

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL AT THE FOOTBALL CLUB  
IN RHYDYMWYN ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2023.**

Present: Chairperson: Cllr Gareth W Hughes

Councillors:	John Emyr Davies	J Pauline Douglas
	Pauline Douglas	Malcolm Down
	John Doyle	Gwenda Hardman
	Ian Hughes	Karen Parker
	Michael Parr (joining on line)	Christine Vaughan
	John V Worthington	
	The Clerk was also in attendance	

**1. CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS**

The Chairperson welcomed Members to the September Meeting. Croeso i bawb i Gyngor Mis Medi. The Chair also welcomed one Cilcain resident (DF) and County Cllr Andrew Parkhurst to the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - There were no apologies. All Members were present.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Cllr Malcolm Down declared an interest in the correspondence item regarding an enquiry made by a Rhydymwyn resident about the Village Orchard.

**4. HIGHWAY MATTERS** -

Members discussed the Items on Neil's Action list.

Two items were discussed that resulted in action agreed that involved Community Council Members:

- (i) Pistyll drainage - Cllr Gwen Hardman and Cllr Ian Hughes to have a look at the position and report their observations back to Mr Hickie in due course.
- (ii) Seat at the bottom of Cilan Lodge Rd. Cllr Ian Hughes to inspect the seat to establish if the existing metal seat can be repaired. Mr Neil Hickie felt it would be inappropriate to locate a new seat at this location since adequate clearance between the seat and the edge of the carriageway would need further consideration.

**5. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** - Cllr John Worthington proposed acceptance of the 17 July 2023 Minutes. Cllr Gwen Hardman seconded and all Members agreed subject to the following correction:

page 24 - the initial of the Church Meadow resident to be changed from DJ to RJ.

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

p23 Proposed solar panels, Village Hall roof, Cilcain - Cllr Gwen Hardman reported on the continuing difficulties encountered in obtaining a response from the Flintshire's Conservation Section. Clerk, Cllr Hardman and the Village Hall Ctee Chairman to pursue. Cllr Hardman had recently received information from FLVC regarding further grants that are available for the solar panel project.

p23 Hendre drainage - Cllr Karen Parker referred to flooding on the A541 near the 30 mph sign on the Rhydymwyn side of Hendre in July. Cllr Parker had reported the flooding issue to Streetscene. She had requested a feedback report to explain what had caused the problem. A report had not been forthcoming but she had noticed the gulleys had been cleaned out since the flooding incident.

Cllr Parker reported on a damp patch which Waterco had been informed of at a parking area near Beech Cottage. Ground water samples had been taken recently.

p23 Anaerobic digestion facility - County Cllr Andrew Parkhurst reported that he had no new information from Flintshire CC regarding the validation process. Cllr Parkhurst was also waiting for a date for a site visit to the St Asaph anaerobic digestion facility, the proposed visit site visit being arranged by Flintshire Minerals Section.

p24 Cilcain Shop - Cllr Gwen Hardman reported that the licence issue had not yet been dealt with.

p24 Cilcain cemetery - Members questioned whether or not the grass had been cut in the central area of Cilcain cemetery beginning of September. An invoice had not been received and the grass was usually cut close to the last day of the previous month. Chair reported that none of the usual grass cutting around the seats had been done in Rhydymwyn. Clerk to email Blooming Gardens to seek a position statement.

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

p24 Play area match funding, Rhydymwyn - Clerk to obtain a few days from Mr R Roberts at Flintshire CC, so that a site meeting time and day can be agreed. The site meeting will allow Members to question / clarify the estimates / figures recently supplied by Mr R Roberts.

p24 Street Lighting, Cilcain - item to be discussed in the Correspondence section of the Council meeting.

p24 Former Antelope Hotel Rhydymwyn - Cllr Andrew Parkhurst reported that there had been further recent damage to the building. The Property Owner had not heard from Flintshire CC regarding the pre-planning advice position. Cllr J V Worthington referred to Item No 12 in the correspondence, whereby the applicant indicated that a pre-application had been submitted to Flintshire CC on the 28th April 2023 and that the initial response from Flintshire should have been received within 28 days.

p24 Bier House - Members noted that the work of spraying the roof timbers had now been completed. Cllr Ian Hughes enquired if the Church were interested in inspecting the 'bier' in the cemetery bier house. Cllr Parkhurst to liaise with Cllr Ian Hughes.

p25 Parking in Cilcain - Cllr Gwen Hardman reported on her by chance meeting with the Landlord of the White Horse. The Landlord maintained that the car park is open. There is a cone restricting access some of the time, but it is not always there. The family have three cars so there is only room for three more in the car park. The conversation had been affable. Cllr Hardman made it clear that the Community Council was not raising the issue of the apparent closing of the car park itself but the matter had been reported to the Council by a resident.

Cllr Hardman felt that what we are left with regarding parking in Cilcain is that nothing is going to solve the problem of parking in the middle of the village. It is a Conservation Area.

p25 Hendre Speed Limit - Cllr Andrew Parkhurst reported that objections from the residents were heeded by Flintshire CC. The speed limit will shortly be 20mph through Hendre.

Cllr Karen Parker felt there could be an issue in Hendre when vehicles are required to lower their speed from 60 mph to 20 mph in one move on the bends outside Hendre.

The existing speed measurements in Hendre were showing on average one vehicle per 2 minute exceeding the 30 mph.

Cllr Michael Parr reported that on a journey into Mold, he now has been overtaken on three different occasions by impatient vehicles overtaking his vehicle. This overtaking never occurred before, when the limit was at 30 mph.

Cllr Christine Vaughan reported on her understanding that it will not be illegal for a bicycle to overtake a vehicle going at 20mph.

p25 Cefn Road, Spar Quarry dust issue - Cllr Andrew Parkhurst had made enquiries with the Health and Safety Executive. The HSE had indicated that Flintshire was the controlling authority in this instance. Flintshire CC had indicated that dust suppression measures currently in place were adequate.

Cllr Parkhurst felt that one solution that would be worth pursuing is to request the Quarry to arrange a Liaison Meeting involving the Community Council, and the County Councillor.

Flintshire Minerals had informed Cllr Parkhurst they were unable to participate in a Liaison Meeting since the Lloyd Spar Quarry was not a quarry as such.

p26 Cilcain Play Area (Stage2) Site visit required to discuss the plans and estimates recently supplied by Mr Richard Roberts from Flintshire CC. Clerk to arrange.

Miscellaneous and repair items raised at recent site meeting. Clerk reported:

- (i) Repairs to the toilet door jamb had been done by Clean and Lock. Work on the slates on the toilet roof was being undertaken by Clean and Lock.
- (ii) Written response received from Cilcain Bowling Club to indicate no objection to the hedge by seat being breasted. Council authorised Mr O Roberts to undertake cutting back of hedge adjoining the seat.
- (iii) Photographs to be sent to Village Hall Committee to identify slate repairs required.
- (iv) Clerk to write to Power Systems regarding the electric pole stay.
- (v) Chair reported that the renewal of the step had been done by Tom Smith at no cost to the Community Council. A photograph of the reconstructed step was available at the Council Meeting.

p27 Cilcain cemetery, leaning headstone - Clerk to instruct Memorial Mason. Members agreed that the policy whereby leaning / dangerous headstones over 75 years old should be re-set at the Council's expense where the family cannot be established.

Cemetery enquiries - Clerk reported on three enquiries received since the July 2023 meeting, but no specific applications had been received for any of the three enquiries.

Regarding enquiries, Cllr Gwen Hardman had received information from a Cilcain resident to thank the Community Council for assistance recently provided by the Clerk in tracing a burial made in Cilcain in 1901. The Clerk reported that thanks were due to the wife of Cllr J Emyr Davies for being able to obtain information from Cilcain Church cemetery records.

p28 A 541 Royal Oak to Hendre - Cllr Karen Parker reported that the work of cutting back the hedge had been undertaken by Tarmac's operatives. Chair added that the work had been very satisfactory.

--/-- Cefn Road Traffic Issues - Clerk to obtain a couple of suitable days from Flintshire Traffic Engineer for a site meeting.

p28 Loggerheads Rd, Cilcain - Cllr J V Worthington outlined two concerns which had been raised by a Loggerheads Road resident. Regarding the planning enforcement aspect of the annex. Cllr Parkhurst had supplied the complainant with a confidential link that can be used to report potential planning enforcement breaches to Flintshire CC's Planning Enforcement Section.

p29 Anaerobic Digestion Meeting (19 July 2023) at Rhydymwyn - Cllr J V Worthington (Vice Chair) maintained that an excellent job had been done in compiling the Minutes of the Meeting. The Chairman also referred to two comments received by him from Rhydymwyn residents (RJ and IS) regarding how impressed they had been with the Minutes. The Clerk expressed thanks for the compliments received, and mentioned that Cllr Gwen Hardman had contributed substantially to the compilation of the Minutes.

## 7. PLANNING MATTERS

Location: Bryn Rhodyn, Cefn Road, Cilcain  
Proposal : Proposed holiday accommodation of 18 lodges and a reception.  
Ref No: 063699

The closing date for observations to be submitted to Flintshire CC was the 25 Aug 2023.

Cllr Andrew Parkhurst had requested the closing date be extended until 21 Sept 2023 in view of the summer recess.

Agreement to an extension period up to the 21st Sept was received on the 5 Sept 2023. Members agreed to amending / adding two items to the original submission:

- (a) Cllr Tim Mitchell maintained the 'septic tank' should be referred to as a 'sewage treatment plant'.
- (b) Flintshire CC Cllr Andrew Parkhurst had referred to the adjoining SSSI area in his submission.

The following amended Council observation would take these two points on board:

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

- (i) The location of the sewage treatment plant tank immediately adjoins Cefn Road and a number of residential dwellings. Any lack of maintenance issues with the sewage treatment plant proposed will have odour and public health implications to these adjoining residents.
- (ii) Since the location of the proposed holiday facilities is in close proximity to a building products yard which regularly generates dust complaints in the summer months, the site location is considered unsuitable for a holiday facility. The Community Council understands that a privately funded report commissioned by a concerned Cefn Road resident indicated that the dust complained of contained a carcinogenic constituent. The Community Council trusts and strongly recommends that the Planning Authority investigates this issue.
- (iii) The road from the application 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 instructions 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 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.
- (iv) The layout plan does not show any recreational area within the development.

- (v) The Council understands that the site had planning permission for 8 No holiday lodges approved in Oct 2018. The current application for 18 holiday lodges and a reception is considered over development of the site.
- (vi) The development is likely to have an adverse impact on the adjoining SSSI area

8. CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS / ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED -

1) 13/07 AONB lanterns for Cilcain - Type of lantern suggested by AONB for Cilcain - photos were attached to the Agenda items. Clerk to enquire:

- (i) if the lanterns depicted in the brochures can fitted with side supports as opposed to the post top support examples shown?
- (ii) Have solar panel energised lanterns been considered?

Of the three examples shown in the brochure, the lamp favoured by the Council was the lantern that resembled the existing lamp and the new lamps recently fitted by Flintshire CC in the rest of Cilcain.

Clerk referred to Flintshire CC installing 4 new LED lamps in an adjoining Community Council area, so that the road would comply with the 20 mph requirement for lamp spacing. Since there were apparent distance gaps in the Dolfechlas Rd system, enquiries need to be made to establish if Flintshire is considering other gaps in the lamp spacing which might affect the Community Council's position.

2) 15/07 Bryn Bannon Holiday Let, Loggerheads Road let - Concern from resident - Item discussed earlier.

3) 17/07 River Alyn, Rhydymwyn, brown sludge - report from NRW regarding the results of the water analysis carried out on the diatom bloom pollution in Rhydymwyn in April 2023. Clerk to email a copy of the report to all Council members.

4) 17/07 Cilcain Bowling Club Donation - Thank you note receipt from The Secretary of the Bowling Club for the recent £600 donation. Position noted.

5) 17/07 Boundary hedge between the Bowling Club and Waen Field - Note from the Bowling Club Secretary responding to the Community Council request for the Club's observation regarding cutting back the boundary hedge behind the seat. Cllr Ian Hughes had raised the need to cut back the hedge at the back of the seat in the site meeting held with Mr Richard Roberts earlier this year. Clerk to arrange (via Cllr Christine Vaughan) for the section of hedge at the back of the seat to be cut by Mr O Roberts

- 6) 25/07 Email from Street Scene regarding the Community Council's concern about pothole repairs in the Community Council area. The Chairman felt that it had been worth while writing to the Head of Streetscene. There had been quite a few items dealt with on the Action List this month.
- 7) 26/7 Tarmac Hendre Quarry - Notification of a Liaison meeting scheduled for the 21 August 2023. The Council Chairman, Cllr Karen Parker and County Cllr Andrew Parkhurst had attended the Liaison Meeting.

The Chairman reported that NRW had contacted Tarmac regarding the limestone deposit issue on the access road. NRW had been more concerned about the limestone sludge discharging into the river than the oil smear floating on the discharge water.

The wheel wash facility was going to be moved closer to Nant Road. The A541 would be brushed twice per week. The sweeper would go as far as the Rhosesmor Junction.

The Clerk referred to a recent understanding that planning conditions never include a condition in the planning permission regarding the extent of the highway brushing. If conditions are imposed, the conditions tend to concentrate on detailing the quarry operations and site facilities being appropriate to ensure that only a limited amount of sludge leaves the site.

Cllr Tim Mitchell felt consideration should be given to ensuring that the law was not being ignored regarding depositing debris on the public highway.

The Chairman reported that the large pothole / depression in Nant Road entrance had recently been filled.

Cllr Worthington wondered if limestone dust was unsightly or dangerous. Member agreed that a wet limestone dust layer on a highway is normally very slippery and could lead to vehicle skids.

Cllr Karen Parker referred to a recent near miss involving a quarry vehicle. The Quarry Management were going to check on the Wagon's dash cam.

- 8) 02/08 Oil slick pollution Nant Road / Fechlas Brook Rhydymwyn - report received by the Chairman from a Rhydymwyn resident - report passed on to NRW's Pollution Officer at the Buckley Office. Item discussed earlier.
- 9) 08/08 Fechlas Brook, Nant Road, Rhydymwyn - Acknowledgment and update from Senior Environment Officer, Sally Sheehan (NRW). Item discussed earlier.
- 10) 08/08 Pollution incident, Nant Road, Rhydymwyn - response received from Natural Resources Wales. Item discussed earlier.
- 11) 11/08 Speed Limit - Pentre to The Square, Cilcain - Community Council's views requested from Cllr Andrew Parkhurst. Members felt:

- (i) Unless the speed limit was going to be enforced then it would be difficult to see any advantage to a speed limit being introduced.
- (ii) It is not easy to reach 30 mph going up the hill towards Cilcain.
- (iii) Now motorists have to travel at 20 mph through the village it is likely they will speed up once they have gone through the village.
- (iv) Star Crossing Road is far more dangerous, since it has a number of junctions / and visibility issues to contend with. The Council had tried to get something done for years but with no success.
- (v) Street lighting would have to be extended from the centre of Cilcain down as far as the Pentre.
- (vi) The road down the Pentre is a regular walking route by residents, and is also the entrance to the Millennium Woods.
- (vii) The Law allows one to travel down to the Pentre at 60 mph but in practice a driver would find it very difficult to reach 60 mph. This position is going to exist along many rural roads.

Members concluded that a site visit would be appropriate. Since the Council intends to meet Flintshire's Traffic Engineer regarding the Star Crossing Road, the site visit could look at both sections of roads at the same site visit (from Mill House to Star Crossing).

- 12) 19/08 Gwysaney Arms Hotel - Concern expressed by Cllr John Doyle regarding the lack of security recently observed around the premises. Item discussed earlier.
- 13) 21/08 Cilcain Public Toilets, Welsh Assembly £500 grant - copy of reminder sent to Flintshire CC regarding the late receipt of this year's grant. The Community Council had sent an initial reminder to Flintshire Streetscene on 21 June 2023. Clerk and Clean and Lock's organiser to pursue.
- 14) 23/08 Rhydymwyn Orchard - enquiry from Rhydymwyn resident regarding insurance cover for public liability. Clerk had been given the contact details (by Mr Richard Roberts) of a person from Flintshire CC who has been involved in the setting up and operating of community orchards. Clerk to pass the information on to the Rhydymwyn resident.

Clerk explained that Flintshire CC protects itself against claims in play areas by making regular safety inspections. Regular inspections also take place on highways to check for potholes and missing grids etc.

The only warning signs erected by the Council is in the Cilcain CC owned public cemetery.

The Council would be unable to insure the community orchard since the Council is not familiar with the operations that take place in the orchard. A similar principle applies in the Public Toilet and Village Hall in Cilcain.

Regular inspections may be the way for Rhydymwyn orchard, but it all depends on what advice is received from Flintshire CC's Adviser.



- 15) 30/08 Bryn Rhodyn, Cefn Road, Cilcain - Copy of Cllr Andre Parkhurst's request for an extension of time for submitting planning observations. Position noted. Item discussed earlier.
- 16) 05/09 Link path between Church Lane and Nant Alyn Rd - Complaint received by the Council Chairman regarding the need to cut the grass on the link path. Item forwarded to Mr Jon Hill in Flintshire CC's public footpath supervisor. The Chairman had mentioned earlier in the meeting that the work had been done.
- 17) 01/09 Rhydymwyn cemetery entrance - Request made to Blooming Gardens to weed kill the cemetery entrance setts and parking area. Position noted.
- 18) 02/09 VAR Sign Star Crossing - Copy of a reminder Cllr Andrew Parkhurst sent to Flintshire CC Traffic Section regarding the Vehicle activated sign at Star Crossing still not working. Members may wish to note that this particular broken sign was initially reported to Flintshire CC on the 6 July 2022.
- 19) 02/09 Gwysaney Arms Hotel - Concern expressed by Cllr John Doyle regarding the lack of security recently observed around the premises. Information from Cllr Parkhurst to indicate that he has taken Cllr Doyle's concern up with the Landowner.
- 20) 05/09 Link path between Dolfechlas Rd and Llys Alyn - Chairman received a complaint from a Rhydymwyn resident regarding the overgrowth from the former school land obstructing the link path - Item forwarded Mr Neil Hickie in Flintshire Streetscene.
- 21) 05/09 Weed killing between the roadside channel and the road kerbs - Chairman expressed concern regarding the weeds not having been treated this year by Flintshire's contractor. Concern forwarded to Mr Neil Hickie in Flintshire Streetscene. Position discussed when Mr Hickie was present at the meeting.
- 22) 06/09 Visits to Town and Community Councils - information from Flintshire CC Chief Officer Governance, Gareth Owens. Position noted.
- 23) 07/09 Reinforced autoclaved concrete - Request / Survey from Welsh Assembly. Position noted.
- 24) 11/09 Flintshire Summer Playscheme, 2023 - Attendance figures for Cilcain and Rhydymwyn from Flintshire CC. Cllr Gwen Harman reported that
- (i) The Officer who dealt with the playscheme last year had now left and there appeared to be a lack of understanding by the new organisers regarding the arrangement that would work for each village.
  - (ii) Last year, an organiser would visit the school and make a presentation to the School assembly. The children were then able to go home with information regarding the dates and time in each village.
  - (iii) This year there had been no visit to the school. Cllr Hardman took the details to the school and the School Secretary emailed the information to all the parents.

- (iv) In previous years, a the poster for each village gave the time and the dates for the playscheme in that particular village.
- (v) This year the poster was one suitable for the whole of Flintshire requiring a parent to go on-line to register and find out the details for the particular village
- (vi) Initially, when a parent went on line, the Cilcain village playscheme dates were missing from Flintshire's list, but Rhydymwyn details were included.
- (vii) Initially, a number of mothers had not been able to log onto the computer system at all.
- (viii) the children that did attend had gained a lot from the playscheme, and the play leaders did an excellent job.

In conclusion, Members agreed that the Council should make a number of observations / constructive suggestions to Flintshire's Organiser to ensure that the low number problem is not repeated .

Cllr Karen Parker reported that adjoining Councils had been down in numbers this year, lack of adequate notice being give as a reason by some parents.

Cllr John Doyle referred to the occasion he visited the play area at Rhydymwyn, only four children had joined the playscheme, whereas there were about fifteen children using the play area at the time. Presumably, the on-line registration was an impediment.

25) -- Flintshire Streetscene Action Plan - Item discussed earlier.

## **9.0 ADDITIONAL ITEMS RAISED WITH THE CHAIRMAN'S PERMISSION**

- (i) **Effects of 20 mph speed limit, Rhydymwyn school bus -**  
Cllr Pauline Douglas referred to a concern she had noted on social media regarding a the school bus driver requiring children to cross the A541 because the school bus did not have sufficient time to do his usual routine due to the need to comply with the 20 mph speed limit. Cllr Andrew Parkhurst would be taking this matter up with Flintshire CC.
- (ii) **Covid Snake, Rhydymwyn Donkey field -**  
Cllr John Doyle referred to some stones now being missing. Members agreed the stones be taken up and stored though the Winter, otherwise more are likely to go missing. Cllr Doyle had photographs of the installation when it was first installed.

## **10.00 MINUTES OF THE ADF MEETING HELD IN THE FOOTBALL CLUB ON THE 19 JULY 2023**

The Chairman thanked the Clerk and Cllr Gwen Hardman for all the hard work which must have been involved in preparing the Minutes.

Observations made:

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Cllr Karen Parker's maintained she had asked Mr Rogers 'what research had he done' as to opposed to 'what evidence do you have to support'.

Cllr Gwen Hardman maintained that a list would need to be compiled of all the items where Mr Rogers indicated in the meeting that he would supply information.

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Cllr Doyle referred to an example regarding Mr Rogers indicating that he would provide information. Details regarding the difference between an ordinary development and a bespoke development needs to be pursued.

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The Council needs to ask NW Energy to list its legal design duties in accordance with the CDM regulations, and inform the Council if those duties have been carried out.

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Cllr Mitchell maintained 'carbon dioxide' needs replacing by 'carbon sulphide'.

p11 Rhian's question

Potential question to the applicant - Have you yet had time to think what the benefits are to the Community?

Copy of the Minutes need to be sent to the Member of Parliament (R J Roberts) in due course.

Cllr Gwen Hardman reported that a copy had already been sent to the Assembly Member.

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

**12.00**            **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held on the 16 October 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.

**PAYMENT SECTION NOT FOR PUBLICATION UNTIL APPROVED AT THE COUNCIL**

1. Payment of Accounts

August 2023

(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)	162.23
(v)	AE - web fee	18.00
(vi)	Shaw and Sons Ltd - receipt book	27.54
(vii)	Canon photo copying ( 3 month ) - lease	117.18
(viii)	AE - cem materials	13.99
(ix)	O Roberts - Cilc cemetery Biere House infestation treatment + clearing	77.00

September 2023

(i)	A E (sal + fixed exp) for June 2023	665.85
(ii)	HMRC - PAYE (L.G.A.1972 S112) (Confirmation of BACS payment required)	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)	160.60
(v)	AE - web fee	18.00
(vi)	Canon - photocopy printing charge for 3 months	47.52
(vii)	Flintshire CC - playscheme (£3,191.60 )	3,191.60
(viii)	JDH - Internal Audit Fee for three years -	810.00
(ix)	Hire fee for meetings at the Rhydymwyn Church by the Community Council and the ADF Action Group meetings ( ADF Action Group meetings attended by Rhydymwyn Ward Members) (3No x £20)	£60.00

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

Chairman ..... Vice Chair (or 2nd Councillor) .....

2. **Audit of Accounts** - 2020/2021 to 2022/2023 had been signed by the Internal Auditor.

The three Annual Returns were signed by the Chairman and Clerk at the Council Meeting.

The Annual Returns will now be submitted to the External Auditor.

A list of observations made by the Internal Auditor was available at the Council Meeting. Several of the Auditor's observations were discussed including the need to look again at the Bowling Club valuation item in the Asset Register.

For Members information the following items for each of the 3 years were distributed at the Council meeting:

- (a) Annual Account Statement
- (b) Back up information for accounts
- (c) Asset Register
- (d) Significant variances
- (e) Section 137 list of donations

The Annual Account statements will now be posted on the Council Website.

3. **Current Council Bank Balance.** Please note that the closing balance in the Council's Bank Account on 11 Sept 2023 was:  
Current Account: £ 17,070  
Deposit Account: £ 26,460

Dep. Acc. interest (Aug £40.61) (Jul £34.56) (June £33.51) (May £30.79) (April £30.04)  
(March £26.85) (Feb £21.53) (Jan £19.08) (Dec £15.52)

Chair ..... Clerk .....Date .....