

**CYNGOR CYMUNED CILCAIN
CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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Dear Councillor

Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the above Council will be held at the Football Club Building in Rhydymwyn on 20 June (Mehefin) 2022 commencing at 7.30 pm to transact the following business, and your participation is requested. The meeting may be joined virtually by telephone conference. (Should any members of the public wish to gain access to the meeting by telephone, please contact the Clerk to advise, at least three days prior to the meeting).

Mr Neil Hickie from Flintshire Streetscene will be attending the Council Meeting to update the Council on highway and drainage matters.

Yours sincerely

Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. **Chairperson'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** - 16 May 2022
5. **Filling of vacancies on the Community Council by co-option** - To receive nominations for the filling of the vacancies.
6. **Matters arising (highway matters)** - Please refer to Neil's Action Plan below in the correspondence item.
7. **Matters arising (non highway matters)** -
8. **PLANNING MATTERS** -
 - (i) **Planning Applications received from Flintshire County Council.** - None received
 - (ii) **Planning Decisions made by Flintshire County Council** - None received. In future, a check for decisions will need to be made on Flintshire's Planning Portal.
9. **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 are not being copied to Members, they will be read out, if necessary, at the Council Meeting.

Please note that the correspondence listed below may not include all the correspondence since the previous Council meeting.

- 1)10/05* Cilcain car park - email from Cilcain resident (CD) - signage support.
- 2)10/05* Congratulations on the Election Result. Letter of congratulations from Delyn's Member of Parliament.
- 3)14/05* Cilcain car park - email from Cilcain resident (SA) - signage support.
- 4)14/05* Cilcain car park - email from Cilcain resident (AH) - signage concern.
- 5)16/05 Ffordd y Llan, Cilcain - email to Flintshire CC Tree Officer to express Cilcain CC's concern regarding the overhanging trees in Ffordd y Llan. Farmers carrying high loads having to use the centre of the road have to undertake sudden manoeuvres to avoid oncoming traffic. Fatalities a distinct possibility if high loads tip over in undertaking these sudden manoeuvres. Subsequent response received to indicate that Flintshire has higher priorities elsewhere in Flintshire.
- 6) 18/05 Repair of picnic tables in Donkey Field Rhydymwyn - confirmation from Flintshire that repairs will be undertaken by Flintshire CC.
- 7) 19/05 New LED lamps former Ysgol y Ddol link path - Request confirmation from Flintshire CC that the three replacement columns erected by Flintshire in connection with the safe route to schools have been adopted by Flintshire. Confirmation has subsequently been obtained from Flintshire CC that Flintshire CC is now responsible for the three lamps.
- 8) 22/05* Cilcain car park - email from Cilcain resident (LJ) - signage concern.
- 9) 22/05 Former Trimm Rock Quarry, Cefn Road, Cilcain. Reminder sent to Flintshire Minerals Section regarding the potential danger to trespassers from gaining access to the quarry pond. A response has been received from Flintshire on the 13 June to indicate that legal advice is still awaited. Cllr Gareth Hughes provided a recent photograph showing a gap in the security fence, this gap being there when the Council held a site meeting with Connor Freel over twelve months ago. This latest photo will need to be forwarded to Flintshire. Flintshire CC has not informed the Council of the results of any discussion between Flintshire Officers and Officers in other County Minerals Sections in North West Wales.
- 10) 23/05 Cilcain car park sign replacement - Email to AONB to request advice - Is there preferred colour and style for signs in the AONB?
- 11) 23/05* Cilcain car park - e-mail from Cilcain resident (DF) - signage concern.

- 12) 23/05 Pedair y Groesffordd, extending parking areas - Email to Flintshire Leisure and Tourism to request confirmation that plans and costings will be drawn up for extending the car park. The view from Moel Famau will need to be assessed. It strengthens Cilain CC's case considerably if the view is blighted by the appearance of windmills. The £50,000 grant back in 2013 for the play area in Cilcain was based partly on the village view-point being affected by minerals 'blight'. Similarly, the case for a much bigger grant for the Rhydymwyn play area refurbishment was partly based on blight as a result of quarry workings being seen from a view point on the outskirts of the village. Another alternative grant that needs to be considered (if the view of the sea is not available) is the Lottery Fund. Several years ago, Cllr J Emyr Davies and the Clerk attended a meeting with a representative of the Lottery Fund. At that time the Lottery Fund was crying out for applications from the North East Wales area. Cilcain CC was not particularly interested in the Lottery Fund grant at the time since the 85% minerals grant and Flintshire's (£ for £) grant was freely available for the play area refurbishment schemes in Rhydymwyn and Cilcain.
- 13) 25/05 Cilcain car park in the Conservation Area. Reminder sent to Flintshire Conservation Officer to request observations on the appearance or design of signs in Conservation Areas in rural landscapes.
- 14) 26/05 Cilcain Community Shop Meeting - Email from Cilcain Ward member expressing concern regarding the apparent delay in arranging a meeting between the Shop Chair and the Community Council.
- 15) 26/05* Road Closure, Cilcain. Pump House Junction to Plas Newydd - 3 day road closure scheduled to start from 28 June 2022.
- 16) 26/05* Caravan A541Rhydymwyn - Update position from Flintshire Planning Enforcement section regarding the Community Council complaint submitted in October 2021.
- 17) 27/05* Flintshire CC Standards Committee - Town and Community Council's Representative. Notification from Flintshire's Chief Officer (Governance) regarding a position vacancy on the Standards Committee. Nominations invited. Closing date Friday 29 July 2022.
- 18) 29/05* Cilcain car park - e-mail from Cilcain resident (JE) - signage concern.
- 19) 29/05* Rhydymwyn FC building - email from FC Chair re: wi-fi password for hybrid Council Meeting.
- 20) 29/05* Cilcain cemetery - Email sent to the Commonwealth War Grave Commission to approve the installation of a Gallipoli pedestal marker on a grave space in the cemetery.
- 21) 30/05 Match funding scheme, Play areas, 2022/2023 - Flintshire CC has allocated funds for a (£ for £) match funding of improvement works to children's play areas.
- 22) 06/05 Street Lighting schedule from Scottish Power to identify the total number of St Lamps that Cilcain CC is being charged for. Schedule forwarded to Deeco to

request information on the wattage and type of lamp for each street lamp the Council maintains. On the last occasion that Cilcain CC was being overcharged, Scottish Power gave the Council free power for several quarters following the overcharging being discovered.

- 23) 07/06 Ambulance Service - email from Councillor Ian Hughes to express concern regarding the 13 hour wait from calling the ambulance and another 7 hour wait in the ambulance outside Wrexham Hospital before his elderly mother was admitted into hospital.
Councillor Hughes has subsequently written to the Assembly Member and the Member of Parliament. This unacceptable service is not unique to this area alone. An extract from the newspaper on Saturday 11 June 2022 refers to the situation in Gwynedd and Anglesey, where all but one of the ambulances in the two Counties were parked outside the hospital for up to 7 hours waiting for admittance.
- 24) 07/06 Cilcain Play Area - email and photo sent to Flintshire CC showing apparent sufficient room for a couple of 'under five' items. Mr Roberts will measure the width involved and inform the Council of his observations.
- 25) 10/06 Photograph received from former Councillor Mrs Janet Butlin detailing river bed pollution in the River Alyn in March 2003. Members may recall that the incident that took place in early 2001 in the same location was investigated by the NRA, but at that time, Cilcain CC was unable to find a record of the previous complaint.
- 26) 11/06 The Antelope, Rhydymwyn - potentially dangerous roof slates. - Reminder sent to Flintshire CC regarding the Community Council's concern regarding the danger to pedestrians using the public footway in front of the building. The Council's concerns were reported to Flintshire CC on the 04 April 2022 and an email received on the 8 April that Building Control would make an inspection in a few days time.
Members may note from the correspondence now received that Flintshire would appear to be dealing with the total issue of the building, whereas Cilcain CC's main concern is danger to users of the public footway. It may be appropriate for the Council to request Flintshire to deal with loose slates as a separate danger, otherwise the slate danger could take another two or more months before being dealt with. Cilcain CC needs to emphasise that school children use this path on a daily basis.
- 27) 12/06 Car Parking - correspondence summary. Information received from Cilcain CC Chairperson giving a resume of the issues raised in emails to the Community Council regarding parking and car park signage.
- 28) 13/06 Fechlas Brook pollution upstream of Hendre - Email from Cllr Andrew Parkhurst regarding a pollution incident in Fechlas Brook at Hendre. Cllr Parkhurst will report further at the Council meeting. Members may recall a previous complaint of pollution in Fechlas Brook. The last complaint was in June 2018 near the Bowling Green in Rhydymwyn. The incident was reported to NRW at the time. Slurry spreading on agricultural land too close to the watercourse was suspected as being the issue on that occasion. Unfortunately, the Community Council does not automatically receive results of NRW pollution investigations.

29) -- -- Flintshire Streetscene Action Plan - For Members to comment on, and to add to as appropriate.

10. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS** - To submit the accounts scheduled in the Appendix for payment.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held on the 18 July 2022. However, the Chair and Vice Chair reserve the right to change the date, having regard to the three clear working days statutory notice being given for any new date.