

**CYNGOR CYMUNED CILCAIN  
CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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Dear Councillor

**Notice of Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that a virtual meeting of the above Council will be held on 17 January (Ionawr) 2022 commencing at 7.30 pm to transact the following business, and your participation is requested. Mr Neil Hickie from Flintshire Streetscene will be attending the virtual Council Meeting to update the Council on highway and drainage matters. Should any members of the public wish to gain access to the meeting by video or telephone, please contact the Clerk at least three days prior to the meeting.

The items of correspondence which would have been discussed in the December Council Meeting are listed below. Members may consider it appropriate to have available at this Meeting the December 2021 Agenda and the 15 November 2021 draft Minutes.

Yours sincerely

Clerk to the Council

**AGENDA**

1. **Chairman's welcome** (Croeso'r Cadeirydd) -
2. **Apologies for absence** -
3. **Declarations of Interest** - To receive any Declarations of Interest from Members.
4. **To confirm minutes of the meeting** - held at the Rhydymwyn Football Club on the 15 November 2021.
5. **Matters arising (highway matters)** - Please refer to Neil's Action Plan below in the correspondence item.
6. **Matters arising (non highway matters)** -
7. **PLANNING MATTERS** -
  - (i) **Planning Applications received from Flintshire County Council.**
    - (a) Location: Land adjacent to Trelan Farm - Trelan Newydd, Cilcain
    - Proposal: Part Retrospective - Erection of 4 No Tourist self catering units
    - Ref No: 063478

In view of the time constraints imposed on submitting the Community Council's consultation response on this application, the Chair, Vice Chair and Cilcain Ward Members were consulted, and views received, prior to submitting the following:

- The Community Council **fully supports** the development.

- (b) **Location:** Storage Yard adjacent to Bryn Rhodyn, Cefn Road, Cilcain  
**Proposal:** Proposed Holiday Accommodation and Reception Building  
**Ref No:** 063699  
**Please Note -** A copy of the objection observations made to the previous application for this site was attached to the correspondence pack being distributed to Members.

In view of the time constraints imposed on submitting the Community Council's consultation response on this application, the Chair, Vice Chair and Cilcain Ward Members were consulted, and views received, prior to submitting the following:

- The Community Council **strongly objects** to the application for the following reasons:

- (i) A new development on this site constitutes sporadic development in the countryside.
- (ii) The location of the septic tank immediately adjoins Cefn Road and a number residential dwellings. Any lack of maintenance issues with the septic tank will have odour and public health implications.
- (iii) Since the location of the proposed holiday type facilities is in close proximity to a building products yard, which regularly generates dust complaints in the summer months, the site location is unsuitable for a holiday type facility.
- (iv) The road from the applications site down to Rhydymwyn is unsuitable to accommodate additional traffic that would be generated by the development. The lane is very narrow, has minimum visibility and inadequate passing places. Whilst the road from Star Crossing on the A541 to this site is quite adequate, vehicles following Sat nav instruction invariably take the shortest route. Vehicles approaching the site along the A541 from the Mold direction are directed by the sat nav instructions up Nant Alyn Road. I attach two photographs:  
Photo (A) - shows the narrow one track road towards Rhydymwyn showing poor visibility and inadequate passing places.  
Photo (B) - shows what can happen when drivers not familiar with the local road network ignore the recommended road towards Star Crossing and follow the sat nav instructions by using Nant Alyn Road instead.  
If the planning permission is given for the development, then a traffic information sign should be provided at the exit of the site, to request drivers to 'turn right' for Mold.
- (v) The layout plan does not show any recreational area within the development.
- (c) **Location:** Bryn Ffynnon, Cilcain, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 5PG  
**Proposal:** Part conversion of existing garages and outbuildings to annex accommodation and demolition of existing conservatory to the rear of the dwelling replaced by a single storey extension  
**Ref:** 063863

(ii) **Planning Decisions made by Flintshire County Council** - None received

**8. CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS** - Please Note -

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 may be appropriate for a number of the correspondence items below to be discussed after the press and public have been excluded.

Please Note\* - Where the correspondence items listed below (from Item No 27 onwards) are not being copied to Members, they will be read out, if necessary, at the Council Meeting.

For correspondence Items 1 to 27 - please refer to the December correspondence pack that was distributed to Members prior to the scheduled 20 December 2021 Meeting.

- 1) 14/ 11 Freedom of Information (FOI) request - Request from a Cilcain resident regarding the legal cost of the new Village Hall Lease.
- 2) 14/11 Report of illegal parking in Cilcain - Response from Connor Freel (North Wales Police)
- 3) 15/11 Reviving the Minerals (Aggregate Levy) grant - Response from Carolyn Thomas (Assembly Member) regarding the Council's request for an update on her intentions to push for the revival of the Aggregate levy funding scheme.
- 4) 17/11 Cilcain reservoirs 1 and 2 - Information from Welsh Water regarding its proposal to return the land to its natural state pre-dam construction.
- 5) 17/11 Community Council Precepts for 2022/2023 - Notification from Flintshire - Information required from The Community Council by 21 January 2022. Members should note the requirement to include approximately £5,000 in the precept for 2022/2023, to accommodate the possibility of an election being held in each Council Ward.
- 6) 18/11 Cilcain Toilets - Copy of an email received by Cllr Ann Baker (Community Council's representative on the Village Hall Management Committee) to enquire about the toilets being operated by Cilcain Clean and Lock. Acknowledgement letter sent to the Cilcain resident.
- 7) 19/11 Leete Valley - Provision of a Defibrillator in Telephone Kiosk - Request for support from Ian and Sue Morris. Members may recall that the Kiosk is owned by Community Council.
- 8) 21/11 Freedom of Information (FOI) request - Request for an acknowledgment from a Cilcain resident for a FOI request made on the 14 November 2021. Response sent to resident.
- 9) 30/11 Freedom of Information request (FOI) - Request from a Cilcain resident relating to Cilcain Community Council documents deposited at North East Wales Records Archives. The Clerk and Vice Chairwoman will report on enquiries made at

Hawarden's Records Office to clarify what part of the total information is being requested from the Community Council.

- 10) 30/11 Rhydymwyn Nature Reserve - Information to site stakeholders - The site will be closed until further notice due to the need to make the site trees safe following the recent wind damage.
- 11) 01/12 Cadwyn Clwyd - Green Projects - Information from Flintshire Tourism Officer - regarding scheduled discussions with Cadwyn Clwyd about grants for parking / green projects.
- 12) 01/12 Road Closure Cilcain - Road Closure Notice from Flintshire Streetscene - The Pentre Cilcain scheduled for 5 days starting 14 Jan 2022.
- 13) 03/12 Cilcain Village Hall - loose slate damage due to recent heavy wind reported by Cllr Ian Hughes - Report forwarded to Hall Ctee Secretary.
- 14) 03/12 Cilcain Toilets - loose slate damage due to recent heavy wind reported by Cllr Ian Hughes. Report forwarded to Mrs Sue Jones, Cilcain Clean and Lock.
- 15) 03/12 Cilcain Bowling Club fence - Report received from the Bowling Club, via Cllr Gwen Hardman regarding wind damage to the wooden fence between the Bowling Green and the Village Hall, Car Park. The possibility of the fence falling on to the car park and damaging cars was considered. Cllr Ian Hughes, Cllr W Owen Thomas and Cllr John Worthington inspected the fence, and will report at the Council Meeting.  
  
Cllr Worthington subsequently met a local contractor to detail temporary support work to the fence. Flintshire Streetscene provided road cones for the bottom of the stone wall to deter parked vehicles from parking too close to the wall.  
  
Cllr Gwen Hardman has discussed the possibility of grants with a Member of the Bowling Club and will report further at the Council Meeting.
- 16) 03/12 Ruby Villas drainage issues - Verbal complaint received by Cllr Jean Ramsay from a Ruby Villas resident. Mr Hickie checked the entrance grid to the surface water culvert running down Nant Road. Culvert entrance clear. Cllr Jean Ramsay may report further at the meeting.
- 17) 06/12 Trial Hill, Cilcain - Danger from wet leaves - Cllr Ian Hughes reported build up of wet leaves on Trial Hill becoming extremely dangerous. Item reported to Mr Neil Hickie at Flintshire Streetscene. Sweeper scheduled for 14 Dec 2021.
- 18) 07/12 Cilcain Village Hall - Letter to the Council's Solicitor regarding the new lease exchanged on the 4 Nov 2021.
- 19) 10/12 Cilcain Village Hall - Summary of the history of Cilcain Village Hall from Cllr Gwen Hardman.
- 20) 11/12 Freedom of Information Request - Response made by the Community Council to the FOI request made by a Cilcain resident on the 30 November 2021.

- 21) 13/12 Leaning branch / tree near the Pistyll in Cilcain obstructing passage by large vehicles in this section of road. Item referred to Mr N Hickie at Flintshire Streetscene. Mr Hickie will report at the Council Meeting. Mr Hickie has been in contact with the landowner.
- 22) 13/12 Cilcain Bowling Club - Lease and Dilapidations - Response from Flintshire Housing and Assets. This information from Flintshire will enable the Community Council to move forward with completing the Land Registry process. Cllr Gwen Hardman will report further at the Council Meeting.
- 23) 14/12 Rhydymwyn War Memorial Institute - Request from the Chairman of the Institute for assistance regarding the proposed rebuilding of the rear part of the existing building.
- 24) 14/12 Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn - Information from Welsh Water's North East Wales Network Manager to inform the Council of the current position with respect to the odour complaint in Dolfechlas Road.
- 25) 17/12 Road Closure Notice - Llanferres - One day road closure scheduled for 10 Feb 2022. Cllr J Worthington reports that the incorrect location information is given in the Notice. Mr Hickie notified.
- 26) 17/12 Trial Hill, Cilcain - sweeping of leaves. Cllr Ian Hughes reported that Trial Hill had been cleared of leaves on Friday 17 Dec.
- 27) --/-- Flintshire Streetscene Action Plan - For Members to comment on, and to add to as appropriate.
- Please Note - The following Items of correspondence have been received / sent following the December Agenda being circulated.
- 28) 20/12\* Cilcain Bonfire, donation - Thank you note / receipt from Cilcain Young Farmers Club Secretary.
- 29) 22/12 Survey of local sewerage problems - Invitation from Llyr Gruffydd (AM) for the Community Council to supply information on river pollution issues recently encountered in the Council's area.
- 30) 23/12\* Rhydymwyn War Memorial Institute, donation - Thank you note / receipt from the Chairman of the Rhydymwyn War Memorial Institute.
- 31) 23/12 Service Impacts - Variant of Concern : Omicron **CONFIDENTIAL** - Information regarding the actions being taken by Flintshire County Council to combat the Omicron infection. Please note the need to keep this correspondence confidential.
- 32) 06/01 Public Hearings - Boundary Commission for Wales - The latest information regarding the second consultation scheduled for 17 February 2022 can be seen on the Boundary Commission Website.
- 33) 08/01\* Wooden bench at Is y Mynydd, Cilcain - Request from a Cilcain resident for an update on the seat replacement position. The Clerk has forwarded this request to the Street Scene Supervisor.

- 34) 08/01 Mountain Road Cilcain - blocked gulley / catch pit reported by Cllr J Emyr Davies and Cllr John Worthington in Dec 2021 / Jan 2022.  
Email sent to Flintshire's Supervisor to express concern regarding the long outstanding problem of surface water crossing the carriageway as a result of the catch pit not being regularly maintained. A photograph was forwarded to Flintshire indicating the ice across the road danger being first brought to Flintshire's attention on 26 January 2007.
- 35) 10/01 Smart Towns Cymru - (for information only) - Welsh Assembly initiative to set up workshops to encourage the use of Smart Technologies in Wales - Please note the grant initiative appears to be aimed at urban areas as opposed to rural areas in Wales.
09. **PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS** - To submit the accounts scheduled in the Appendix for payment.
10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held on the 21 February 2022. Members should note that on the last occasion the Council held an on-line meeting, the signal was lost by three participants for a significant time, which resulted in disruption of Council procedures on that occasion. Members may wish to consider whether or not they want to change the on-line meeting provider.