

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL AT THE RHYDYMWYN
CHURCH ON 17 JULY 2023.**

Present: Chairperson: Cllr Gareth W Hughes

Councillors: John Emyr Davies Pauline Douglas
Malcolm Down John Doyle
Gwenda Hardman Ian Hughes
Tim Mitchell Karen Parker
John V Worthington
The Clerk was also in attendance

1. CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairperson welcomed Members to the July Meeting. Croeso i bawb i Gyngor Mis Gorffennaf. The Chair also welcomed two Cilcain resident (DF and SJ) and County Cllr Andrew Parkhurst to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllr Christine Vaughan, Cllr Michael Parr scheduled to be joining online.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - No Declaration of interest received at this stage of the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - Cllr Gwen Hardman proposed acceptance of the 15 June 2023 Minutes. Acceptance seconded by Cllr J Emyr Davies and confirmed by all Members present.

Amendments agreed:

- (a) Page 18 - Minutes to include Cefn Road concerns in with the discussion regarding Star Crossing Road.
- (b) Page 12- the reference to a seat at 'Lon Cilan' should have read 'Cilan Lodge Road'.

5. ANAEROBIC DIGESTION FACILITY - RUBYBRICK, RHYDYMWYN

The Chair invited Rhydymwyn resident. Mr Ian Smith to address the Council:

- (a) Mr Smith thanked the Community Council for the tremendous amount of support received from Community Councillors to help set up the Action Group, print and disseminate information for the scheduled meeting on Wednesday the 19 July 2023.
- (b) Mr Smith submitted a list of questions prepared by the Members of the Action Group that the Group Members were in a position to ask NW Energy and Caulmert at the forthcoming meeting on the 19 July.

Cllr Tim Mitchell reported that the drawings of the proposed plant had been drawn up by Marcher Biogas. Clarification would be required at the 19 July meeting to establish if Marcher Gas would also be operating the plant.

Cllr Gwen Hardman referred to the Parc Adfer digester extension on the Deeside Industrial Estate. Approval of the extension is likely to reduce the need for the proposal at Rhydymwyn.

6. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

In the absence of Mr Neil Hickie, the Chair went through the Action List dated the 19 June 2023 for changes:

Item14: Church Meadow, Rhydymwyn - ticked off as being done.

Item 23: Maes Cilan, Cilcain - tree issue - passed on to Dewi Ellis and Housing

Item 25: Star Crossing, Cilcain - visibility - ticked off as being completed.

Sustainable drainage feasibility grant regime for highways - Email received from One Voice Wales regarding a grant for drainage feasibility schemes - Clerk to enquire with Mr Hickie if the Mountain Road Cilcain scheme is an appropriate scheme for consideration.

The Clerk had made enquiries with Mr A Roberts in Flintshire Drainage regarding the Mill Terrace feasibility work currently taking place.

BT Open Reach trench re-instatement on the A541 near the Tarmac entrance. Cllr Karen Parker referred to the previous request for Mr Hickie to have another look at the deteriorating crack in the road surfacing. The Chairman reported having reminded Mr Hickie about the issue last month. Item to be included on Action List again.

Cllr Karen Parker referred to flooding on the A541 near the 30 mph sign on the Rhydymwyn side of Hendre. Cllr Parker had reported the flooding issue to Streetscene following the incident occurring.

Cllr Parker reported on the door-knock survey conducted by Waterco (Consulting Engineers working for Flintshire) regarding the residents' recollection of the recent Mill Terrace flooding incidents. The overflow pipe from the Pumping Station to the Fechlas Brook to be looked at to make sure the outfall pipe has not been silted over.

Chair referred to the letter sent to the Head of Streetscene to request Flintshire's observations on the Council's concern about the lack of adequate pothole repairs.

7. **MATTERS ARISING (NON HIGHWAY MATTERS)**

p13 Proposed solar panels, Village Hall roof, Cilcain - Cllr Gwen Hardman and the Clerk reported on the difficulties encountered in obtaining a response from the Cilcain Conservation Section. Clerk and Cllr Hardman to pursue.

p14 Anaerobic digestion facility Para. - The Chair had asked Cllr Andrew Parkhurst in the June Council Meeting if it was appropriate for residents to write to County Councillors on the Planning Committee. Cllr Parkhurst reported - probably not, otherwise the Councillors would have to declare an interest. Residents should make their observations to the Planning Officer and these questions / observations are summarised by the Planning Officer and included in the paperwork that goes to the Planning Committee.

p14 Ownership of Tarmac access road - The Chairman had sought clarification from Tarmac regarding the access road ownership. The access road is owned by Tarmac and the Ruby Brick landowner has a right of way to use the road.

Tarmac wagons would not be going into the AD site prior to going into the Quarry site. ,
However, Tarmac cannot stop private hauliers from going into the AD site and then on to the Tarmac site.

p14 Cilcain Shop Cllr Gwen Hardman reported that the licence had been sent to the Chairperson and the Secretary of the Shop Committee.

p15 Cilcain cemetery - Cllr J V Worthington reported that the grass cutting in the central area had been satisfactory at the beginning of July. The Chair reported that Bloomin Gardens had missed cutting around the seat at Dolfechlas Road in the beginning of July. Clerk to pursue with Bloomin Gardens.

Cllr Gwen Hardman will arrange a meeting with two other Cilcain Members to prepare the cemeteries risk assessment.

p15 Play area match funding, Rhydymwyn - Another site meeting will need to be arranged between the Rhydymwyn Members and Mr Richard Roberts. The meeting will give Rhydymwyn Members that were unable to attend the last meeting to question / clarify the estimates / figures recently supplied by Mr R Roberts.

p15 Street Lighting, Cilcain - AONB providing new LED lighting units. The Clerk reported that photos had been received on the 13 July 2023 depicting the type of lanterns suggested / recommended by AONB's Street Lighting Consultant. Issue to be considered at the September Council Meeting.

p15 River Alyn Pollution incident which occurred in April 2023 - Report received from NRW on the 17 July 2023. Copy of email for Members to be included in the September Council Meeting correspondence pack. Clerk to forward email to the Church Meadow resident (RJ) who reported the pollution to the Council. Clerk to enquire if NRW took any photographs of the pollution by the DEFRA bridge.

p15 Former Antelope Hotel Rhydymwyn - Cllr Andrew Parkhurst to seek an update from the landowner. The Chairman had received a sketch of a possible site layout from the landowner. Members agreed that Flintshire's Dangerous Structure Officer should be making checks on the roof slate situation every three or four months.

p16 Bier House - O Roberts is arranging to spray the roof timbers and clear out and dispose of any discarded tools and timbers.

p18 Mill Terrace drainage - Cllr Karen Parker reported on the current position whereby Waterco is currently carrying out a feasibility scheme. The results of the study will be submitted to Flintshire CC in due course. Flintshire will then need to consider making an application to the Welsh Assembly for scheme funding.

p18 Star Crossing Junction - Cllr Andrew Parkhurst reported having recently received an email from Mr Darrell Jones in Flintshire. Cllr Parkhurst had written initially on the 6 July 2022 and on a regular basis since then.

Summer Playscheme - The Chairman explained that parents are expected to go on line and register. Clerk to obtain the posters as soon as possible. Cllr Gwen Hardman maintained that in the past Flintshire had visited Ysgol y Foel prior to the playscheme being arranged.

Cllr J Emyr Davies maintained the Council should not pay for the scheme until the September Council meeting and should also seek a reduction on the grounds that the Council had been very dissatisfied with the organisation this year.

p19 Parking in Cilcain - Meeting to be arranged.

p19 Defibrillator - Chair reported that the defibrillator at Hendre was used over the weekend. Arising out of the incident it became clear that a new battery and pads would be required. Members agreed to make a £200 donation to the Rhydymwyn and Hendre Village Group to cover approximately half the cost of the replacement items.

Cllr Karen Parker reported that the code for gaining access to the defibrillator is not specific to the unit at Hendre. The landowner is proposing to have the defibrillator covered by CCTV in case misuse is taking place. The battery was scheduled to expire in September 2023 anyway.

p19 Hendre Speed Limit - Cllr Andrew Parkhurst reported on the exemption process. Consultation period for residents to submit their views is scheduled for a three week period in August. The views of the residents who make representation to Flintshire CC will be taken into account, and Flintshire CC will make a decision whether or not the default speed limit will prevail. The default position in Hendre is that the speed limit will stay at 30 mph.

Cllr Parker reported that many villagers feel strongly that speed alleviation measures should be provided by Flintshire CC if the speed limit stays at 30 mph.

8. **PLANNING MATTERS** - None received

9. **CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS**

1) 21/06 Dwr Cymru - site meeting at former Reservoirs 1 and 2 removal construction site - Chair, Vice Chair, two Cilcain Wards Members and Cllr A Parkhurst and the Clerk were given a conducted tour of the site by Dwr Cymru's site management staff. (Contract Cost - £2.4 Million) - Position noted.

2) 21/06 £500 Annual Toilet Grant from Welsh Assembly - Reminder sent to Flintshire Streetscene regarding this year's outstanding grant payment. Position noted.

3) 22/06 Cefn Road - Complaint received from Cefn Rd resident regarding the Spar Quarry dust issue. Cllr Andrew Parkhurst reported on his visit to speak to the Cefn Road resident (BL-R). The weather was hot, sunny and dry on the day of the visit.

When Cllr Parkhurst was in Cefn Road near the Quarry, a car leaving the quarry exit created a cloud of white dust.

A photograph taken of the highway outside the quarry showed the road covered with white dust. On close examination, the dust glistened in the sunshine which would be an indication of the silica content in the dust. Silica is known as being carcinogenic in nature, so the situation witnessed on that day was concerning.

When a Flintshire Officer, Dan McVey, had visited the site, he had been unable to find anything of concern. Cllr Parkhurst was trying to establish if the Flintshire Officer visited the site by appointment and what the weather conditions were on the day of the inspection.

Since a previous resident (HF) of Cefn Road passed away two years ago with a lung disorder and the current resident has health concerns, it makes the situation a serious issue.

Since silica is a hazardous material, presumably Spar Quarry should have had a COSHH assessment carried out as part of a wider risk assessment.

Cllr Pauline Douglas reported having recently visited the quarry. There was quite an amount of dust blowing about the site. She then witnessed a dumper truck come along and tip water on an aggregate heap, presumably that was the Quarry's idea of dust suppression.

Cllr Parkhurst reported that when planning consent was granted in 1994 /1995, one of the planning conditions required the applicant to produce a dust mitigation / suppression measures report. However, there is no record of a report being received by the Council.

A quarry liaison meeting might be appropriate to try and resolve some of the issues.

- 3B) 26/06 Response from NW Energy regarding the Community Council's pre-planning submission.
- 4) 27/06 Dust suppression at Spar Quarry - Email sent to Flintshire Minerals requesting a response to the previous complaint made on the 06 Jan 2023. Item discussed earlier.
- 5) 27/06 Cilcain Play Area (Stage 2 of improvement proposal) - Site meeting arranged at the Cilcain Play area (attended by five Cilcain Ward Members) to discuss possible items to be included in Stage 2 improvement scheme.

Additional items raised at meeting:

- (i) Several broken slates on Village Hall roof - to be pursued with Village Hall Ctee Secretary.
- (ii) Boundary hedge between Waen Field and the Bowling Club needs cutting back. Clerk to write to Bowling Club to seek the Club's views.
- (iii) Loose stonework - Ladies toilet door. Clean and Lock to arrange for repairs
- (iv) Electric pole stay obstructing play area. Clerk to write to Power Systems

- 6) 28/06 Dust Suppression at Lloyds Quarry - Reply from Flintshire Minerals Section regarding the dust complaint made on 06 January 2023. Item dealt with earlier.
- 6B) 28/06 20mph Exception, Hendre - Information from Lee Shone to Cllr Andrew Parkhurst - information leaflet prepared by Flintshire Traffic Section will be available by the end of July 2023. Cllr Andrew Parkhurst and Cllr Karen Parker will explain further at the Council Meeting. Item dealt with earlier.
- 7) 04/07 Cilcain Play Area Stage 2 improvement proposal - Information from Flintshire CC following the site meeting which took place at 2.00pm on Tues 27 June 2023. Item dealt with earlier.
- 8) 04/07 Community transport Information from Flintshire CC's Cllr Andrew Parkhurst. The Chairman and Cllr Andrew Parkhurst reported on the current offer made by Tarmac and a local Bus Company's cost.
- 9) 04/07 Dust suppression - Spar Quarry, Cefn Road, Cilcain - A copy of the planning permission given by former Delyn Borough Council - Please note the requirement for the applicant to draw up a dust suppression plan for approval by the Planning Authority. Document forwarded to the Community Council from Flintshire CC's Cllr Andrew Parkhurst. Item discussed earlier.
- 10) 04/07 Sustainable drainage feasibility grant - New grant available from NRW. Item discussed earlier.
- 11) 05/07 Planning application for the former Ruby Brickwork site at Rhydymwyn - Email to Halkyn Community Council to request Halkyn CC's support for Cilcain Community Council's objections to the proposal. Item discussed earlier.
- 12) 05/07 Preparing Flintshire Roads for Welsh Government 20 mph speed limits - information from Flintshire CC via Cllr Andrew Parkhurst. Cllr Parkhurst will update the Council on the current position regarding proposals which are likely to affect this Community Council's Area. Item discussed earlier.
- 13) 05/07 20 mph on Flintshire Roads, information from Flintshire CC. Email similar to the above. Item discussed earlier.
- 14) 07/07 Cilcain cemetery, leaning headstone in (Plot No 195) - A recent inspection in Cilcain cemetery has identified a headstone which appears to have developed a sudden tilt. The headstone was erected in 1912. Cllr J Emyr Davies and Cllr J V Worthington had inspected the headstone to confirm the Clerk's opinion that the headstone needed attention. For this headstone to have developed a sudden tilt would suggest that the recent movement is due to a break in the connection between the plinth and the plinth foundation stone. Clerk to obtain an estimate from a local memorial mason.

Cllr Tim Mitchell referred to some headstones in the Rhydymwyn Church cemetery being laid flat and he felt there should be equality between the two villages.

The Chair explained that the older cemetery in Rhydymwyn is owned by the Church and the adjoining newer cemetery is a public cemetery owned by the Council.

Cllr J Emyr Davies proposed that the Council adopts a policy, whereby a headstone more than seventy five years old that has a potentially dangerous lean will be re-set at the Community Council's expense. Cllr Gwen Hardman seconded the proposal and all Members agreed.

Cllr Karen Parker felt it would be appropriate for the new policy to be included in the Cemetery Regulations.

- 15) 09/07 Summer Playscheme - Reminder sent to Flintshire CC regarding the need for posters for the playscheme at Cilcain and Rhydymwyn. Item discussed earlier.
- 16) 10/07 Loggerheads Road, Cilcain, Passing place by Tan Lan, near Brithdir Mawr Lane - Cllr J V Worthington has received a concern from Loggerheads Rd residents that the passing place opposite Tan Lan was being used for commercial purposes. The lack of space in the passing place along this section of road was therefore giving rise to concern. Clerk to report to Flintshire's Planning Enforcement Officer. The planning consent indicates that the annex is for the use of the dwelling. The Annex is now being advertised as a holiday let. Clerk to pass the correspondence received on to Cllr Andrew Parkhurst.
- 17) 10/07 A541 Hendre section of Road between Royal Oak and Hendre - A local resident has expressed concern via Cllr Andrew Parkhurst that the overgrown hedge is obstructing the use of the highway footway by pedestrians. Position noted.
- 18) 10/07 Ivy growth affecting the visibility of Donkey Field pedestrian access, Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported concern regarding the ivy overgrowth on the stone wall obstructing the pedestrian visibility of the play area access - Email sent to Flintshire Streetscene to request cutting back the ivy.
- /-- Traffic sign by Bryn Alyn, Rhydymwyn - The Chairman reported that a local resident had cut back the branches obstructing the sign. The hedge between the Donkey Field pedestrian access gate and Winnwood had now been breasted by the same local resident.
- 19) 10/07 Public Path between the Rhydymwyn FC land and Heatherdene - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported the need to cut back the overgrowth on both sides of the path that links Dolfechlas Road and the A541. Email had been sent to Mr Jon Hill at Flintshire Public Footpaths' Section. Position noted.
- 20) 10/07 Pothole repair in the Cilcain Community Council area - Reminder had been sent to Mrs Kate Wilby, Chief Officer for Streetscene and Transportation. The Community Council's initial concern letter regarding the unsatisfactory way that potholes were being repaired was sent to Mrs Wilby on 4 May 2023. Position noted

- 21) 11/07 Anaerobic Digestion facility proposal, Ruby Brickwork site - Information from Cllr Gwen Hardman regarding questions from Rhydymwyn Action Group needing to be included on the Council's 17 July 2023 Agenda. Item discussed earlier.
- 22) 12/07 Former Ysgol y Ddol land - Email from Cllr John Doyle requesting an update regarding Flintshire CC's scheduled housing survey. Cllr Parkhurst reported that there had been no recent communications from Flintshire's Mr Paul Cannon.
- 23) 13/07 Extra Meeting, 19 July 2023, Rhydymwyn Football Club (7.30pm start) - The Chair detailed the arrangements that were in place for bringing in extra chairs to the Football Club building.

An Agenda and an Attendance List would be distributed at the start of the meeting.

The Clerk had contacted Mr Richard Rogers to outline the meeting format, whereby N W Energy would make an initial presentation. This would be followed by a number of questions from Council Members, Action Group Members and then finally questions from the local resident present at the meeting.

Order of the questions by the Community Council and the topic for each Councillor was agreed.

Cllr Andrew Parkhurst reported on a potential meeting at the St Asaph AD plant on 1st August 2023. One Community Councillor only would be allowed to attend. Cllr Parkhurst to liaise with Cllr John Doyle when firm arrangements for the visit were in place.

- 24) --/-- Flintshire Streetscene Action Plan - Item discussed earlier.

10.00 **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS** - The accounts scheduled in the Appendix were approved for payment.

11.00 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held on the 18 September 2023. 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.

Members authorised the Chairman and Vice Chairman, following consultation with local Members as appropriate, to determine the Council's business on behalf of the Council during the August recess period.

PAYMENT SECTION NOT FOR PUBLICATION UNTIL APPROVED AT THE COUNCIL

1. Payment of Accounts

(i)	A E (sal + fixed exp) for June 2023	665.85
(ii)	HMRC - PAYE (L.G.A.1972 S112)	98.45
(iii)	Bloomin Gardens - grass cutting at Cilcain and Rhydymwyn cemeteries, plus around two Rhydymwyn seats.	220.00
(iv)	Office Equipment and stationery - (L.G.A.1972 S111) (Invoices available at the Council Meeting)	140.62
(v)	AE - web fee	18.00
(vi)	Scottish Power - 3 months street lighting energy supply	892.17
(vii)	AE - 5 litre woodworm treatment for Bier House, Cilcain (Invoice available at Council Meeting)	23.54
(viii)	JHK - Council web site updating (3 months)	60.00
(ix)	Rhydymwyn and Hendre Community Group defibrillator donation	200.00

Payments will be made by BACS - authorised by the following two signatories:

Chairman Vice Chair (or 2nd Councillor)

2. **Current Council Bank Balance.** Please note that the closing balance in the Council's Bank Account on 29 Jun 2023 was:

Current Account: £7,727.57
 Deposit Account: £26,384.43
 Dep. Acc. interest (Jun £33.51) (May £30.79) (April £30.04) (March £26.85) (Feb £21.53)
 (Jan £19.08) (Dec £15.52)

Chair Clerk Date