surface** - Awaiting resources.
- p100 **Tar-dd y Dwr, Star Crossing Road** - The area needs further repair.
- p100 **Seepage across road - caravan park side of Coed Du Hall junction** - Mr Ian Williams reported on the site meeting with Mr Phil Foster from Flintshire's Environmental Health Section on Wednesday 21 March. No seepage was evident on the day of the site meeting. Therefore it was too dry to take samples. Dampness more likely to be due to surface water seepage.
- p100 **Nant Alyn** - The owner of Caer Eithin had recently written to Mr Steve Jones. Mr Williams had received a copy of the email. Mr Williams confirmed that a works ticket had been issued. Mr Williams was waiting for resources to be made available. Mr Williams explained that more gritting had been done this year by Flintshire than for many previous years. Unfortunately, this has resulted in further deterioration of the road surface than has occurred in recent Winters.
- p100 **Potholes at Loggerheads Road, Cilcain** - More repair works required, particularly between Brithdir Mawr Lane and the County boundary.
- p100 **The Pistyll** - Survey results awaited.
- p100 **Overhanging trees Ffordd y Llan** - Mr Ian Williams reported that the works ticket had been issued for this work in September 2017.
- p100 **Village walkabout meeting held at Cilcain, 14 July 2017** - Problem surface water drain at side of Chapel - Cllr J Emyr Davies reported that The Chapel had now had a TV survey undertaken. Structural survey being arranged, so that the damage cost can be taken up with Flintshire.

-- **Flooding incidence at Village Hall entrance gate** The Clerk reported he had received a complaint of Flooding on Friday 16 March at the manhole adjoining the Village Hall entrance gate. The manhole had been surcharging. When the cover was lifted by a local resident, the manhole was full of silt. Mr Andrew Lightfoot had been contacted to request attendance by Flintshire's gulley emptying machine. Members noted that the two gulleys located a few yards up hill have to deal with the surface water for approximately 400 - 500 yards of road. Therefore these two gulleys will inevitably be quickly filled with silt. Unfortunately, Flintshire gulley emptying rota only caters for gulley cleaning once per year. One way to accommodate the deficiency is to have additional gulleys at this type of location. Alternatively the gulley emptying rota needs to be modified so that specific problem areas are visited more regularly.

-- **Deterioration of the highway maintenance service provided by Flintshire.** Members referred to the apparent change in the role of the local Supervisor at Flintshire. The Chairman indicated that the local supervisors were not now responsible for identifying the priorities in their areas. Members agreed that the general level of maintenance had deteriorated substantially as a result of the priorities being centrally controlled. Cllr Thomas would also contact Barry Wilkinson or Gareth Thomas to invite either of them to meet him on site.

Clerk to also write to Mr Steve Jones to express the Council's concern. Members felt it was very unfortunate that the central control changes had coincided with the recent maintenance funding cuts experienced by Flintshire.

p100 **Refuse collection vehicle** - Mr R Broughton to be invited to attend a future Council Meeting.

p100 **Proposed new dog bin for Hendre** - Mr Ian Williams confirmed the new dog bin had been installed. However, Flintshire was still awaiting a metal inner lining for the bin.

p101 **Road from Cilcain Church to the Waterworks** - Further work required. Work suitable for a bobcat.

p101 **Bryn Gollen, Rhydymwyn, split channel at entrance to estate** - Work ticket raised.

p101 **Rhydymwyn, Leete Avenue** - Site meeting with Flintshire's Survey team to be arranged.

p101 **Overgrowing hedges, Pedair y Groesffordd and Bryn Celyn area** - Mr Ian Williams to pursue.

p101 **Plas Newydd, Cilcain**, drainage works completed. Works instruction ticket issued for pothole repairs.

p101 **Upper Cilan Lodge Road, BT cable in highway verge** - Flintshire to arrange for the verge to be cleared, so that BT can have access to its cable. Works ticket issued.

p101 **Nant Alyn Road, Caravan park up to Cae'r Eithin** - Carriageway edge breaking up. Item discussed elsewhere.

p101 **Church Meadow, Rhydymwyn** - repair to road surfacing. Slurry sealing to be tried on this road.

p101 **Ffordd y Llan, between the Shop and the Square** - Mr Williams to pursue.

- p101 **Pantymwyn Road, near the Square** - Mr Williams confirmed having spoken to the resident. Information received from the Letting Company had now allowed Mr Williams to identify the property owner.
- p101 **A541 Hendre bends, memorial flowers** - If Flintshire is to deal with this particular problem, written facts, based on highway safety grounds will be needed to justify pursuing the removal of the flowers.
- p101 **Encroachment of green verges, Pantymwyn Road, Cilcain** - Landowners to check their deeds to seek ownership clarification.
- p101 **Road past Plas Newydd, Cilcain** - Item discussed earlier.
- p101 **Proposal of a bus shelter in Llys Alyn** - Budget provision included in the Jan 2018 precept estimates.
- p101 **Footway between Hendre and Rhydymwyn** - A Flintshire works ticket had been issued for this item.
- p101 **Wooden rail fence by the Hendre Culvert.** Cllr Gareth W Hughes referred to the arrangement between Flintshire and Tarmac to share the repair / replacement costs of the wooden rail fence by the Hendre culvert. Item to stay on Agenda / Minutes.
- p102 **Rhydymwyn to Rhosesmor Junction** - A works ticket has been issued for the sweeping of this path.
- p102 **Lon Cilan, Cilcain, hedge cutting** - Clerk had written to the resident to explain the Community Council's position. Moss on the road and footway surface appears to be another problem at this location.
- p102 **Mountain Road, Cilcain** - Catchpit beneath centre of carriageway to be jetted out.
- p102 **Trial Hill, repair of metal rail** - Works ticket has been issued.
- p102 **Cefn Road, by Pandy Cottage** - leaning tree near Pandy Cottage. Works ticket issued.
- p102 **Coed Du Farm, absence of salt heaps** - Salt heap replenishment has been scheduled.
- p102 **Pantymwyn road, Cilcain** - Uneven surfacing near 'The Close'. Works ticket issued.
- p102 **Dolfechlas Road visibility at Church Lane junction** - Mr Williams to pursue.
- p102 **Winnwood Gulley, Dolfechlas Road** - Cllr Ian Smith thanked Mr Williams for the gulley emptying near Winnwood. Mr Ian Williams reported a works ticket had been raised for the frame lifting work.
- p102 **Statimeter Junction** - Mr Ian Williams to pursue repair of Welsh Water's clacking manhole cover.
- p103 **Settlement adjoining gas trench in Dolfechlas Road.** Since the settlement is just outside the line of the trench reinstatement, Flintshire will need to undertake the repair work.
- p103 **Ffordd y Berth, Cilcain** - Gulleys blocked solid. Works ticket has been issued. Chair to send an e-mail to Mr Williams. The email would assist Mr Williams in his efforts to prioritise the work.

- p103 **Brithdir Mawr Lane** - A Friday 2.00 pm site meeting to be arranged
- p103 **Wellingtonia Tree, Rhydymwyn** - Members noted that Mr Stuart Body had inspected the Wellingtonia tree and had deemed the tree to be reasonably healthy. Cllr Greg Foster maintained that the item could now be removed from the Agenda. Members noted that the condition of the path would still need to be dealt with, so the path repair aspect still needed to be pursued. Chair to take the required path repair up with Flintshire Housing.
- p103 **Bath House, Rhydymwyn** - Clerk to pursue with Flintshire and the Manger of Coed Du Hall.
- p103 **Salt bin next to former Ysgol y Ddol school** - salt bin needs relocating. Mr Ian Williams to pursue.
- p103 **Plas Newydd, Cilcain** - The salt bin, which had been dragged out onto the road, had now been put back on to the verge. Item can now be deleted.
- p103 **A541, Rhydymwyn, style by gas plant** - Item to stay on Agenda.
- **Parking survey outside the Shop in Cilcain** - Cllr Greg Foster had been approached by the resident who lived in Myfanwy, Ffordd y Llan. Clerk reported being in receipt of a telephone enquiry from Mr Robin Brereton (Myfanwy). Chair had also been contacted, and would report later in the Council Meeting.
- p 103 **Street Lamp, Glascoed, Cilcain** - The street lamp at the junction of Glas Coed and Ffordd y Llan has been out for several months. Mr Ian Williams reported having passed the complaint on to the Street Lighting Section. Clerk and Mr Williams to pursue with Mr Jamie Bennet in Flintshire's the Lighting Section.
- p103 **Street lighting map for Cilcain** - Mr Williams to supply the Community Council with a plan showing Flintshire's street lamps in Cilcain.
- p103 **Dolfechlas Road, litter and dog fouling** - Cllr Ian Smith had reported (08 Jan) on the litter left behind following paper refuse vehicle collection. The concern had been forwarded to Mr Ian Williams. Cllr Smith reported that he had sent three separate complaints to Flintshire, but had only received a response to one of the complaints. Cllr Smith to forward copies of the emails to Mr Ian Williams. Regarding the dog fouling, the Clerk had been attempting to arrange for Mr Gerwyn Davies (Enforcement Officer) to attend a site meeting to discuss the Football Field and Dolfechlas Road signage and enforcement.
- p103 **Crown Farm, Ffordd y Llan** - The Chair emphasised the importance of giving priority to repairs where properties were being damaged. Mr Ian Williams to arrange for the gully and drain connection adjoining Crown Farm to be checked out.
- p103 **Rhydymwyn Football Field** - Clerk had spoken to Mr Gerwyn Davies regarding the relatively insecure sign on the entrance gate. Amount of funding available for more substantial signs throughout Flintshire yet to be determined.
- **Replenishing grit piles** - Cllr John Worthington enquired if the grit piles are being replenished again. Mr Williams indicated that further replenishing was starting today. The Loggerheads Road area and Nant Alyn were mentioned as requiring further grit. Cllr J Emyr Davies enquired what has happened to the practice of local contractors being employed for snow clearing with tractors. Mr Williams reported that the practice of employing local contractors has stopped. Mr Williams explained the

gritting machine cannot be used on narrow lanes or in places like Trial Hill. The loss of the tractor system has had a significant detrimental effect on the gritting in rural areas.

7. NORTH WALES POLICE

The new Community Beat Officer (Connor Freel) introduced himself to Council Members.

Connor had sent the Clerk a crime report for the month. This report will be copied to Members, and attached to the April correspondence. Members noted there were only two minor crimes reported in Council's area last month.

Connor indicated he would supply the Community Council with all the latest crime prevention guidelines produced by North Wales Police. Chairman referred to a problem that can occur when a resident protects an oil tank. The tank may be securely locked, but if the thief is desperate, he will make a hole in the tank, resulting in the resident having to pay for a new tank and a new supply of oil.

Connor mentioned how members of the community can assist the Police by always being vigilant of suspicious activities. Taking registration vehicle numbers, and passing the information on to North Wales Police can very often lead to successful arrests.

The Chairman thanked Connor for his attendance.

8. RHYDMEWYN WARD MEMBER VACANCY

Council authorised the Clerk to post a notice up regarding the Rhydymwyn Ward Vacancy

9. PLANNING MATTERS

(1) Community Council observations requested on:

(a) Proposal: Listed Building application for the erection of glazed link extension and alterations to existing annex
Location: Ty Isaf, Star Crossing Road, Cilcain
Ref No: 058084
Community Council's observations - No objection.

(b) Proposal: Erection of a glazed link extension and alterations to existing annex
Location: Ty Isaf, Star Crossing Road, Cilcain
Ref No: 058082
Community Council's observations - No objection

(c) Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension
Location: 4 Church Meadow, Rhydymwyn
Ref No: 058106
Community Council's observations - The Community Council has no objection, subject to the following two items being addressed:

- (i) A traffic management system be insisted upon to avoid congestion on the adjoining roads during the construction work.
- (ii) The right of light to the adjoining property (No 5 Church Meadow) is protected.

(2) **Planning decisions made by Flintshire County Council:** None received

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

- 1) -- **Rhydymwyn War Memorial Institute** - Request for donation. Members considered it appropriate to refer to the extract in the correspondence, which detailed the budget allocation available for this item. Donation approved.
- 2) 01/03 **Flintshire Summer 2018 Playscheme** - Information from Flintshire Leisure. A copy of the previous correspondence relating to this matter was attached for Members information. The Council was requested to commit itself to this summer's playscheme by the end of March 2018. Members noted that the appropriate allocation had been included in the 'precept' budget details agreed in the January 2018 Council Meeting. Clerk to invoice the County Council for £911. 2018 playscheme funding from the Community Council is approved.
- 3) 03/03 **Rhydymwyn Football Club** - Request for donation from the Club Chairman. Members considered it appropriate to refer to the extract in the correspondence, which detailed, the budget allocation available for this item. Donation approved.
- 4) 05/03 **Most vulnerable residents in Flintshire** - Information from Flintshire regarding a £3.5 million funding obtained by Flintshire. Flintshire's representative to be invited to the April Council Meeting.
- 5) 13/03 **Cilcain Shop, Information sheet from Steering Group Members** - Members discussed the contents of the Steering Group's information sheet.

Reference was also made to the presentation made by the three Steering Group Members who had attended the Council Meeting.

The Council had no objection to the Committee Room being used for the shop. Since the Village Hall Management Ctee had the lease for the Village Hall, the Hall Committee's agreement would be needed.

In the medium term, the use of the store room could be looked at, with a view to it being utilised as a meeting room.

To apply for external funding, the Steering Group would initially have to become a 'legal entity' (bank account, constitution etc).

Regarding any agreements, the Council would have no objection to the Hall Ctee sub-letting the Committee Room to the Steering Group.

Members noted that over 200 residents had responded to the survey, and 84% of those consulted were in favour of the shop being set up in a community owned building.

The Chairman commented that more papers were now being sold in the village. Also, the Post Office was being very well used in the Village Hall.

In conclusion, the Clerk to write to the Hall Committee to indicate the Council's support of the initiative to set up the Shop in the Committee Room.

11. **MATTERS RAISED SINCE THE LAST MEETING** –

- (a) **Dog Fouling, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Ian Smith reported (26 Jan) complaints received regarding dog fouling in Vicarage Road, Leete Avenue and on the football field. This item has now been reported to Mr Gerwyn Davies at Flintshire, with a request for him to arrange additional patrols in these areas. Members may recall the concern expressed by Cllr Gareth Hughes regarding the inadequate sign erected on the football field gate. Cllr Ian Smith reported the sign had been fixed with one cable tie. Mr Gerwyn Davies has been requested to attend a site meeting with Rhydymwyn Members. Date to be fixed.
- (b) **Dolfechlas Road street lamp by the Donkey Field** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported (2 Mar) the lamp not working near the pedestrian entrance gate. Cllr Hughes reported (7 Mar) lamp repaired by Deeco.
- (c) **Lamp No 10, A541 Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (7 Mar) street lamp not working. Item reported to Jamie Bennet at Flintshire Street Lighting Section.
- (d) **Manhole cover, A541 Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (7 Mar) - manhole cover near the Rhydymwyn Service Station is 'clacking' again. Item reported to Mr Ian Williams.
- (e) **Cilcain toilet burst water pipe** - Cilcain resident, Mrs Sue Jones reported that a Notice has been posted on the entrance doors regarding a burst water pipe resulted in the closure of the facility until a repair can be expedited. Clean and Lock intend checking if any additional lagging works is needed. A review of the internal heating system is also to be undertaken to ensure that the heating system kicks in automatically when the temperature falls below a certain level. Mrs Jones reported that four separate burst pipes had been repaired. Section of the burst pipe were tabled for Member's information / inspection. The pipes had been lagged, but the pipe system could benefit from improved lagging. Mrs Jones was looking into the possibility of introducing temperature sensors into the system. These Sensors may then be used to activate a heating cable running below the attic pipes.
- (f) **Cilcain toilet - business rate** - Mrs Sue Jones had now received confirmation from Flintshire Finance that the business rate will not apply to the toilet block.

12. **ANY OTHER BUINESS** - None

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

14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting of the Council will be held at the Village Hall Cilcain at 7.30pm on 16 April 2018.