

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL AT THE CILCAIN VILLAGE
HALL ON 20 NOVEMBER 2023.**

Present: Chairperson: Cllr J V Worthington

Councillors:	John Emyr Davies	Pauline Douglas
	Malcolm Down	John Doyle
	Ian Hughes	Tim Mitchell
	Karen Parker	Michael Parr
	Christine Vaughan	
	The Clerk was also in attendance	

1. CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairperson welcomed Members to the November Meeting. Croeso i bawb i Gyngor Mis Tachwedd. The Chair also welcomed two Cilcain residents (DF and SJ), County Cllr Andrew Parkhurst and Mr Neil Hickie (Flintshire Streetscene) to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllr Gwenda Hardman, Cllr Gareth W Hughes.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS - A request to make representations at the start of the Council Meeting had been received from Mr D Facer, a Cilcain resident.

The Chairman invited Mr Facer to make his presentation:

Mr Facer's views on the proposed National Park proposal were:

Concerns:

- (i) Need for the Community Council to put forwards its views.
- (ii) Visitor numbers - no tourism numbers identified at the engagement meeting.
- (iii) Additional parking and traffic problem in Cilcain would increase.
- (iv) National Park status would encourage an increase in holiday homes, resulting in a detrimental effect on community cohesion.
- (v) Extra tourism brings extra litter and overcrowding of beauty spots.
- (vi) Planning - possibility of additional powers given to the National Park to the detriment of local democracy. Permitted development rules unknown at this stage.

Advantages:

- (i) Employment opportunities in the hospitality sector.
- (ii) The recent AD proposal for Rhydymwyn would not have passed the 1st planning hurdle if Rhydymwyn and Hendre were to be included in the possible extended boundary of the AONB.

Conclusion - The AONB is a beautiful tranquil area enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. One of the things that keeps it that way is the relative lack of a great number of tourists when compared with numbers typically attracted to National Parks. Increased visitor numbers caused by National Park designation would be to the detriment of the local communities within it and to the wildlife and ecosystems of the area.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None received.
5. **MINUTES OF LAST COUNCIL MEETING** (16 October 2023) - Cllr J Emyr Davies proposed acceptance, and Cllr Michael Parr seconded and all Members agreed.

6. **HIGHWAY MATTERS** -

Members discussed the Items on Neil's Action list.

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

p44 Proposed solar panels, Village Hall roof, Cilcain - Clerk reported that Mr W Pierce had written to Flintshire's Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer had replied to indicate that he would ensure that a response would be forthcoming.

p44 Anaerobic digestion facility - Cllr Parkhurst reported that the AD application had not been validated by Flintshire Planning. Furthermore, the application had been taken down from Flintshire's Planning Portal. There was a possibility that the application would be amended and re-presented. A full environmental impact assessment had not been provided by the applicant, and it would take some time to produce an environmental assessment. It would also be quite expensive for the applicant to produce the required assessment.

p44 Cilcain Shop - Cllr Karen Parker reported that the Council Chairman and herself were scheduled to have a meeting with the Hall Ctee representatives on Tuesday 21 November 2023.

p44 Cilcain cemetery - Cllr J V Worthington had been to check on the grass cutting position since the October Council Meeting. The grass in the central area had been cut by Bloomin Gardens at the start of November and was looking tidy. Invoice received.

Clerk had received a verbal report from Cllr Gwen Hardman - An on-line meeting had taken place between Cllr Gwen Hardman, Cllr John Doyle and Cllr Michael Parr. Cllr Hardman had contacted Flintshire's Cemetery Superintendent to enquire if Flintshire CC had used a specific risk matrix for volunteers working in Flintshire's cemeteries. Cllr Parr reported on the response received back from Flintshire CC.

p44 Play Area refurbishment match funding scheme, Rhydymwyn, - site meeting with Mr Richard Roberts had taken place on Wed 25 Oct. Members who attended had been satisfied with the estimate provided by Mr R Roberts from Flintshire CC for the surfacing material proposed. Cllr John Doyle reported that the work agreed had now been carried out by Flintshire CC's Contractor.

Cllr J Emyr Davies enquired about the latest position regarding the match funding proposal for Cilcain. Clerk to pursue.

p44 Former Antelope Hotel Rhydymwyn - Cllr Andrew Parkhurst reported that a 'For Sale' notice had been seen on the internet. Cllr Parkhurst reported having contacted the owner to enquire if there had been any change in his plan for the development for the site.

The site owner had responded to indicate that there had been no change in his position. The site owner was still waiting for Flintshire Planning to assist with a pre-planning assessment involving a site visit.

- p44 Bier House, Cilcain - Cllr Hughes to take a photo of the item so that the Council can decide on the next step.
- p44 Hendre speed limit - Cllr Karen Parker reported on the response she had received from North Wales Police. The Police are currently checking that the traffic regulation orders and procedures introduced for each section of road are bullet proof before enforcement fines start to be issued.

Speed Checking by the local residents in Hendre will now be on hold until North Wales Police have completed their compliance checks.

- p44 Cilcain Cemetery, leaning headstone - The Clerk reported that the Council Chairman had met the Memorial Mason in the cemetery. Estimate for resetting the leaning headstone awaited.
- p45 AONB Lanterns for Cilcain - Clerk to pursue the brightness aspect of the proposed lamps with the AONB.
- p45 Tarmac Hendre Quarry - Cllr Karen Parker reported there had not been a recent liaison meeting. The date for the next meeting had not yet been fixed. The Clerk reported on the photographs taken by a Rhydymwyn resident (IS) showing flood water coming from the Quarry entrance road, discharging into Nant Road, and then flowing over the bridge and crossing the A541 before flowing towards Rhydymwyn village. This flood water was contributing to the flooding around The War Memorial Institute. This issue would need to be taken up at the next Quarry Liaison meeting. Side grips in the verge of the quarry road were required to ensure that flood water discharging down the quarry entrance road found its way into the Fechlas Brook before the Quarry Rd / Nant Road Junction.
- p45 Speed limit issues Cilcain - Cllr Parkhurst had emailed Anthony Stamford (Flintshire CC Traffic Section) to request a site visit for all the areas mentioned in the September Council meeting. The meeting with a Streetscene Traffic engineer was now arranged for January, starting at Rhydymwyn and going on to Nannerch, then back to Star Crossing Road and down to the Pentre in Cilcain. Pseudo traffic calming road markings were being considered for Ffordd y Llan by Ysgol y Foel school. Flashing speed vehicle actuated signs were also being considered for some locations. The Chairman enquired if pseudo-traffic calming road markings would be suitable for the Bwlch Lane / Ffordd y Llan junction.

Cllr Michael Parr expressed concern regarding the speed of the refuse wagon travelling on the narrow roads in Cilcain. Cllr Parkhurst indicated that registration number, date and time need to be noted to allow Flintshire CC Refuse Section to take the speed issue up with the drivers. The Clerk felt that drivers may now be going faster on the roads which are not restricted to 20 mph to make up for the time lost in the 20 mph sections.

- p46 Covid Snake - An approximate estimate would be required for the budget setting Council Meeting scheduled for January 2024.

- p46 Cilcain Bonfire and Fireworks display 5 Nov 2023 - Cllr Christine Vaughan reported that there had been a good attendance, despite the adverse weather conditions on the night. The remains of the bonfire had been cleared, and re-seeding would take place in due course. Only two litter bins had been left by Flintshire CC this year. More bins would have been useful.
- p47 July 2024 event scheduled for the Rhydymwyn FC building - Cllr Pauline Douglas referred to her recent discussion with the Council Chairman regarding the Council assisting the event with a donation. Members agreed that the Community Council should assist the village event by funding the Hall Fees.
- p47 River Alyn, Rhydymwyn - Clerk reported that three trees had been cleared from the river prior to the Flood Meeting which took place at the DEFRA Visitor Centre on the 6th Nov. The one remaining tree 200 m up-river of the caravan site was currently being dealt with by NRW. Cllr Tim Mitchell reported that most of the tree and flood debris had been removed. The hymax excavator was still on site on Sat 18 Nov and a large tree stump was still to be cleared from the river bed.
- p47 Rhydymwyn Bonfire, 4 November 2023 - In view of the accident which had occurred prior to the bonfire event, Members agreed that the organisers of the bonfire and fireworks display should consider preparing a 'risk assessment' for future village events.
- p47 Roadside verge fenced off, Rhydymwyn - Clerk and Cllr Gwen Hardman to obtain information from the Land Registry regarding the ownership of the land on both sides of the road at the location under discussion.
- p48 Salt bin request - Clerk reported that a request had been received from the Church Secretary for consideration to be given for a donation towards the provision of a locked bin (full of salt) to be located just inside the Church premises. Cllr Malcolm Down felt the proposal made a lot of sense. Donation of £300 agreed.
- p49 Hendre drainage scheme - Cllr Karen Parker reported that:
- (i) The survey mentioned in the October 2023 Council meeting was proceeding at a pace.
 - (ii) An ecological survey was also currently being undertaken.
 - (iii) The damage to the access road at the rear of Mill Terrace was discussed. Cllr Parker had asked Flintshire CC for its view on the road status. Flintshire responded to confirm that the road was unadopted so Flintshire CC could not be involved in the repair.
 - (iv) Enquiries were being made with Tarmac to check again if any light could be shed on the land ownership position for the rear access road.
 - (v) The property worst affected by flooding in Hendre was Felin Newydd. Waterco was going to do undertake a resilience study to establish what measures were available to deal with the flooding at the property.
 - (vi) Gwenno Talfryn from Natural Recourses Wales had contacted Cllr Parker regarding the feasibility of having a flood warning arrangement for Hendre residents.

Cllr Parker and the Clerk explained the difference between the existing warning system in place for Rhydymwyn and any proposed warning system for Hendre:

- (a) The Rhydymwyn flood warning system is 'site specific' and takes into account the existing and predicted level of the River Alyn based on the river level gauge in Rhydymwyn and the rainfall gauge up river at Loggerheads.
- (b) Since there is no river level gauge in Hendre, any flood warning issued for Hendre residents would probably have to be based on the flows generated in the whole River Alyn Catchment. The 'trigger level' used for issuing a warning for Hendre would therefore have to be lower, which would result in more warnings being received by the residents than the number of warnings received per year in Rhydymwyn. Warning systems do have their limitations. However, Members agreed that any warning is better than no warning at all.

Cllr Parker maintained that the way forward was to:

- (i) Explore if the warning system being offered is going to help Hendre residents, and
- (ii) Look at the Flood Plan being used in Rhydymwyn and modify / devise a flood plan for Hendre along similar lines.

Cllr Parker was contemplating an on-line meeting with the parties involved to discuss the setting up of a flood plan and warning system for Hendre.

Cllr Parker reported on the problem at Lloyds Terrace due to the foul drainage pumping station being overloaded. The Fire Service were in attendance at Lloyds Terrace but Welsh Water, despite numerous calls on the Friday did not send any tankers to deal with the surplus water coming into the pumping station pump well.

Cllr Parker expressed concern that on the Rhydymwyn side of the entrance to Coed y Felin Nature Reserve, the brook is classed as a 'main river', but up river of Coed y Felin entrance the brook is classed as a 'standard river' as opposed to a 'main river'. Cllr Parker had requested NRW to consider extending the main river status of the brook from Coed y Felin entrance to a point well above Hendre.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) Proposal: Proposed first floor extension over existing kitchen to form additional accommodation.
- Location: Meadow Barn, Bryn Alun Junction to Maes y Groes Junction, Cilcain, Mold, CH7 5PG
- Ref No: FUL/000952/23

The Community Council has no objections to this application.

9. CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS / ITEMS DISCUSSED -

- 1) 16/10 Fallen Willow Tree, River Alyn, Rhydymwyn (near footbridge above the Caravan Park). Mr R Green (Rhuddlan Office) of NRW confirmed that the

obstruction first reported by Mr Ian Morris on week ending Fri 13 Oct 2023 had been inspected and would be dealt with by NRW's Direct Works Section in the next few weeks. Item discussed earlier.

- 2) 18/10 Dolfechlas Rd, Rhydymwyn, litter bin - Email from Flintshire Streetscene - Flintshire is in the process of installing a larger litter bin. Members may recall that Cllr Tim Mitchell had reported a missing litter bin in the 16 Oct 2023 Council Meeting. Flintshire to install new bin in due course.
- 3) 19/10 Star Crossing vehicle activated sign (VAS) - Copy of a reminder Cllr Parkhurst sent to Flintshire Streetscene. Position noted.
- 4) 20/10 Flooding incidents at Rhydymwyn and Hendre occurred on the 19/20 Oct 2023
Rhydymwyn - Item discussed earlier.
Hendre - Item discussed earlier.
- 5) 20/10 32 Maes Cilan, Cilcain - Information from Cllr Andrew Parkhurst to report that Flintshire CC has secured a grant from the Welsh Assembly to renovate 32 Maes Cilan. Position noted.
- 6) 27/10 Community Councils - Councillor Allowances - Information prepared by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. Position noted.
- 7) 28/10 AONB, National Park - Three Cilcain Ward members reported having attended the 'engagement event' that took place at Llanbedr Village Hall on Saturday 28 Oct 2023. The engagement events were to enable residents to learn more and comment on the proposed new National Park in NE Wales. Cilcain Members and Cllr Andrew Parkhurst reported at the Council meeting:
 - (a) **Cllr Christine Vaughan -**
 - (i) Reported having been informed in the engagement meeting that Planning would not change.
 - (ii) Explained that residents could submit their observations, without having to attend the engagement meetings.
 - (iii) If the NRW are spending nearly £1.8 million on the feasibility, the NRW / Welsh Assembly are unlikely to say at the end of the consultation period that the proposal will not go ahead.
 - (iv) Expressed concern that there were no figures available regarding the predicted increase in tourism.
 - (v) There is already a problem with local landowners having to argue with visitors about the need to stick to public footpaths. National Park status will increase the need to educate the touring visitors regarding their access rights.
 - (b) **Cllr J Emyr Davies -**
 - (i) Had been informed that the Senedd will take the ultimate decision.

- (ii) As a Council we must be in a position to put the Community Council's view forward.
 - (iii) Cllr Davies knew farmers in the Eryri National Park who informed him that the parking issues there are horrendous.
 - (iv) There was a possibility of Halkyn Mountain being included in the National Park despite the presence of a number of quarries being located there.
- (c) **Cllr John Worthington** - Cllr Worthington reported that the two main objectives / benefits being put forward at the engagement meeting were 'sustainable tourism' and 'saving nature'.

Cllr Vaughan felt that the existing infrastructure is not there to support the increased number of tourists likely to be attracted by the proposed National Park. The erosion problems that exist in the Eryri National Park has been well publicised. If no action is taken to maintain pathways, erosion will spread and vegetation / nature will suffer.

Cllr Vaughan maintained that wildlife would also be more at risk if tourism increased. Cllr Malcolm Down maintained the counter argument would be - if certain aspects of wildlife were at risk, there would be funding probably available to deal with the particular risk issue.

Cllr Worthington invited the Rhydymwyn and Hendre Members, who were on the boundary of the AONB to put forward their views. If it was a Senedd decision, Cllr John Doyle maintained the Council should submit its observation to the Welsh Assembly Members at the appropriate time. Cllr Doyle had mixed feelings about the National Park.

Cllr Worthington expressed concern about the millions of funding being required for the running costs - paying for Rangers salaries etc. 75% will be Welsh Assembly and the remaining 25% from County Councils. The County Councils are already short of funds.

Cllr Karen Parker had looked at the map of the prospective boundary. It is an absolutely massive area. We will soon be approaching the stage where the whole of Wales will become a National Park.

Clerk - reported having recently spoken to Mr H Sutcliffe regarding:

- (i) The planning implications of the proposal. Mr Sutcliffe explained that there are several National Parks in England where Planning control remains with the County Councils. In Gwynedd this is not the case.
- (ii) The consultation with Community Councils would take place in 12 months time.

- (iii) Mr Sutcliffe was prepared to attend the Community Council Meeting at any time. Members agreed to invite Mr Sutcliffe to the Feb 2024 Council Meeting.

County Councillor Andrew Parkhurst - reported that he had been disappointed with the Llanbedr D C meeting arrangements. He had been looking forward to talking to someone about the benefits or lack of benefits of the proposal. But the meeting had been about the boundary issue. Cllr Parkhurst agreed with accepting the offer from Mr Sutcliffe to come and talk to the Community Council.

Cllr Parkhurst felt that sustainable tourism is good but without the infrastructure to go along with the National Park, the proposal could turn out to be a problem.

Cllr Michael Parr - enquired if any mention was made of how quarries would be affected by a National Park. Cllr Parr referred to the Peak District National Park where there is a cement factory located in an 'island' in the middle of the park area, which was excluded from National Park regulations.

Cllr Tim Mitchell made the point that Mold, being the County Town of Flintshire does not have any hotel accommodation.

Mrs Sue Jones was invited by the Chairman to give her view on the position regarding the public toilets in Cilcain. Mrs Jones mentioned that:

- (i) There was no consultation with local residents when Flintshire decided to close the toilets in Cilcain.
- (ii) If use of the toilets increases substantially as a result of the increasing influx of tourists, toilet cleaning frequency may have to be increased. There is a limit regarding the number of volunteers who can increase the number of shifts to accommodate the position. The infrastructure needs to be in place, otherwise problems will occur.

8) 30/10 Gwysaney Arms. Rhydymwyn - Email from Cllr Andrew Parkhurst to update the Community Council on the current position regarding the planning aspects of the site. Item discussed earlier.

9) 31/10 Updating the Rhydymwyn Community Flood Plan - Copy of the Agenda sent out to Rhydymwyn Flood Group Members for the Group meeting which took place on 6 Nov 2023 at the DEFRA Visitor Centre.
Three Officers from Natural Resources Wales attended the meeting - Peter Ellis, Dafydd Roberts and James Williams.
Two Members of Flintshire Emergency Planning Section (NWC-REPS) also attended - Mr Clive Jones and Emma Roberts.
Total number in attendance - 25 (including County Cllr Andrew Parkhurst).

Cllr Gareth Hughes, Cllr John Worthington, Cllr John Doyle, Cllr Tim Mitchell and Cllr Karen Parker had attended the meeting.

The following issues which had been discussed at the Flood Group Meeting were reported and discussed at the Council meeting:

- (a) Operation of the 5 culvert overflow facility near the DEFRA bridge. Cllr John Doyle reported at the Council meeting on the grille needing to be cleared by local residents before NRW maintenance staff had arrived on site.

A photo had been included in the copy correspondence pack (No 24) showing the 5 culvert overflow system had only been running half full. To increase the capacity of the overflow system, the design of the culvert entrance and culvert entrance grille to be looked at by the NRW in due course.

Neil Hickie to look at the possibility of replacing the grass verge between the carriageway and the DEFRA boundary fence with a hard surface. This verge alteration would result in reducing the depth of water overflowing across the road by approximately 300 mm.

NRW were going to consider introducing a branch / tree catcher upstream of 'The Graig'. A photo (A6) had been included in the correspondence pack of the facility recently constructed by the NRW up river of a culvert in Llanfair T H (Tal Haiarn).

Cllr John Worthington had noted the comment made by Mr Ian Morris at the Flood Group Meeting. The large tree which had fallen across the River Alyn 200m up river of the Caravan Park had been instrumental in preventing a significant amount of debris from flowing down river towards the two grills near the DEFRA bridge.

- b) Damage to one of the DEFRA bridge's pillar foundation. Cllr Gareth W Hughes, Mr Neil Hickie and the landowner had met on site to inspect the damage. Item had been referred to Flintshire CC's Bridge Engineer.
- (c) Operation of the grille down river of the DEFRA bridge. The branch caught in the DEFRA grille was not preventing the grill opening and closing.
- (d) Three catch pits down river of the DEFRA bridge filled with flood debris need emptying. DEFRA and Clerk to pursue with NRA's Bangor Office.
- (e) Clearing three trees in the River Alyn between the DEFRA bridge and the Caravan Park. Cllr Doyle and Clerk reported - work had now been completed in the week prior to the 6 Nov Flood Group meeting.
- (f) Flooding at Ruby Villas and surcharging of the surface water manhole cover in Nant Road. Neil Hickie had indicated earlier in the Council meeting that the culvert cleaning work in Nant Alyn was in hand. (see photo A1 in the correspondence pack)
- (g) Flooding at Mill Terrace and Felin Newydd. Item discussed earlier in the Council Meeting. Need to enquire with Dwr Cymru if the capacity of the pumping station near Lloyds Terrace can be increased.
- (h) Flooding at Nant Alyn by the Caravan Park - Neil Hickie has met the landowner to discuss what measures can be taken to assist the landowner.
- (i) Flooding of Nant Road due to storm flows discharging from the Tarmac quarry access road into Nant Road - then flowing over the Fechlas Brook bridge and across the A541, towards the War Memorial Institute direction. Item to be discussed in the next Quarry Liaison Meeting.

River Alyn at Rhydymwyn - live river level gauge readings available on line. Members noted that a link had been provided by Rob Green (NRW) in his email dated 24 Oct 2023.

Cllr John Worthington had found that another more convenient method was to search for (River Levels - NRW) in Google search.

- 10) 31/10 Speed Limits on village approaches - Email from Cllr Andrew Parkhurst - Meeting with Flintshire CC's Andrew Flood arranged for 26 January 2024. Item discussed earlier.
- 11) 31/10 Former Railway Line Mold - Denbigh - Letter from Ysceifiog Community Council seeking views on the formation of a working group of Town and Community Councils to look into the feasibility of utilising the former railway land to create a footway / cycleway system, utilising the former railway land where possible. Clerk to inform the Clerk of Ysceifiog CC that Cilcain CC wish to participate in the proposed working group.
- 12) 08/11 Site meeting scheduled for 11.00 am Wednesday 15 Nov 2023 with Mr Dafydd Roberts (NRW) regarding the condition of the section of Fechlas Brook down river of Nant Road, Rhydymwyn. Item to be discussed later in the Council meeting (under correspondence item No 27).
- 13) 02/11 Lloyds Spar Quarry - Information from Cllr Andrew Parkhurst regarding his request to have a Liaison meeting. Cllr Parkhurst reported that he had written to the Quarry Manger about the complaints from local residents regarding dust issues in dry weather. Since the retail facility is not a working Quarry, there is no legal requirement to have Liaison Meetings. Photographs of the dust on the Cefn Road had been sent to the Quarry Manager. It now remains to be seen whether or not the Quarry Manager will change his mind and allow either a one off meeting or regular Liaison meetings.

Cllr Parkhurst had written to the Health and Safety Executive and had received a reply to indicate that it was the County Council's responsibility to take the matter up with the Quarry. If the Quarry Manager still declines to have a meeting, a copy of this HSE letter should be forwarded to Flintshire CC to the Section that deals with Environmental Health or Public Safety issues.

Flintshire's recent inspection concluded that the dust suppression measures undertaken by the quarry were adequate. Cllr Pauline Douglas recalled being in the Quarry during a dry period and literally saw an excavator with a front bucket tip some water over one stone stockpile. That appeared to be the sum total of the dust suppression measures.

- 14) 05/11 AONB National Park - Letter of concern from Cilcain resident with a request to explain his concern at the start of the November Council Meeting. A copy of the email has been forwarded to all Community Council Members. Item discussed earlier
- 15) 05/11 Brown bins, Cilcain cemetery - Note from the Cilcain resident who looks after the bins in Cilcain cemetery. One brown bin instead of two recommended for 2024. Position noted for next Spring.

- 16) 07/11 Inspection of Fechlas Brook - Email from NRW suggesting joint inspection - A site visit has been arranged with the Chairman, Gareth Bellis and Clerk for 11.00 am Wednesday 15 Nov 2023. Item to be discussed later.
- 17) 07/11 Hendre Flooding, Mill Terrace - Copy of email sent from Cllr Karen Parker to Flintshire CC's Land Drainage Engineer regarding repair required to damage to the rear access road at Mill Terrace. Also, enquiring if Hendre could have a Flood Action Plan similar to the Rhydymwyn Community Flood Plan. Item discussed earlier.
- 18) 07/11 AONB National Park - Information from Cllr Andrew Parkhurst regarding useful background information gained from the AONB Meeting Minutes dated 15 June 2023. Item discussed earlier.
- 19) 09/11 Street Lights Rhydymwyn - The Chairman and Cllr John Doyle reported the street lamp by School House not working following the street works by Power Systems - Item reported to Deeco on Thursday 09 Nov. Lamp now repaired by DEECO.
- 20) 9/11 Rhydymwyn Bonfire Display 2023 - Thank you note from the Fireworks Ctee Secretary for the Council donation. Position noted.
- 21) 10/11 Hendre Flooding, Mill Terrace - Copy of response email received by Cllr Karen Parker from Flintshire CC's Land Drainage Engineer (Mr Paul Reeves). Item discussed earlier.
- 22) 10/11 Progress on Cilain cemetery risk assessment - progress report from Cllr Gwen Hardman. Item discussed earlier.
- 23) 10/11 Biogen Site visit - Information from Cllr Parkhurst - Visit to St Asaph will not now take place until after the Christmas break. Position noted.
- 24) 10/11 Overflowing of the 5 pipe overflow system near the DEFRA bridge, Rhydymwyn - Photo received from Sando Citra (DEFRA Site Manager). Item discussed earlier.
- 25) 13/11 Flintshire 2024 Summer Playscheme and Community Provision Costs
Information from Flintshire CC - Views requested by 22 December 2023.
Members noted that one can still request a one year scheme. Clerk to advise Flintshire CC that the Community Council was not in favour of entering into a 3 year agreement.
- 26) 14/11 S137 Donations - Information from the Welsh Assembly regarding the current limit on annual total of donation payments. Position noted.
- 27) 15/11 Inspection of Fechlas Brook - The Chairman, Rhydymwyn resident Gareth Bellis and the Clerk met Dafydd Roberts and Michelle Thomson from Natural Resources Wales (NRW) at Nant Road, Rhydymwyn at 11.00 am on Wednesday. The Fechlas Brook (classed as a main river was looked at from Nant Road to the A541 culvert by the Antelope Industrial Estate boundary.

The four most salient issues noted were:

- (i) Obstruction of the open channel at the Nant Road Culvert outfall (photos A1 and A2 attached to the correspondence pack)
- (ii) Need to build the river bank up at several locations to minimise the amount of flood water that threatens the War Memorial Institute area. (see photo A3 attached to the correspondence pack)
- (iii) Obstruction to the flow due to a fence (and timber plank) constructed across the brook (see photo A4 attached to the correspondence pack)
- (iv) A541 culvert - only has limited capacity available - assumed to be as a result of branches obstructing the flow down river of the A541 culvert (see photo A5 attached to the correspondence pack).

The Clerk to write to NRW to detail the main items discussed / agreed in the River Walk which took place on 15 Nov 2023 with Dafydd Roberts and Michelle Thomson from the NRW.

Cllr Worthington referred to the timescale indication mentioned by NRW in the Flood Group meeting:

Short term = 0 to 2 years

Medium term = 2 to 5 years

Long term = 5 to 10 years.

28) -/- Flintshire Streetscene Action Plan - For Members to comment on, and to add to as appropriate. Issues discussed earlier.

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

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held on the 18 December 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 BY THE COUNCIL

1. Payment of Accounts

(i)	A E (sal + fixed exp) for October 2023	665.85
(ii)	HMRC - PAYE (L.G.A.1972 S112) Confirmation of the BACS payment made	98.45
(iii)	Bloomin Gardens - grass cutting at Cilcain and Rhydymwyn cemeteries, plus around two Rhydymwyn seats.	235.00
(iv)	Office Equipment and stationery - (L.G.A.1972 S111) (Invoices available at the Council Meeting)	155.34
(v)	AE - web fee	18.00
(vi)	Canon printing (3 month) lease	117.18
(vii)	AE - cem and non-office materials	54.93
(viii)	Rhydymwyn Church - donation towards provision and purchase of locked salt bin (Approx £300)	300.00
(ix)	Transfer of funds from Main Account to Chairman's Account	400.00
(x)	O Roberts - Cutting of central hedge in Cilcain cemetery plus two other hedge sections in Waen Field	120.00
(xi)	JDK - Council website (4 months) (no charge for August)	60.00
(xii)	Canon - printing cost (3 months)	47.52
(xiii)	Cilcain Village Hall - Annual calendar page sponsor - confirm £60 payment authorised in Oct 2023 Council Meeting.	-----
(xiv)	Deeco Lighting - reconnect lamp at Dolfechlas Road	216.00

Payments to be made by BACS - authorised by the following two signatories:
 Chairman Vice Chair (or 2nd Councillor)

2. **Current Council Bank Balance.** Members noted that the closing balance in the Council's Bank Account on 14 Nov 2023 was:
 Current Account: £9,547
 Deposit Account: £26,544

Dep. Acc. interest:
 (Oct £42.26) (Sep £42.94) (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 ClerkDate