

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE CILCAIN VILLAGE HALL ON 17 FEBRUARY 2020.

Present: Chairperson: Cllr Ian Hughes,

Councillors: J Emyr Davies,
Gwen Hardman Cllr Jean Ramsay.
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 Chwefror.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllr Ann Baker, Cllr Janet Butlin, Cllr Pauline Douglas, Cllr Greg Foster, Cllr Gareth W Hughes.

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

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING Cllr Gwen Hardman proposed, Cllr J V Worthington seconded and all Members agreed to approve the Minutes of the 20 January 2020 Council Meeting. The Chairman signed the 20 January Council Minutes.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Streetscene Action Plan - dated 20 January 2020

- (i) Mr Neil Hickie went through the items on the Action List.
- (ii) Item No 9 - sweeping footway between the Rhydymwyn Service Station and the Rhosesmor junction' Members agreed that the problem of limestone dust on the carriageway, footway and verge between the Tarmac quarry exit and Rhydymwyn village had not improved since the Community Council complained about the issue last year. Quarry wagons had been seen recently exiting the quarry with water from the wagons spilling on to the carriageway. Clerk to take this matter up again with Mr Neil Parry in Flintshire's Minerals Section.
- (iii) Hendre Notice Board - Members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of metal or timber post for the Notice Board. Members concluded that the wooden Notice Board should be fixed to the metal post, possibly with coach bolts. Mr Hickie to check on the availability of u-channels for the back of the Notice Board, that would make the fitting easier.
- (iii) Waen Field hedge - Mr Hickie indicated he would be arranging to cut the Waen Field hedge by hand prior to the end of March.

- (iv) Village Hall drain - Cllr Thomas reported that he had spoken to Mr Barry Wilkinson at Flintshire County Council regarding a proposal to construct a new drain from the Village Hall Car park down to Ffordd y Llan via the Square. Cllr Thomas to arrange a site meeting with Mr Wilkinson.

Cllr Thomas had recently noted a rather strange occurrence, whereby there was a considerable flow in the Village Hall drain at a time when was only a trickle coming down Mountain Road. The additional water was not coming from the car park, so where was the additional flow coming from?

At the recent site meeting with the Village Hall Garden contractor, it was noted that the eco drain under the swing entrance gate was full of silt. Members felt it was pointless for the Hall Ctee to provide an eco drain at this location if there was no arrangement in place to regularly keep the eco channel free of silt.

The Chairman indicated he would be producing a report to detail the gulleys and grilles around the Village Hall that needed regular maintenance. This information could then be passed on to the Hall Ctee.

- (v) Loggerheads Road, Cilcain - Cllr John Worthington reported that the section of road between Grug Farm gate and Maes Alyn needed attention. Cllr Worthington maintained that the wearing course was peeling away from the base course in a number of areas. Mr Hickie to inspect.

6 **MATTERS ARISING - Non Highway matters**

- p80 Cllr Ian Smith referred to observation made by Cllr W Owen Thomas regarding a bigger 40 mph sign having been provided along the Rhydymwyn straight. Cllr Thomas indicated that the sign was located between the Institute and the Service Station.
- p80 A541 Rhydymwyn Speed Survey - Clerk reported that the survey period had been for one week only. The 22 page resurvey results had arrived too late for them to be copied for tonight's meeting. The Clerk explained that the '85th percentile speed' had been exceeded substantially on the Rhydymwyn Straight side of the village. Mr Shone had explained that the three surveys in Flintshire with the worst results this year would be entitled to new VAS limit signs. There was therefore the possibility that Hendre and Rhydymwyn could fall into this category. The survey results were not particularly easy to understand, so the Clerk would request Mr Shone to provide and interpretation / conclusion report in due course. Another meeting was required with Mr Shone. Members expressed concern that after all the meetings the Council had regarding vehicle speeds in Hendre, not one additional sign or road markings were provided.
- p81 Bryn Sholyn, Cefn Road - Cllr W Owen Thomas reported that he was not aware of the position regarding the planning application. Members recalled being informed by Flintshire that the static caravan could be occupied for a twelve month period whilst the main application was being dealt with.

- p82 Village Hall Lease - Clerk to request the Council's Solicitor to include the following two conditions in the new lease:
- (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.
- p82 Disposal of dead badger carcasses - Clerk reported having contacted Mr Barry Wilkinson in Flintshire Streetscene to enquire if a badger disposal policy was yet in place. Mr Wilkinson indicated that Flintshire have a protocol in place. Clerk to write again to pursue the matter with Flintshire
- p83 Foul smell, Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn - Cllr Ian Smith reported that the foul smell can still be detected, even in the Winter time. Clerk to take up the matter again with Welsh Water
- p83 Brown bin Cilcain cemetery - Clerk reported having now received the yellow plastic tags for Cilcain cemetery. Tags to be fitted to the bins before the first collection in March.
- p84 Village Hall car park - Clerk to make enquiries to establish if the Contractor can replace the steps prior to the surfacing work in the car park.
- p84 Nant Alyn Road debris on roadway - Cllr Ian Smith reported that the tree felling contractor's signs had now been taken down, bunds had been provided in the lay-by just above The Graig. It was not obvious why the bunds were needed. The road could do with further cleaning. Clerk to pursue with Me Hickie.
- p84 Water but in Cilcain cemetery - Cllr Worthington reported on the work done to clean and refit the water but and refit.

Cilcain cemetery - Cllr W Owen Thomas maintained it will soon be the grass cutting season, so there was a need to ensure that all the branches left in the lower part of the cemetery are cleared. Clerk and Cllr Worthington to pursue.

Cllr Thomas maintained that the remaining part of the tree on the school side of the cemetery, two thirds of the way up, needs to be taken down in the next two or three weeks. Cllr Ian Hughes to obtain a quotation from a local tree felling contractor. Clerk to check on the insurance position.

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:** None received

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

Proposal: Prune 2No. Limes and Fell 1 No. Willow
At: Fron Deg, Pentre Road, Cilcain
Ref No: 060750
Decision: No objections raised.

8. CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS

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

* Correspondence item copied.

1) 06/01* Rhydymwyn Football Club - new lease - Response from Flintshire Legal regarding the Community Council request for information on serving of Notices in connection with the new Lease. Members noted that this email was not reported to the 20 January 2020 Council Meeting. The e-mail was found by chance in the Clerk's junk email box on the 25 January 2020. The email was then forwarded to all Members of the Community Council on 25 January 2020. Members noted the response letter from Flintshire Legal section. There was no legal obligation for Flintshire to consult with the adjoining landowner or to put notices up on site regarding renewal of the lease. Flintshire maintained that it had advertised the procedure and consulted the County Councillor. Clerk to send a copy of the letter to Mrs Burgess.

2) 22/01* Bath House, Coed Du, Rhydymwyn - Item raised at the Defra stakeholder's meeting by a member of the water dowsing group. Clerk reported that he had contacted Flintshire Conservation Section. Flintshire had recently corresponded with Mr Taylor, and had promised to send the Community Council a copy of their recent letter. Clerk to pursue.

Cllr Ian Smith reported that he had been to the site to try and understand the exact nature of Mr Taylor's drainage concern, but access to the site was very difficult.

Clerk to find out who the contact is in Flintshire for dealing with the Japanese knotweed infestation on the site.

3) 23/01* Cilcain Show 31 August 2020 - Request for:
(a) Permission to use the Waen Field - Permission given
(b) Financial donation to assist Show Ctee. Members noted that the Show Committee gives a number of donations to local organisations. These donations are invariably given for specific purposes. Unfortunately, the Council is not in a position to give an undisclosed amount of money on a 'just in case' basis.
(c) Assurance that any necessary hedge cutting is undertaken prior to the Show. Mr Hickie reported that hedge will be cut using hand equipment before the end of March. The current wet condition of the field is such that tractor driven cutting equipment cannot be used.

4) 23/01* Stakeholder meeting Valley site Rhydymwyn - Cllr Ian Smith had attended the

stakeholder 's meeting on 22 Jan 2020 - report on discussions which took place for Member's information. Position noted.

- 5) 28/01* Bier House, Cilcain cemetery - new combination lock fitted on the Bier House door. Cllr John Worthington tabled a photograph of the bier which had been stored in the bier house. Cllr Worthington reported that the building was well weather proofed, the leaves on the floor of the building being completely dry.
- Members authorised clearing of clutter from the building. Cllr W Owen Thomas and Cllr Worthington to arrange for the disposal of the contents.
- Approximately twenty five years ago, the Clerk reported that the Community Council had offered the bier to the Greenfield Valley Museum.
- Members felt one option would be to enquire if Cilcain Church would like to have the bier, so that it could be left on display within the Church Building. Cllr Gwen Hardman, Cllr W Owen Thomas, and Cllr John Worthington to pursue this possible option with Church Committee Members in due course.
- 6) 31/01* Flood Warning System for Rhydymwyn and Hendre - Report received from National Resources Wales regarding the concern which had been expressed in Rhydymwyn and Hendre area regarding the perceived inadequacy of the warning system on the 11/12/13 June 2019 flooding incident. Members discussed and noted the contents therein. Clerk to enquire with NRW why flood warnings to Hendre residents was not mentioned in the report.
- 7) 03/02 North Wales Police - local crime report for Jan- Feb 2020 - A copy of this report had been emailed to all Council Members. Position noted.
- 8) 06/02 Flintshire County Forum meeting scheduled for Thursday 13 February 2020 at County Hall Mold. Notification of meeting. Position noted.
- 9) 14/02* Flintshire County Council Playscheme programme 2020 - Members noted that Flintshire would appreciate information regarding the Community Council's participation in this year's scheme by 28 February 2020. The Community Council has included £2,858 in the 2020/2021 Precept and the cost of the scheme this summer will be £2,857.80. Various options were considered, but Members authorised the Clerk to inform Flintshire that the Community Council require the same scheme as last year. The posters would need to be supplied earlier next year, and sent to the correct email address. Information will need to be posted on the Cilcain Village Notice Board to indicate that the scheme will not continue in future years if the facility is not better used.
- 10) 14/02 Street link App - A more consistent method of reporting rough sleeping - A copy of Flintshire's report has been emailed to all Members. Position noted
- 11) 14/02* Flintshire Streetscene's current Action Plan. Item considered earlier.

09. MATTERS RAISED SINCE THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

- (a) 20 mph speed limit signs Ffordd y Llan - Cllr J Emyr Davies reported on a Rhydymwyn resident's request for information regarding the possibility of upgrading the existing 20 mph unenforceable signs outside Ysgol y Foel to 20 mph enforceable limits. Clerk reported on his recent discussion with Flintshire Traffic Section at the Council Meeting. There are a few schools in Flintshire where the 20 mph signs are mandatory. Each location would be considered on its merits. Existing speed limit in the existing road would be taken into account, together with facilities for parking etc. On first impression, it is unlikely that an application for a mandatory limit in Cilcain would be successful. Members agreed to pursue the issue further with Mr Lee Shone.
- (b) Donkey Field, Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn - Cllr Gareth W Hughes, Cllr Ian Smith and the Clerk met Mr Malcolm Down and Mr Neil Hickie regarding the need to cut back the boundary hedge between the Village Orchard and the adjoining properties. There was insufficient distance between the orchard trees and the boundary hedge for a traditional tractor driven hedge cutter to be used. Rather than remove two fruit trees to allow tractor access, Mr Hickie agreed to trim the boundary hedge using hand operated equipment on this occasion. Cllr Ian Smith reported (13 February) that the work has now been done, and that Mr Down was extremely pleased with the work undertaken.
- (c) Informal site meeting at Cilcain Chapel, Cilcain. The Council Chairman and Vice Chairman authorised the holding of an informal site meeting of Cilcain Ward Members at Cilcain Chapel committee room on Thursday 30 January 2020. The meeting had been called for by Cllr Owen Thomas to clarify some of the discussion which had taken place at the 20 January 2020 Council Meeting regarding the Cilcain Village Hall lease.
- (d) Village Hall drain, Cilcain - A site meeting took place on Monday 10 February 2019 at 11.00 am with the Contractor who had undertaken the recent work at the Village Hall garden refurbishment. Mr Neil Hickie was in attendance. The contractor indicated he would undertake the required repair in the next six weeks.
- (e) Trial Hill, Cilcain - Cllr John Worthington reported (13 Feb 2019) on the repair works taking place at Trial Hill. Item discussed earlier in the Meeting.

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 16 March 2020 at the Village Hall, Cilcain.

SignedChairman Date: Clerk