

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE RHYDYMWYN FOOTBALL CLUB ON 15 JULY 2024.

Present: Chairperson: J V Worthington
Councillors: J Emyr Davies Malcolm Down
Pauline Douglas John Doyle
Gwen Hardman Gareth W Hughes
Ian Hughes Karen Parker
Michael Parr Tim Mitchell
Christine Vaughan
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 one local residents (SJ) to the Meeting. Flintshire County Councillor Andrew Parkhurst was also present at the Community Council Meeting.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - No apologies. Eleven members present in person and Cllr Michael Parr joined the meeting via the mic/speaker system.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None received.
4. **MINUTES OF LAST COUNCIL MEETING** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes proposed, Cllr Karen Parker seconded and all Members present agreed to approve the Minutes.

5. MATTERS ARISING HIGHWAY MATTERS:

Lack of highway verge grass cutting this summer.

Cllr J Emyr Davies enquired when the highway verges are going to be cut this year. In some locations, especially where the lanes are narrow, the overgrowth reduces visibility and creates a potential danger to road users, pedestrians and cyclists.

The Chairman reported that Flintshire's policy is now not to start cutting the verges until 1st July every year. This new policy has probably to do with encouraging wildlife in highway verges.

Cllr Christine Vaughan maintained that if verge cutting starts in Flintshire at the beginning of July, then it could take many weeks until certain areas are being cut.

The Clerk enquired if the late verge maintenance concern was widespread in Flintshire.

Cllr Gareth W Hughes maintained that this Council should be concerned about this community, and not the rest of Flintshire. Residents were paying their rates and were seeing absolutely nothing for the payment being made.

Cllr Tim Mitchell maintained if widespread complaints were being made in all of Flintshire, then the County should be requested to review its verge cutting policy.

Cllr Andrew Parkhurst indicated that the maintenance budget for cutting highway verges had been cut so all verges in Flintshire were affected. Verges were cut once per year and visibility splays cut more often. Cllr Parkhurst noted that the growth on highway verges had been worse this year on account of the wet start of the year.

Cllr Gwen Hardman appreciated the funding constraints imposed on the County Council but the Community Council should question the way the cost cutting programme for highway verges was being rolled out in practice. Has the decision on cuts taken fully into account visibility issues and access difficulties for narrow rural roads.

Members noted that there are implications for locations such as Nant Alyn Road where loose stonework retaining structures at the side of the lane were being hidden by the overgrowth. Stonework was being dislodged by passing vehicles due to the motorist not being able to see the loose stonework. A number of vehicles had recently suffered wheel rim and vehicle body damage.

Cllr Pauline Douglas expressed concern that:

- (a) The passing places cannot be identified due to the overgrowth.
- (b) Emergency vehicles cannot use the lanes under these conditions.
- (c) The lack of access to Emergency Vehicles was a serious Health and Safety issue.
- (d) Delivery vehicles are threatening to refuse to make deliveries.

Cllr Douglas to take photographs of the Nant Alyn Lane so the photos can be passed on to Kate Wilby.

Clerk to write to Kate Wilby to express the Community Council's serious concern regarding the position identified and ask her to detail the actions she is able to undertake. Also Kate Wilby to be requested to ensure that the maintenance policy is reviewed as soon as possible, especially in relation to the regularity and timing of verge maintenance on narrow rural roads.

Neil's Action Plan:

The Chair, Vice Chair and Cllr Karen Parker had met Mr Hickie on Tuesday 16 July to go through items on the Neil's action list discussed in the June Meeting.

Members discussed the items on Neil's Action List dated 18 June 2024.

Items needing to be added to the list:

- (i) Cllr Ian Hughes maintained that a proposed site meeting to discuss the location of a new salt bin at the end of Park y Llan, Cilcain three years ago had disappeared off the Action List, so needs to be included again.
- (ii) BT covers in Hendre - Two more BT settled covers have become an issue in Hendre. The two additional covers had been discussed with Neil in the 16 June 2024 meeting,

but the two additional covers have not been added to the Action List. The Clerk enquired if Neil had referred the covers to BT? Neil indicated the covers were being monitored.

- (iii) Nant Alyn Road Rhydymwyn - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that the settlement in the carriageway (approx 80m on the village side of Coed Du Hall Junction) was getting worse. There were now grooves in the tarmac on either side of the settled reinstatement work carried out last year.

Cllr Pauline Douglas maintained the last repair of the culvert trench had been a complete waste of time and money.

- (iv) Neil attending Council meetings - Clerk to forward to Cllr Parkhurst the copies of correspondence sent to Kate Wilby regarding the Council's request for consideration to be given for Neil to attend the meetings.
- (v) Settled and blocked gulley outside Rhydymwyn Service Station - The item had recently been reported (with photo) to Neil, but there was no specific reference to this particular gulley in the Action List. Cllr Karen Parker noted that Mr Hickie had copied in the Community Council on a couple of reminders that Neil had sent to the Gulley Cleansing Supervisor about the problem gulley.
- (vi) Potholes between Bottom Lane and top of Trial Hill - Cllr Michael Parr requested that this particular section of road be added to Neil's Action list.
- (vii) Loggerheads Road, section at boundary between Flintshire and Denbshire - Cllr Christine Vaughan felt that the section of road at the boundary itself needs to belong to Flintshire or Denbighshire for maintenance purposes.

Either side of the boundary has been dealt with but the section at the boundary is in a dreadful condition. Item needs adding to Neil's list.

06. MATTERS ARISING (NON HIGHWAY MATTERS)

p14 AONB meetings:

- (i) Clerk reported - a notification had been received regarding a forthcoming meeting of the AONB. A copy of the email had been forwarded to all Members on the 12 July 2024.
- (ii) The Chairman had noted that Cllr Parkhurst had attended the last AONB forum Meeting.
- (iii) Cllr J Emyr Davies referred to a recent two page press article in the Daily Post which referred to 8 to 10 areas that wanted to be left out of the proposed National Park Area.
- (iv) Chairman indicated that the official consultation process has not yet commenced, but the Community Council would need to keep a close eye on developments.

- p14 Solar Panels - Cllr Gwen Hardman reported that three specifications and quotations had been received. Planning application to be applied for shortly.
- p14 Cilcain Shop - All bar one issue have been agreed between the Shop and Hall Ctee. Apportionment of the electricity cost remains. The installation of the solar panels, if approved, will have an effect on the total electricity cost. Members agreed that, once there is certainty regarding that the installation of the solar panels, the remaining issue relating to electricity cost can be settled.
- p14 Cilcain Cemetery risk assessment - Final draft has been completed. Draft to be forwarded to the Community Council for final approval. Confirmation can then be made in the September Council meeting. Document will then be posted on the Council Website.
- p14 Play area - Site meeting with Mr Richard Roberts and representatives of the Rhydymwyn Ward Members to take place in July / August. Clerk to arrange.
- Regarding the possibility of pursuing a grant funded scheme for Cilcain, Clerk to make enquiries with Cadwyn Clwyd.
- p14 Street Lighting, Cilcain - Telephone call received on Monday 15 July to indicate that all the lamps and brackets were now ready to be picked up from the Loggerhead's Office. Cllr J V Worthington to collect the lamps on Wednesday 17 July 2024.
- p14 Hendre Quarry liaison meeting - No meeting scheduled.
- p14 River Alyn, Rhydymwyn - Tree in the River Alyn opposite the Sewage Treatment Plant. Clerk to pursue with Mr Peter Ellis at NRW.
- p14 Roadside verge fenced off, Rhydymwyn -
- (i) Paper copies of the various extracts from the Ordnance Survey were distributed at the meeting.
 - (ii) Members agreed on the particular fields where land ownership details were needed.
 - (iii) Clerk and Cllr Gwen Hardman authorised to make the necessary on-line applications to the Land Registry.
- p15 32 Maes Cilan, Cilcain - Cllr Andrew Parkhurst explained that when the power in the overhead power line was recently disconnected, adverse weather prevented tree felling from being completed. Another attempt will now have to be arranged.
- p15 Catch-pit full between the DEFRA bridge and the DEFRA grille. An email had been sent to NRW to enquire about:
- (i) The environmental reasons why NRW is currently not able to clean out the three gravel pits near the DEFRA site entrance.
 - (ii) NRW's current predicted timescale for cleaning out the gravel traps.
 - (iii) When these gravel pits were last cleared out in April 2021, the Community Council understood that the gravel arisings were stored on the DEFRA site on a temporary basis

until a permanent solution could be identified. Since environmental difficulties in facilitating permanent disposal arrangements still appears to exist, could NRW not consider another temporary on-site storage arrangement.

In the email sent on 8 July 2024, NRW was reminded of:

- (a) The Council's concern that the lack of maintenance of these gravel pits could result in there being a repeat of the major flooding incident that occurred in Rhydymwyn village in November 2000, when 68 homes and businesses were flooded.
- (b) One of the reasons for flooding incidents is often due to the lack of maintenance of an existing drainage system, and it would be embarrassing if there were to be another flood in Rhydymwyn village as a result of a lack of maintenance of these catch-pits by Natural Resources Wales.

Email received from Mr Tim Owens on 15 July (Bangor Office of NRW) to inform the Council that due to staff holiday arrangements a reply will be delayed.

An email had been received from Michael Garrod (Senior Responsible Officer for the Rhydymwyn DEFRA site) to indicate that DEFRA is currently preparing a 'gravel management plan' for cleaning the culvert between NRW's three chambers and the Southern end of the DEFRA site. Clerk to seek an update prior to the September 2024 Council meeting.

Members referred to a photograph in the correspondence pack (Ref No 6) showing the tree overgrowth on each side of the culvert downstream of the 'flume section'. Clerk to enquire with DEFRA if the 'proposed gravel management plan' can include for making provision for improved access to the culvert for maintenance and regular inspection purposes.

- p15 Cefn Road / Nant Alyn Rd - Speed issues. Clerk had spoken to Neil Hickie regarding the need for PUSWA information prior to posts being provided near the Tilcon entrance. PUSWA information was appropriate to ensure that no services are damaged by the provision of fence posts in the roadside verge.

Mr Hickie indicated he could arrange for the provision and fixing of the posts. Clerk to arrange for Neil to contact Cllr J V Worthington / Cllr Ian Hughes to arrange for a site visit to agree on posts locations. Four posts on either side of the road was suggested as being appropriate.

- p15 Planning matters, The Antelope Site - Gwysaney Arms Hotel, Planning Application - Cllr Andrew Parkhurst reported that a planning application will not be considered by the Planning Committee until the following issues have been addressed:
- (i) Concern about flooding.
 - (ii) Concern about the non inclusion of Low Cost Housing in the design layout.

Cllr Karen Parker reported that further vandalism appeared to have taken place - one of the big windows had been smashed in.

- p15 Cilcain School Bus - School bus turning in the Maes Cilan semi circle.

Chair reported that the tree in the central grassed area had not yet been trimmed.
Chair reported that an email had been received from a Cilcain resident expressing concern regarding the steepness of the new tactile paving crossing near Maes Cilan. Cllr Andrew Parkhurst had written to Flintshire to seek assurances that the construction of the tactile slabs crossing was in accordance with the standard specification for such a facility.

p15 Fechlas Brook, Rhydymwyn

- (a) Removal of the fence obstruction at the rear of the Institute. Clerk reported on NRW's position. NRW's Enforcement Section (Mr Rhys Hughes) had written to the landowner. Members were disappointed to learn that NRW was not in a position to require the land owner to remove a 'clear obstruction' to the flow in storm conditions.
- (b) Clerk had written to Dafydd Roberts to remind NRW of the need to raise the river bank of the Fechlas Brook by a couple of feet for a 20m section near the Tarmac entrance in Nant Road.
- (c) On the 18 June 2024, Cllr Gareth Hughes and the Chairman had checked for the presence of a culvert under the railway embankment near former Tai Brics. Chair and Cllr Hughes reported that there was no sign of a culvert under the railway embankment at this location. Clerk to inform Dafydd Roberts (NRW) that any storm water discharging into the land between the A541 and the former railway embankment relies on percolation through / under the railway embankment to gain access to discharge into the Fechlas Brook.

p15 Micro Brewery planning application at Ty Gwyn, Tre Lan Road.

Clerk had written to thank the Applicant for his letter addressing the concerns that the Community Council had regarding the planning application.

p16 Planning enforcement, Hilltop, Cefn Road - Clerk reported having sent photos to all Members of the:

- (a) The newly created entrance.
- (b) The recently completed new sizeable double garage.

The Planning Enforcement Office had informed the Community Council that:

- (i) A letter and a reminder had been sent to the landowner.
- (ii) No planning application had been made by the owner for the development.
- (iii) Site inspection will be made by the Enforcement Officer to assess if planning permission was required.

p16 Covid Snake, Playing Field, Rhydymwyn - memorial plaque will be required in due course. Plaque also required for the recently provided commemorative seat. Clerk to check on the inscription used on the last seat provided in the Playing area.

p16 Resurrecting the Minerals Grant - Clerk to request an update from Carolyn Thomas (AM) in due course.

- p16 Bus time tables. Cllr Ian Hughes indicated he would be in a position to provide and erect a pin board inside the bus shelter. Clerk to seek an update for the bus time table from Sarah Blake at Flintshire CC's Integration Transportation Section.
- p16 Rhydymwyn Service Station - Clerk to write to the Garage owner to request that during peak periods consideration be given to the use of additional staff either to control traffic or speed up the till operation. Garage vehicles parked on the Mold side of the exit also affected the visibility of vehicles exiting the garage. A one way system was also an option worthy of consideration. A conversation on site between the owner and a couple of Rhydymwyn Members might also be appropriate in due course.
- p16 Hendre Quarry Road Closure - County Councillor Andrew Parkhurst reported on a site meeting that he had attended. No information on timescale for opening the road was yet available. Cllr Karen Parker had discussed the issue with Frazer Harding. The landslip issue was being dealt with by Tarmac Headquarters. Health and Safety implications of opening the road before time was of paramount importance. Ground water movement had to be investigated by Geologists.
- p18 Hendre Flood Risk Management Risk Scheme - The Chairman reported that a meeting with the Hendre resident and WATERCO had taken place on 8 July 2024. The Chairman thanked Cllr Karen Parker for arranging the meeting and all the work she had put into corresponding with the stakeholders involved.

Cllr Parker reported:

12 residents attended.

4 Officers from Waterco (Mr Mike Wellington making the presentation).

1 Officer from the Wildlife Trust.

A representative of one of the residents who was not able to attend.

Paul Reeves from Flintshire CC.

Cllr Andrew Parkhurst, Flintshire County Councillor.

Cllr J V Worthington.

Cllr Gareth W Hughes.

Community Council Clerk.

A copy of the presentation by Mr M Wellington had been forwarded to all Community Council Members following the 8 July meeting. More suggestions were invited from any resident who have any ideas on the proposed options for the scheme. A number of hard copies of the Waterco report to be printed off by the Clerk.

- p19 Welsh Assembly Toilet Grant - The last reminder had been sent to Flintshire Streetscene in June 2024. Clerk to send a further reminder.

07. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) 18/06 Fechlas Brook, Rhydymwyn - raising of river bank required. Reminder sent to NRW (Dafydd Roberts) regarding the need to raise the river bank to prevent overtopping of the river during storm conditions. Members noted that once storm water finds its way into the fields between the A541 and the former railway embankment, it has no outlet back into the Fechlas Brook, other than to seep under the railway embankment, so that ponding of the bowling green and Institute area occurs.

On two occasions in the last five years, flood water came within a matter of a couple of inches from entering the War Memorial Institute. Cllr Gareth Hughes maintained that flood water did get into the Boiler Room of the Institute in the last flood incident.

Cllr Tim Mitchell maintained NRW often takes the view that retaining flood water in a flood plain provides a useful flood attenuation facility for the river system, thus reducing flooding issues down river.

Cllr Gareth Hughes and the Clerk recalled that Mr Dafydd Roberts had agreed in the site meeting in Nov 2023 to give favourable consideration to restoring the river bund for a short section near Nant Road.

Clerk to seek information regarding possible time scales from NRW.

- 2) 19/06 Street Lamp, 'day burning' on A541 Rhydymwyn (Opposite Llys yr Haul)
The report of the lamp by Cllr Gareth W Hughes forwarded to Flintshire Street Lighting Section. Cllr Hughes reported that the lamp was still day burning.
- 3) 25/06 Catchpit between DEFRA bridge and DEFRA's automatic grille - photo from Cllr Gareth W Hughes showing grit chambers full of river bed gravel. Item dealt with earlier.
- 4) 27/06 Culvert gravel traps, DEFRA site, Rhydymwyn - Confirmation from DEFRA's Michael Garrod (Senior Responsible Officer for the Rhydymwyn site) that clearing the gravel traps are the NRW responsibility.
DEFRA is currently preparing a 'gravel management plan' for cleaning the culvert between NRW's three chambers and the Southern end of the DEFRA site. Item dealt with earlier.
- 5) 27/06 Resident complaint, Cilcain. - Concern expressed by a Cilcain resident (via Cllr Ian Hughes) regarding the lack of considerate parking on the evening of the Fell Run in Cilcain.

Chair explained that there were three events on in Cilcain on that particular time. The Fell Run organiser had suggested to participants that they should park at the Pedair y Groesffordd parking areas.

Cllr J Emyr Davies maintained that Pedair y Groesffordd parking area was the appropriate place to park for such events. There is ample parking there and plenty of room to expand, especially if the AONB is upgraded to a National Park. The village cannot cope with street parking for such events. If the Fire Service or Ambulance wanted to get through, it could be a serious Health and Safety issue.

Cllr Ian Hughes had spoken to the resident. It expired that the parked vehicle owner which had given rise to the complaint had apologised. As it happens, the person had not been involved in the Fell Run.

Cllr Gareth Hughes referred to the site meeting which had taken place at the Pedair y Groesffordd with Mr Richard Jones. A view had been put forward at the site meeting that Streetscene should prepare a proposal that could be put on the shelf. When a grant or opportunity became available, the plans would be ready. Clerk to remind Richard Jones.

- 6) 28/06 Grit Chambers adjoining DEFRA bridge - Photos of full grit chamber from DEFRA's Site Manager. Members noted the amount of overgrowth on the section down river of the grit chambers. Members agreed that this vegetation made it difficult to gain access for river maintenance.
- 7) 29/06 Ash Tree, 32 Maes Cilan - Current position statement from Flintshire CC's Cllr Andrew Parkhurst. Item discussed earlier.
- 8) 03/07 Hilltop, Cefn Road, Cilcain - Response received from Flintshire Enforcement Section regarding the double garage being built at Hilltop without planning application / permission. Item discussed earlier.
- 9) 03/07 Street Lights, Cilcain - Information received from Gwenno Jones (AONB) regarding delivery of the new street lamp units and brackets. Item discussed earlier.
- 10) 06/07 Ponding in Roadside channel outside the Rhydymwyn Service Station - Reminder sent to Neil Hickie regarding the need to check for a blocked roadside gulley at this location.
- 11) 07/07 Complaint from a Rhydymwyn village resident (JB) regarding noise from a music festival held at the Rhydymwyn Football ground on Saturday 6 July 2024.

Correspondence item (11) was discussed at the same time as item (17).

Cllr Gareth Hughes felt it would have been helpful if the event organisers had made contact with the adjoining residents to explain what was going on prior to the event taking place.

Cllr Karen Parker had checked on Flintshire CC's website and informed Members that a temporary event licence had been applied for in relation to the 06 July event. The long-term licence which the football club already has was for the sale of alcohol and music applied to events taking place 'inside' the building. Cllr Parker was going to check whether or not the temporary licence for the July event made a distinction between internal and 'external' music. The terms of the temporary licence needed to be examined to establish if the temporary 8 July licence excluded 'external' music activities.

The resident (JB) had already notified the Noise Nuisance Team at Flintshire. Clerk to respond to the Rhydymwyn resident.

- 12) 07/07 Drainage, Nant Road, Rhydymwyn - Request for information regarding the condition of a culvert outfall. The culvert outfall had been identified as being

partly blocked in a river walk that Cllr Gareth W Hughes and the Clerk participated in on 15 Nov 2023. Mr Hickie had informed the Clerk that the outfall had been cleared but it may need clearing again. The Clerk reported that the amount of overgrowth prevented access for inspecting the culvert exit. Another check in the Autumn will be appropriate when the summer vegetation will have died down.

- 13) 07/07 Gwysaney Arms Hotel - Update received from Cllr Andrew Parkhurst regarding the Planning application position. Item discussed earlier.
- 14) 08/07 River Alyn, Rhydymwyn gravel pits near the DEFRA site entrance - Email to NRW (Hydrologist, Mr Tim Owens, Bangor Office) to enquire about the timescale for the catch pits to be cleaned out. Item discussed earlier.
- 15) 08/07 Ponding in Roadside channel outside the Rhydymwyn Service Station. Response from Mr Neil Hickie regarding the concern email sent to him on 06 June 2024. Item discussed earlier.
- 16) 08/07 Music festival held at the Rhydymwyn Football ground on Saturday 6 July 2024. Observations received from Cllr John Doyle. Cllr Doyle felt the organisers should have been praised for organising the enjoyable charity event which had brought a bit of life to the village. The music had been great.
- 17) 08/07 Rhydymwyn Football Club - Complaint from a Rhydymwyn village resident (RM) regarding noise from a charity musical event that had taken place at the Football Ground on Saturday 06 July. The general complaint about noise from the event had been discussed earlier under item (11) of the correspondence.
- Cllr Gareth W Hughes indicated that he was hoping to meet Mr Chesters from the Football Club to discuss the issue raised by the village resident (RM).
- 18) 08/07 New Advert Sign erected in the highway verge reported by Cllr Gareth W Hughes. Item forwarded to Flintshire Streetscene. Cllr Karen Parker confirmed that the advert signs had now been removed.
- 19) 09/07 Hendre Flood alleviation scheme meeting - Email from Mr Paul Reeves (Flintshire CC's Land Drainage Engineer) regarding the Waterco presentation meeting at The Institute in Rhydymwyn on 8 July 2024. Mr Reeves felt the meeting had been most useful and helpful. Item discussed earlier.
- 20) 11/07 Cllr Gareth W Hughes had requested an update regarding a sycamore tree near the boundary between Sharpow (Dolfechlas Road) and No 56 Llys Alyn (Council House). The Clerk has made contact with Helen Williams in Flintshire CC's Housing Section. Cllr Tim Mitchell explained that whilst the tree is not currently dangerous, it is fast growing and will soon become a threat to the stability of the adjoining retaining wall boundary. Clerk to pursue further.
- 21) 12/07 Grass cutting on highway verges. Cllr Pauline Douglas has expressed concern regarding the lack of grass cutting along the highway verges. Cllr Douglas has

already raised the matter with Mr Neil Hickie and Flintshire CC's Cllr Andrew Parkhurst. Item discussed earlier.

22) --/-- Flintshire Streetscene Action Plan - For Members to comment on, and add to.

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

09. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held on the 16 September 2024. 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 BY THE COUNCIL

1. Payment of Accounts - July 2024

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| (i) | A E (sal + fixed exp) for June 2024 | 705.85 |
| (ii) | HMRC - PAYE (L.G.A.1972 S112) Confirmation of the BACS payment made | 108.45 |
| (iii) | Office Equipment and stationery - (L.G.A.1972 S111) (Invoices available at the Council Meeting) | 165.86 |
| (iv) | AE - web fee | 18.00 |
| (v) | Bloomin Gardens Cilcain and Rhyd cemetery (Cilcain cem cut 25 June 2024). Weed kill in Rhyd cem entrance done on 30 June 2024. | 230.00 |
| (vi) | O Roberts - staining of five seats in Cilcain + weed kill Waen field entrance | 190.00 |
| (vii) | P Rushworth, Rhydymwyn cem gate + seat | 150.00 |
| (viii) | Power systems - street lighting energy charges (3 months) | 938.26 |
| (ix) | JDH - Internal Auditor Fees or Council's accounts for 2023-2024 (£275.00 + £55.00 VAT = £330.00) | 330.00 |
| (x) | Institute Ctee - hire of hall for Hendre Flood Council Meeting | 25.00 |
| (xi) | Confirm payment approved by Chair and Vice - Ysgol y Foel | 90.23 |

Please Note: Payment for the above items being made by BACS - authorised by the following two signatories.

Chairman Vice Chair (or 2nd Councillor)

2. **Audit of Accounts** - The 2023/2024 accounts were certified by the Council's Internal Auditor on the 11 July 2024. The Annual Returns needs to be signed by the Chairman and Clerk at the Council Meeting.

The certified and signed Annual Return will then be forwarded to the External Auditor.

For Members information the following items for the accounting year is attached to the Agenda:

- (a) Annual Account Statement (to be posted on the Council website)
- (b) Back up information for the accounts
- (c) Asset register
- (d) Significant variances
- (e) Section 137 list of donations

3. **Current Council Bank Balance.** Please note that the closing balance in the Council's Bank Account on 09 June 2024 were:

Current Account: £204

Deposit Account: £38,302

Dep. Acc. interest:

2024 (June £63.43) (May £61.07) (Apr £49.17) (Mar £46.29) (Feb £54.96) (Jan £56.41)

2023 (Dec £42.40) (Nov £43.74) (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