

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE CILCAIN VILLAGE HALL ON 20 JANUARY 2020.

Present: Chairperson: Cllr Ian Hughes,

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

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed Members and one Cilcain resident (Mrs Sue Jones) to the Council Meeting. Croeso i bawb i Gyngor Mis Ionawr.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllr Ann Baker, Cllr Janet Butlin, Cllr Jean Ramsay.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Cllr Gareth W Hughes declared an interest in Rhydymwyn F C - request for donation item. Item 8 (11).

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING Cllr J Emyr Davies proposed, Cllr Gareth W Hughes seconded and all Members agreed to approve the Minutes of the 16 December 2019 Council Meeting. The Chairman signed the 16 December Council Minutes.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Streetscene Action Plan - dated 21 October 2019

- (i) Mr Neil Hickie went through the items on the Action List.
- (ii) Item No 19 on Mr Hickie's action list - A541 Vehicle activated sign (VAS)

Mr Hickie reported that the sign was working.

Members noted the observations made by Cllr Gareth W Hughes in the previous meeting that the VAS on the Rhydymwyn straight only works intermittently.

Cllr W Owen Thomas reported that he felt that a new fairly significant 40 mph sign (non vehicle activated had been erected since the last Council Meeting.

Cllr Gareth Hughes mentioned that the VAS sign near County Hall was a fairly interesting and effective sign. The Clerk had established that this type of sign cost £2,600, and that Mold Town Council had recently paid for the sign by Shire Hall and one other VAS in Mold. The Clerk had included a £2,600 sum in the precept in case the Community Council fails to persuade Flintshire to fund a replacement to the problem A541 sign on the Rhydymwyn straight.

Cllr Gareth Hughes expressed concern regarding the period of the survey having possibly coincided with the Christmas / New year closure at Hendre Tarmac quarry.

In conclusion, the results of the speed survey was required initially. Clerk to pursue.

(iii) The Chairman thanked Mr Hickie for his attendance.

p73 Planning Matters - Land at Plas yn Llan - Cllr Gwen Hardman referred to the latest position regarding the closing date to submit observations being 30 December 2019 and not 31 December 2019.

-- -- Bryn Sholyn, Cefn Road - Cllr Gareth Hughes enquired regarding the current planning position. Cllr W Owen Thomas was not aware of any change.

p74 Village Hall Lease -

A letter needs to be sent to the Hall Ctee to inform the Ctee of the views of the Community Council's Solicitor.

Members maintained the Council needs to take another look at the new lease with respect to the sub letting.

The original version of the new lease indicated that there was no sub-letting allowed.

Members noted that the existing lease, with 10 years to run, includes a 'no letting allowed clause'.

In March 2018, the Community Council agreed to let the shop have use of the former committee room only.

The Community Council is now aware of the increasing use of all the other Village Hall facilities by the Shop Ctee.

The Shop Ctee now require more use of the existing kitchen. Cllr W Owen Thomas did not mind the shop having use of the kitchen, but the Shop must not have exclusive use of the kitchen.

Any change to the arrangement covering the use of any other part of the Village Hall by the Shop, must be following agreement with the Hall Ctee. These changes must be detailed in writing and approved by the Community Council.

The Clerk summarised the discussion as follows:

- (i) The new lease must include a clause to insist on there being a written sub-letting agreement between the Hall Ctee and the Shop Ctee, and this written agreement must be approved by the Community Council.
- (ii) Any change to the sub-letting agreement must be made in writing, and approved by the Community Council.

p75 Disposal of dead badger carcasses - Cllr Gareth Hughes enquired if there had been any progress on Flintshire formulating a carcass disposal policy. Cllr W Owen Thomas maintained that a policy document had been discussed in a Flintshire County Council's Committee in the last two weeks. Clerk indicated that he had not received a response to the early December 2019 correspondence from Flintshire Streetscene. Clerk to pursue with Flintshire. If a positive response is not forthcoming from Flintshire, the Clerk may need to write to the Welsh Assembly Member to request the Assembly Member's support. Cllr John Worthington indicated that the Welsh Assembly are paying for freezers to be installed in various locations, so the Community Council may need to check if these facilities are being utilised.

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

1. Rhydymwyn Play Areas - Need to remind Flintshire about the tarmac lifting on the swing area in the Donkey Field in Rhydymwyn.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Planning Applications received from Flintshire County Council:

(a) Proposal: Proposal for 5 No glamping pods including associated access, parking, bin storage and private treatment plant.
At: Y Fron Farm, Mountain Road, Cilcain, Mold
Ref No: 060784
Community Council's observations:
The Council trusts Flintshire Planning will take on board observations made by the AONB regarding this proposal.

In addition, the Community Council is concerned about access to the proposed development along the narrow single width road, particularly through the village centre.

(ii) Planning Decisions made by Flintshire County Council - Position noted.

(a) Proposal: Variation of condition No 1 attached to planning permission ref No 052287 to allow further time period for commencement of work
At: Foel Awel, 2 Ffordd y Llan, Cilcain
Ref No: 060251
Decision: Approved.

(b) Proposal: Erection of a sign on an Existing Post
At: Cilcain Community Shop Ltd, Cilcain Village Hall, The Square, Cilcain
Ref No: 060622
Decision: Approved

8. CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS

Please note, not all the correspondence items listed below were copied to Members with the Agenda.
* Correspondence item copied.

- 1) 16/12* Cilcain Sewage Treatment Works - response from Natural Recourses Wales. Position noted.
- 2) 16/12* Community involvement in Disposal of Playing Fields - Information from Welsh Assembly. Position noted. Clerk reported he had not yet received a response to the Community Council's request for information on Public Notices required for a new lease. Clerk to pursue with Flintshire's Legal Section.
- 3) 7/12 Quotation received by the Chairman for the provision of a Notice Board for Hendre. Chair and Vice Chair approved the acceptance of this third quotation received by the Community Council for the Hendre Notice Board. Notice Board ordered. Notice Board delivered.
- 4) 19/12 Zurich Municipal - Annual renewal notice for the Council's Insurance. Clerk to arrange for renewal.
- 5) 20/12* Foul smell, Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn - Update from Welsh Water's Customer Care Officer. Position to be monitored, especially next Summer.
- 6) 20/12* Street sweeping in Rhydymwyn - Information from Leete Avenue resident regarding the need to street sweep leaves in Leete Avenue. Item discussed earlier when Mr Hickie was in attendance at the start of the Council Meeting.
- 7) 23/12 Cilcain Village Hall - thank you note for donation to assist with Insurance premium.
- 8) 30/12 Cilcain cemetery brown bins - receipt received from Flintshire Streetscene for two brown bin sticker for 2020. Stickers not yet received.
- 9) 07/01 Urdd Eisteddfod in Denbigh - May 2020 - Thank you note for donation.
- 10) 09/01* Flintshire County Council Summer Playscheme 2020 - Cost details for information - £2,858 for a scheme similar to the 2019 arrangement. Item to be included in the precept for 2020 202.
- 11) 12/01* Rhydymwyn Football Club - Request for donation to assist with ongoing external repairs to the external fabric of the Football Club building. Donation approved. Letter to be sent regarding need to tidy up the area surrounding the Club House.
- 12) -- -- Denbighshire County Council - Local Development Plan - Information available on Denbighshire County Council's website.
- 13) 13/01 North Wales Police - Crime report for Dec 2019 to January 2020 - Information from PCSO Connor Freel. Position noted.
- 14) 13/01* Information sent to National Recourses Wales regarding a substantial sized sink hole alongside the River Alyn upstream of Bont Newydd. Clerk to contact NRW to ensure fencing protection is provided to persons walking the river in summer months.
- 15) 14/01 Rhydymwyn DEFRA Site - Acknowledgment of the contact details forwarded to the Land Trust.
- 16) 17/01* Next Flintshire Forum Meeting - Meeting scheduled for 13 Feb, County Hall, Mold. Two or three Members may be attending.
- 17) -- --* Flintshire CC current Action Plan. Item discussed earlier.

09. MATTERS RAISED SINCE THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

- (a) **Sink hole, Pantymwyn Road, Cilcain** - Cllr J Emyr Davies had reported (6 Jan 2020) the appearance of a sink hole in the road verge in Pantymwyn Road, Cilcain. Item had been reported to Mr Neil Hickie. Warning road cones had been placed in the hole, and the sink hole was filled with stone prior to the 10 January. Cllr Davies had noticed a brown plastic pipe at

the edge of the sink hole. Mr Hickie had checked for the presence of a water main on Welsh Water's utilities records.

- (b) **Village Hall Car Park, Cilcain** - Resurfacing a 44 metre square rectangular area at the car park entrance together with mechanical brushing of rest of the car park. Cllr W Owen Thomas, Cllr Gareth W Hughes had met a local contractor (2.00 pm 7 Jan 2020) to identify the nature and extent of the remedial works. A separate price had also been received for replacing the one concrete step opposite the Hall entrance with a two step arrangement, plus a handrail. The estimate for the works was included in the 2020 /2021 precept. Clerk to instruct the Contractor for the work to proceed.
- (c) **Mud on highway footway by Bus Shelter, Cilcain** - Cllr John Worthington had received a complaint form a Cilcain resident regarding the amount of mud on the highway footway. Information had been forwarded to Flintshire Streetscene. This item was discussed earlier in the Meeting when Mr Hickie was present. Members considered the size of the buses using Lon Cilan. Members agreed that when the bus stop marking are in place, the bus markings should discourage vehicle users from parking near the junction by the bus shelter.
- (d) **Defra Site, Rhydymwyn** - A meeting took place at 2.00 pm on Friday 10 January at the Defra Reception Office. Four Community Council Members and the Clerk were in attendance. The meeting had been arranged for National Land Trust to update the Community Council on the current position of the negotiations between Defra and the Land Trust. Members and Clerk reported on the outcome of the discussions at the Council Meeting. Clerk to write to the Lan Trust to indicate the Community Council's support of the Land Trust in its negotiations with DEFRA.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS -

- (a) Nant Alyn Road, debris on roadway due to tree felling operations. Mr Hickie was requested to pursue with the Contractor.
- (b) Water butt in Cilcain cemetery - Cllr W Owen Thomas reported complaints regarding the smell from the water but at Cilcain cemetery. Cllr Thomas maintained that leaves were getting inside the tub, forming a sludge at the bottom and obstructing the flow. Mr Topley to be requested to wash the tub out to see if that improves matters. Sludge from the gutters to be cleaned out at the same time. The Chair felt it would be appropriate for the gutters and tank to be cleaned out on a regular basis, say every twelve months.

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 17 February 2020 at the Village Hall, Cilcain.

SignedChairman Date: Clerk