

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE RHYDYMWYN WAR MEMORIAL INSTITUTE ON 21 OCTOBER 2024.

Present: Chairperson: J V Worthington
Councillors: 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 October Meeting. (Croeso i bawb i Gyngor Mis Hydref). The Chair also welcomed a local Cilcain residents (DF) to the Meeting. Flintshire County Councillor Andrew Parkhurst was also present at the Community Council Meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - J Emyr Davies

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -

- (i) Cllr Gwen Hardman declared an interest in the Cilcain Village Hall items.
- (ii) Cllr Malcolm Down declared an interest in the Rhydymwyn bonfire item.

4. MINUTES OF LAST COUNCIL MEETING - Cllr Gareth W Hughes proposed, Cllr Gwen Hardman seconded and all Members present agreed to approve the 16 Sept 2024 Minutes.

5. MATTERS ARISING - HIGHWAY MATTERS:

Alterations / Additions to Action Plan:

- (a) Flintshire C C Councillor Andrew Parkhurst noticed that 20 items on the Action list have not changed since the Action list dated June 2024. Members agreed for Cllr Parkhurst to raise this issue with Neil Hickie in Flintshire Streetscene

Item23 Nant Alyn Road, Rhydymwyn - Settlement of reinstatement tarmac on previous culvert repair. A warning sign is required until a permanent repair is arranged. (location 80m village side of Coed Du Hall junction). Warning notice not on Action List. Members noted that a permanent repair was now being considered as opposed to another temporary repair. Clerk to request Neil to confirm the permanent repair position.

- (b) Cllr Michael Parr reported that the broken gully grid at the top of Trial Hill had not been included in the Action List.
- (c) Cllr Karen Parker had requested Neil to introduce another column in the Action Plan to indicate the date NH issues the internal instruction for the work item. Members noted that only three 'date issued' had currently been identified.

- Item 2 Tre Lan, Culvert - Neil had indicated in the Wed 2nd Oct 2024 site meeting that Flintshire CC was working on the Trelan culvert scheme. The current Action List indicates 'awaiting culvert screen'. Clerk to check the position with Mr Neil Hickie.
- Item 7 Bottom Road, Cilcain - Cllr Michael Parr reported that some pothole repair had taken place.
- (d) Nant Alyn Road, Rhydymwyn - 100 yards village side of The Graig - middle of carriageway. Cllr Gareth W Hughes maintained this item had been missed off the Action List.
- Item 31 Nant Alyn Road, mid way of the section of road between Coed Du Hall junction and the Caravan Site - verge encroachment on the River Alyn side (Ty Ni side) due to vehicles having to avoid overhanging trees on the Min y Coed side of the road. In the 2nd Oct 2024 site meeting, Mr Hickie indicated he would take the overhanging hedge issue up with the landowner but contacting the landowner is not referred to on the Action List. Cllr Malcolm Down reported having been approached by the Caravan Park owner regarding this issue.

Additional item identified:

Longitudinal crack opposite Pren Teg in Nant Alyn Road (near the Coed Du Hall Nursing Home junction). Cllr John Doyle reported that the crack appears to be opening again indicating that the ground is still slipping towards the River Alyn.

6. MATTERS ARISING (NON HIGHWAY MATTERS)

p33 Solar Panels - Cllr Gwen Hardman reported that the planning application had been dealt with by Flintshire CC Planning Officer under delegated powers. No objection had been received from any of the statutory consultees. Planning permission had been granted. The next step would be to secure the appropriate grant. The Chairman thanked Cllr Hardman for the efforts and all the hard work she had put into the solar panel scheme.

p33 Cilcain Shop - Cllr Michael Parr enquired if the Shop Committee and the Hall Ctee have discussed how they will deal with the financial aspects of the benefits accrued by the solar panel installation.

Cllr Hardman explained that a lot of items have been settled between the two groups and now that we have the planning approval news we can move another step forward. The Shop will benefit hugely from the photo voltaic panels.

Cllr Parr explained that at present the Shop is paying all the electricity costs. Cllr Hardman maintained that the Shop is not paying any rent for the room they trade from or the use of other rooms in the Village Hall. The Hall Ctee also pays the water account. Whenever two organisations are involved there will always have to be give and take from both sides.

p33 Cilcain Cemetery risk assessment - Cllr Gwen Hardman explained that the issues regarding dogs had been raised by Cllr Karen Parker in the September Meeting.

Clerk explained that the notice on the Bier House door indicates:

- 'dogs must be kept on leads at all times and are not to be exercised within the cemetery'

The Cemetery regulations on the Council Website indicates:

- 'dogs brought into the cemetery must be kept on a lead at all times. Owners of dogs will be responsible for removing dog fouling'.

Members agreed the reference to 'removing dog fouling' be added to the Bier House Notice in Cilcain.

Cllr Michael Parr, in conjunction with Cllr Doyle and Cllr Hardman to modify the Cemetery Risk assessment (for volunteers working in Cilcain cemetery) accordingly.

Members noted that a Risk Assessment for Volunteers is not required for Rhydymwyn cemetery since there is no volunteer work taking place in Rhydymwyn cemetery.

- p33 Play area - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that the work had just been completed. A good job had been done. Unfortunately, the seeded area around the equipment had been disturbed with foot marks and bicycle tyre marks. However, Mr Richard Roberts had given an undertaking that regular touching up of the seeded area would be undertaken by Flintshire CC until the grassed area is established. Members noted that in January 2025, £4,000 will need to be included in the Council Budget next year for a Cilcain play area refurbishment improvement scheme.
- p34 Street Lighting, Cilcain - Cllr Christine Vaughan reported that the power issue with the lamp at the Pentre must have been solved, since the Pentre lamp was now working. 12 of the 13 new Led Lamps were now working. The lamp at the Square in Cilcain (gable end of Tyn Llan) with access difficulties was being left for the time being. Clerk had requested a list of wattages from Deeco for the Cilcain and the Rhydymwyn lamps so that Power Systems can be contacted regarding revising the energy account.
- p34 Hendre Quarry liaison meeting - Cllr Karen Parker had emailed the Quarry Manager to request a liaison meeting. Meeting may be forthcoming in early November.
- p34 River Alyn, Rhydymwyn - Tree in the River Alyn opposite the Sewage Treatment Plant. Cllr John Doyle reported that the obstruction was still in place. Cllr Doyle maintained that the obstruction was more likely to flood into the Treatment Plant than cause an issue downstream. No response had been received following the last request made for an update to Mr Peter Ellis on 29 July 2024. Clerk to pursue.
- p34 Roadside verge fenced off, Rhydymwyn - Cllr Gwen Hardman reported on the process to date:
- (i) An attempt was initially made to find land ownership details on-line using OS Field Numbers.
 - (ii) Telephone contact was eventually made with an LR Office Staff Member. Email received detailing the correct procedures to be followed.
 - (iii) Latest version of the Ordnance Survey plan being sent to LR Office by post with the relevant field numbers marked on the plan.

- (iv) A title number for the land will be supplied if the land has been registered by the landowner.
- (v) A check needs to be made to ensure that the 1965 version is in fact the latest version of the OS Plan.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Gwen Hardman once again for the effort and hard work done in pursuing the matter.

Cllr Tim Mitchell expressed concern that a fence erected right up against a public highway should not have barbed wire on it.

p34 32 Maes Cilan, Cilcain - Cllr Andrew Parkhurst reported that the adjoining Power Line is scheduled to be disconnected on 06 Nov 2024.

p34 Catch-pit full between the DEFRA bridge and the DEFRA grille.

Clerk to enquire regarding the outcome of the meeting that was being arranged between DEFRA and NRW (scheduled for Oct 2024).

p34 Cefn Road / Nant Alyn Rd - Speed issues. Cllr Ian Hughes reported further on the outcome of the site meeting that had taken place on the 14 Aug 2024. The verge was not wide enough to install posts or bollards. The verge was not as wide as was shown on earlier photographs.

Cllr Pauline Douglas reported on another incident which had recently occurred when a wide vehicle coming down Cefn Road caused boundary and verge damage, and resulting in mud on the surface of the lane.

Members had requested Cllr Parkhurst to seek views from Mr Lee Shone in Flintshire Traffic Section. Cllr Parkhurst was likely to be meeting Mr Shone on the Tuesday 22 Oct 2024.

p35 Planning matters, The Antelope Site - Gwysaney Arms Hotel, Planning Application. Cllr Parkhurst reported Flintshire Planning had written to NRW regarding the flood assessment document.

p35 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. Clerk to request Mr. Hickie to add the item on to the Action List.

Cllr 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. No response had yet been received. No further concerns had been received from villagers.

p35 River Works, Rhydymwyn

- (a) Removal of the fence obstruction at the rear of the Institute. No change.

- (b) Raising the river bank of the Fechlas Brook by a couple of feet for a 20m section near the Tarmac entrance in Nant Road. Issue had been forwarded from Mr Dafydd Roberts (NRW) to Mr James Williams (NRW). Clerk to contact Mr James Williams.
- (c) Obstruction in the Fechlas Brook between the Coed y Felin / A541 junction and the Tarmac entrance. Clerk to send another reminder to NRW.

p35 Covid Snake, Playing Field, Rhydymwyn. Cllr John Doyle reported that relocating the Covid Snake display to the DEFRA site had so far received a favourable response. Formal approval from Defra currently being pursued. Risk assessment being prepared. The Chair thanked Cllr Doyle and Cllr Malcolm Down for their work.

p35 Resurrecting the minerals grant - A response had been received from Carolyn Thomas (A M) Carolyn had escalated the request to the appropriate Welsh Minister.

Cllr Ian Hughes reported that he was due to attend a Cefn Quarry liaison meeting. Cllr Hughes would enquire if there is any direct funding from the Quarry to assist next year's Cilcain play area refurbishment scheme.

Cllr Gareth W Hughes explained that all quarries pay a levy to the UK Government. In the case of Tarmac, £2 million per annum goes to the UK Government. A slice is passed down from London to the Welsh Assembly. Welsh Assembly used to give a minerals grant to communities suffering from quarry blight. That Minerals funding paid for nearly all the cost of the play areas in Rhydymwyn and Cilcain.

p35 Bus time tables. Cllr Ian Hughes had erected a pin board inside the bus shelter. Chair thanked Cllr Cllr Hughes for providing and erecting the pin board.

Cllr Gwen Hardman and the Clerk are currently arranging for preparing an A3 laminated bus time table to replace the existing well-weathered time table.

p35 Rhydymwyn Service Station - Alteration work is taking place to the garage. Clerk to write to the Garage owner regarding the need to consider taking internal traffic control measures to reduce the traffic congestion at the entrance during busy periods.

p35 Hendre Flood Risk Management Scheme. Cllr Karen Parker reported that a meeting will probably take place in the Rhydymwyn Institute on the 11 Nov 2024. Cllr Parker to draft an Agenda and collect 30 copies from the Clerk to hand deliver to Hendre residents.

p35 Street Lamp, 'day burning' on A541. Cllr Gareth Hughes had reported on the 22 Sept 2024 that the repair had been carried out by Flintshire CC.

p36 Parking Concern Cilcain - Cllr Gareth W Hughes referred to the Tourist Information Notice Board near the village car park entrance. Flintshire CC had some time ago approved a plan to renew the Notice Board.

Clerk had written to Mr Richard L Jones at Flintshire CC. Flintshire Tourism agreed to give favourable consideration to refurbish / replace the two Notice Boards at Pedair y Groesffordd. Mr Jones followed up the response to indicate he would first need to discuss the issue with the AONB.

Members noted that Mr Jones had agreed previously to remove / renew the Notice Board at the village car park. The Council needed to update its views on the village car park Notice Board.

Members agreed the sign should be refurbished with a new plan on the top part with space left at the bottom (say bottom quarter) for additional information (to be agreed and introduced in due course).

p36 Ponding in roadside channel outside the Rhydymwyn Service Station - Item can now be deleted.

p36 Drainage, Nant Road, Rhydymwyn - The culvert outfall had been identified as being partly blocked in a river walk that Cllr Gareth W Hughes and the Clerk had attended on 15 Nov 2023. A check in Nov/ Dec 2024 will be required when the vegetation has died down.

p36 Sycamore Tree at Sharphaw, Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn - a request for an update on the tree position had been received from Mr Paul Rushworth on the 18 Oct 2024. The request for the update was passed on to Flintshire Housing on the 20 Oct 2024. The Clerk had also contacted Mr Rushworth to urge him to pursue the matter directly with Flintshire Housing. Members noted that the Community Council can only remind Flintshire about the issue raised.

Cllr Andrew Parkhurst indicated that he would assist if no positive response is forthcoming in the next few months.

p37 Wrexham Flint Area Committee - Cllr Karen Parker had attended the on-line meeting held on the 15 Oct 2024

Cllr Parker reported on the two presentations made by guest speakers at the meeting:

- i) Anthony Jones, Senior Officer, North Wales Fire Service
- ii) Update from 'Llais' on the NHS

Cllr Parker explained that One Voice Wales (OVW) normally supply Minutes of the meeting approximately one week before the next scheduled OVW meeting.

p37 Attendance at Community Council Meetings by the local Street Scene Supervisor. Cllr Parkhurst reported having discussed the matter with Flintshire's Chief Executive. The matter had been passed down to Katie Wilby There had been no response in the last four weeks.

7. PLANNING MATTERS:

Planning Applications received from Flintshire County Council:

- (i) Ref No: FUL/000739/24
Proposal: Conversion of outbuilding to home office/guest bedroom with archive store over.
Location: Pen Llan Farm, Mountain Road, Cilcain, Mold, CH7 5PB

The Community Council has **no objection** to the application.

- (ii) Ref No: FUL/000771/24
Proposal: Detached double garage
Location: Hilltop, Cefn Road, Cilcain, Mold, CH7 5HR

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

- (i) Any new access for the property should meet Flintshire CC's Highway Section requirements for geometrical alignment and visibility splays.
- (ii) The Council objects to a property having two points of access. If a new access is created, then the existing access should be closed.
- (iii) The Community Council is concerned about the retrospective nature of the application. The Council maintains that widespread use of retrospective permissions defeats the whole object of having planning development control.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) 13/09 Brithdir Mawr Reservoir - Information from Welsh Water regarding the proposed restoration of the reservoir. Cllr John Worthington attended a site meeting with Gwenan Davies (Welsh Water, Bangor Office) and the adjoining residents on 30 Sept 2024.

Cllr Worthington commented that unfortunately Welsh Water apparently does not need planning permission for removing the reservoir. The local residents main concern was the effect of the work on the access road. Mr Hickie had subsequently met the contractor to discuss the access road reinstatement. Now that Neil is aware of the access issues, he will keep an eye on the position.

'Draining down' of the reservoir will start now, so that the bottom of the reservoir will be dry before construction work starts in the Spring of 2025.

The Clerk maintained that removal of a reservoir results in a loss of flow attenuation in the watercourse system. This loss of attenuation / regulation can in storm conditions increase the potential for flooding downstream. Dwr Cymru will have conducted an internal study to assess the potential implications of the reservoir removal on the water system downstream. Ideally, Dwr Cymru's 'internal' assessment should be looked at by the Drainage Authority, either NRW or Flintshire CC Drainage Section.

- 2) 14/09 Cilcain Bonfire and Fireworks display 5 Nov 2024 - Letter from Cilcain YFC Secretary.
- (i) Members agreed to give permission for use of Waen Field for the event.
 - (ii) Members agreed to give a £400 donation to assist with the cost.
 - (iii) Chair and Clerk to liaise with the YFC regarding the supply of road cones and the marshalling requirements to deal with the control of parking at Ffordd y Llan and The Square area.
 - (iv) The YFC were proposing to hold a Guy Fawkes making competition, followed by the entries being burnt on the bonfire. YFC had enquired if the Council had any concerns regarding the idea. Members agreed to leave the arrangements for disposing of the competition entries to the discretion of the YFC.
- 3) 17/09 Community Council, meeting attendance by Streetscene supervisor. Information from Cllr Andrew Parkhurst. Item dealt with earlier.

- 4) 17/09 Flintshire CC Contact Centre Service Standards. Copy of the response received by Cllr Andrew Parkhurst. A copy of the response had been distributed to Members. Flintshire CC aimed to answer 80% of calls within 60 seconds but was currently experiencing staff shortage issues.
- 5) 19/09 Cilcain Bus Shelter litter bin - Information had been received from a Cilcain resident to indicate that the litter bin was not fixed to the footway and offering to move the bin further from the bus shelter entrance. Mr Hickie had informed the Clerk that the bin had not been fixed to the footway, since the intention had been to replace the faulty bin.
- Due to the age of the bin, the mechanism for holding the bin liner in place had broken, resulting in litter / waste not being collected properly in the bin liner. Mr Hickie moved the bin further away from the Bus Shelter on a temporary basis. However, Mr Hickie had noticed that there was already a litter bin across the road, so he had decided to take the defective bin away.
- 6) 19/09 Highway footway opposite former Antelope Rhydymwyn - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported the trees overhanging the footway forcing pedestrians to step onto the carriageway at this section of footway. Item reported to Mr Neil Hickie at Flintshire Streetscene. Clerk to pursue with Mr Neil Hickie.
- 7) 21/09 Hendre Drainage - Update received by Cllr Karen Parker from Waterco regarding the potential options for the surface drainage improvement scheme. Issue dealt with earlier.
- 8) 22/09 Damaged street Light, A541, Rhydymwyn. Report received from Rhydymwyn Councillor regarding a damaged street lighting column. Report forwarded to Flintshire CC. Leaning lamp had now been removed.
- 9) 26/09 Rhydymwyn Fireworks Display, Saturday 02 Nov 2024 - Letter from Rhydymwyn and Hendre Bonfire committee secretary. Members may wish to note that a sum of £400 has been included in the Community Council's budget for a donation to assist with the cost.
- (i) Members agreed to give permission for use of the Donkey Field for the event.
 - (ii) Members agreed to give a £400 donation to assist with the cost.
- 10) 27/09 Covid snake Rhydymwyn. Information from Cllr John Doyle regarding the possible relocation of the Covid snake display to a different location. Item dealt with earlier.
- 11) 28/09 Septic Tank serving Ruby Houses, Rhydymwyn. Information from Flintshire CC Cllr Andrew Parkhurst. Cllr Parkhurst reported that the land in front of Ruby Houses had been filled some time ago, so that the outfall from the tank is not functioning as well as it did before the land filling took place. The appropriate Officer in Flintshire CC had offered to meet the residents to discuss possible solutions to the problem.
- 12) 28/09 Septic Tank serving Ruby Houses, Rhydymwyn. Planning enforcement suggestion forwarded to Cllr Andrew Parkhurst. Item discussed earlier .

- 13) 28/09 Cilcain Defibrillator - Cllr J V Worthington reported that he and Mrs Sue Jones had met the Nannerch CC Chairman (Cllr Huw Morgan) regarding the fitting of new batteries and pads for the existing defibrillator outside the Village Hall. Chair reported:
- (i) Defibrillator will need to be checked on a monthly basis.
 - (ii) Mrs Sue Jones has been informed where new batteries can be purchased from.
 - (iii) Signs have been noticed in some villages to indicate where the defibrillator is located. Changing the location of the instruction to Cilcain Village Hall may be an option.
 - (iv) Chair to enquire with Huw Morgan where the Nannerch signs were sourced from.

- 14) 30/09 Hilltop, Cefn Road, Cilcain - Information from Flintshire CC's Planning Enforcement regarding the recently built double garage. Item dealt with earlier.

- 15) 30/09 Proposal for a new National Park - Elected Members on-line consultation. Event held on 7 Oct 2024. Cllr J V Worthington, Cllr J Emyr Davies and the Clerk attended the on line meeting.
- (i) Statistics up to now show was 52% for and 48% against.
 - (ii) NRW staff who conducted the meeting were not in a position to indicate how many of the people who were for the proposal lived in the area.
 - (iii) Community Council not going to be consulted.
 - (iv) Parking is already a problem issue. What measures are envisaged for dealing with the increased parking provision required?
 - (v) Condition of the existing rural roads with very little provision for passing places means an increase in traffic will become a critical hindrance for local road users.
 - (vi) There is already a lack of respect for landowners by visitors (dogs let to run loose affecting sheep, field gates left open).

Cllr Karen Parker attended the 'drop in' meeting held at the Parkfields Community Centre, Ash Grove, Mold on the Thursday 10 October 2024.

Cllr Karen Parker reported:

- (i) The meeting was well attended.
- (ii) Mixed age group of the people attending was surprising.
- (iii) Mixed views - not possible to say which view was in the majority.
- (iv) Not easy to understand the display items - documents not page numbered, so not easy to correlate the display plans with the tabled reports.
- (v) Future funding was a concern - The Welsh Assembly may find the funding to introduce the measures involved. But will the lack of funding for dealing with the future problems be passed on to the Local County Councils?

Cllr J Emyr Davies had requested that the NRW should be asked - What benefits will the National Park proposal bring to existing residents and landowners? Members agreed that the Clerk should write to ask this question.

- 16) 01/10 Street Light, Pentre, Cilcain. Report received from Cllr Christine Vaughan. Lamp not working. Item dealt with earlier.

- 17) 02/10 Resurrecting the Minerals Grant. Reminder sent to Carolyn Thomas (AM) regarding a previous request to provide an update on progress made to resurrect the Minerals grant. Item dealt with earlier.
- 18) 02/10 Action Plan Meeting with Neil Hickie took place on Wed 2 October to discuss the Action Plan and new items raised in the Sept 2024 Council meeting (Chair, Vice Chair and Cllr Gareth W Hughes attended). Item dealt with earlier.
- 19) 08/10 Resurrecting the Minerals Grant. Response from Carolyn Thomas (AM). Item dealt with earlier.
- 20) 08/10 Funding Fair, Friday 18th October, 10am - 1.30pm - Daniel Owen Centre Mold. Information regarding grant event. Copy sent to all Members. Cllr Gwen Hardman, Cllr Karen Parker and Cllr Malcolm Down had attended. Report: Very useful meeting - excellent turnout - if anything the event was too crowded.
- 21) 08/10 Proposal for a new National Park - Email sent to Ffion Roberts to request minutes for the on-line meeting attended by Cllr Worthington and Cllr J Emyr Davies. No response had been received.
- 22) 10/10 Watercourse obstruction, Pentre, Cilcain (opposite Waterworks building). Copy of correspondence between Neil Hickie and Cllr Andrew Parkhurst regarding obstruction of the watercourse resulting in recent highway flooding at this location. Suggestions regarding landownership information required by Mr Hickie. Chair and Cllr Christine Vaughan consulted. Ownership suggestions passed on to Cllr Parkhurst.

Chair reported that the immediate drainage obstruction has now been dealt with.

Cllr Parkhurst reported that some residents have expressed concern about the canalisation of the watercourse (replacing the two former reservoirs) had resulted in the flooding problems occurring at this location.

The Chairman referred to a recent flood warning being issued for the River Gain. The Chairman had never ever heard of a flood warning being issued previously (before the removal of the two reservoirs). The Chairman had spoken to the NRW representative in the Brithdir Mawr site visit and made the point about the possibility of increased flow downstream. The Chairman had been informed that removal of the reservoirs made no difference to the issues downstream.

Cllr Parkhurst had a received a similar response. The reservoir is full most of the time, so the reservoir does not provide any attenuation.

The Clerk referred to his conversation with NRW. NRW maintained they had done a study to confirm that removal of the reservoir had no loss of regulating effect on the downstream watercourse. The Clerk maintained the report conducted by NRW was its own 'internal' study.

The Clerk maintained that in a dry Summer, the reservoir would not be full, due to evaporation and low river flows. Sudden heavy rainfall after a dry spell then will result in the reservoir providing attenuation.

Cllr Christine Vaughan maintained the position certainly needs monitoring.

- 23) 11/10 Wattages of new LED lamps in Cilcain and Rhydymwyn - Request for information sent to Deeco. Item dealt with earlier.
- 24) 12/10 Ffordd Y Llan, Cilcain - Damaged street name plate near The Square in Cilcain. Report and photo from Cilcain resident (DF). Item had already been reported to Neil Hickie by Cllr J V Worthington (18 June 2024) and Cllr Andrew Parkhurst. Item is now on Neil's Action list.
- 25) 7/10 Cilcain Bonfire and Fireworks display 5 Nov 2024. Letter from Cilcain YFC Secretary. Cilcain YFC is proposing a Guy Fawkes making competition, and these will be burnt on the bonfire on the evening of the 5th of November. Members observations are invited. Item dealt with earlier.
- 26) --/-- (Note - Action Plan was made available on Monday 21 Oct 2024). Flintshire Streetscene Action Plan - Item dealt with earlier.

9. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS** - The accounts scheduled in the Appendix were approved.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held on the 18 November (Tachwedd) 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.

Appendix - Payment section not for publication until approved at the Council Meeting -

1. Payment of Accounts - (October 2024)

(i)	A E (sal + fixed exp) for September 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)	128.58
(iv)	AE - web fee	18.00
(v)	Bloomin Gardens - Cilcain and Rhyd cemetery grass cut	230.00
(vi)	Cilain Clean and Lock. NB - £500 has been received from Flintshire CC during this month. The Community Council needs to forward this amount on to Cilcain Clean and Lock	500.00
(vii)	Rhydymwyn Bonfire Committee - donation to assist with bonfire and firework display	400.00
(viii)	Cilcain Young Farmers - donation to assist with bonfire and firework display	400.00
(ix)	Power Systems St Lighting energy from 30/06/2024 to 30/09/2024.	948.26
(x)	Cilcain Village Hall Ctee - Donation towards annual calendar	60.00
(xi)	J E Davies - Return overpayment for Cilcain cemetery fees	40.00
(xii)	Deeco - 12 No LED lamps - dark sky version 300 + VAT	360.00
(xiii)	Cilcain CC - Chair's account	200.00
(xiv)	Rhydymwyn Institute - hire of room for Council meeting	25.00

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

Chairman Vice Chair (or 2nd Councillor)

- 2. Budgetary Control** - Members noted that the balance held by the Council at the end of the first six months of the financial year ending on 30 Sept 2024 was £42,367.21. For comparison purposes, the balance on 30 Sept 2023 had been £38,894.23.

The Excel sheets attached to the Agenda itemised the payments made in the first six months ending on 30 September 2024 and the income received during the same period. Members noted that the difference between the total payments and total income matched the balance in the Council's HSBC Bank accounts.

- 3. Current Council Bank Balance.** Members noted that the closing balances in the Council's Bank Accounts on 12 October 2024 were:

Current Account: £182.08

Deposit Account: £42,185.13

Dep. Acc. interest:

2024 (Sep £67.70) (Aug £56.76) (July £58.41) (June £63.43) (May £61.07)
(Apr £49.17) (Mar £46.29) (Feb £54.96) (Jan £56.41)

Chair Clerk Date