

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL CILCAIN ON 16 DECEMBER 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 December Meeting. (Croeso i bawb i Gyngor Mis Rhagfyr). The Chair also welcomed a Cilcain residents (SJ) and Flintshire County Councillor Andrew Parkhurst to the Community Council Meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - None. All Members present.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -

Cllr Gwen Hardman declared an interest in the Cilcain Village Hall item.

4. MINUTES OF LAST COUNCIL MEETING - Cllr Gareth W Hughes proposed, Cllr J Emyr Davies seconded and all Members present agreed to approve the 18 November 2024 minutes.

5. MATTERS ARISING - HIGHWAY MATTERS:

Alterations / Additions to Action Plan:

Item 1 - Maes Cilan

- (a) Tree in the Maes Cilan turning circle affecting school bus turning - Chair to check if the tree has been cut back.
- (b) Dangerous tree affecting adjoining property - tree reported to Housing Section after the Oct 2023 Council Meeting has now been taken down.

Item 6 - New salt bin, Park y Llan Cilcain

- (a) New yellow salt bin had been provided opposite the Park y Llan junction.
- (b) Members noted that a yellow salt bin had been provided top side of Cilcain Church (outside Tyddyn Mihangel)
- (c) Village car park, Cilcain - new green salt bin had been provided.

Item 12 - Trial Hill, Cilcain - bobcat sweeping - Neil's Action list indicated sweeping had been done. However, Cllr Michael Parr was not convinced that Trial Hill had been swept.

Item 13 Cilcain Village Sweeping -

- (a) Chair reported that Cilcain bobcat sweeping was scheduled to take place this week.
- (b) Cllr Pauline Douglas reported that she had requested Mr Hickie to sweep Nant Alyn Road about three weeks ago - but her request was not on the Action List.

Item 20 A541 Hendre Village - Sinking BT cover - Cllr Parker reported that the work had been done.

Item 36 A541 Hendre Fibre Speed trench defective - Cllr Parker noted that the Action list had the date received as 05/12/24. Cllr Parker maintained that she had sent Neil an email on the 24 Oct 2024.

Additional items that need adding to Neil's Action List:

- (a) Cllr Karen Parker and the Clerk had recently sent Neil an email to report a street lamp out between Hendre and the Fron Farm entrance. Item not on action list.
- (b) Cllr Karen Parker and the Clerk had recently sent Neil an email to report that as one travels towards Hendre from Rhydymwyn on the left hand side of the road, before the Tarmac quarry entrance, a sign has slipped down the pole and is lying in the grass verge. It is the warning sign alerting drivers of the upcoming bends.
- (c) Cllr Pauline Douglas referred to the road gulleys outside Nant Alyn Mill being blocked. The Non return valve between Nant Alyn Mill and the River Alyn was defective.
- (d) Cllr Christine Vaughan reported that the salt bin on the corner by Pentre Farm needs attention. The salt in the bottom half of the bin is rock hard and unusable. Unfortunately the lid is often left open by users who come along in their cars, use the fresh salt in the top half of the salt bin, and do not bother to close the salt bin lid. Self closing bin lid required?
- (e) Cllr Tim Mitchell reported that some of the trees in the wood just before the A541 Rhosesmor junction need checking to see if they are a threat to road users if they eventually fall onto the A541.
- (f) Cllr John Doyle reported that the longitudinal crack in the carriageway by Pren -Teg, Nant Alyn is indicative of an impending land slip. The concern needs to be on the Action List.
- (g) Berth Road junction with Ffordd y Llan - sunken gulley grid in the roadside wheel track.

6. MATTERS ARISING (NON HIGHWAY MATTERS)

p55 Cilcain Cemetery risk assessment - Cllr Michael Parr had completed modifying the risk assessment. Copies were available at the Council Meeting. Members agreed to comment or formally approve the risk assessment at the January 2025 Council meeting.

p55 Play area, Rhydymwyn - Clerk to request Mr Hickie to supply an additional key. Cllr John Doyle reported that the gate was still unlocked.

- p55 Street Lighting, Cilcain - Chair reported that he and the clerk had been attempting to obtain the wattage figures form DEECO. Chair, Cllr Gareth Hughes and Clerk to pursue.
- p55 Hendre Quarry next liaison meeting - Cllr Karen Parker reported that a Liaison Meeting had been arranged for Friday 20 Dec 2025.
- p55 River Alyn, Rhydymwyn - Trees in the River Alyn opposite the Sewage Treatment Plant. Cllr John Doyle had recently checked the position. The tree across the river was still there. The obstruction was no better and no worse. No more branches had been caught on the initial tree obstruction following the recent Storm Darragh (6th - 7th Dec).
- p56 Roadside verge fenced off, Rhydymwyn -
- (i) Cllr Gareth Hughes had the plan showing the two fields that the Council was interested in. Cllr Hughes was likely to meet the person that had local knowledge about the ownership in the Cilcain cafe this Wednesday.
 - (ii) Cllr Gwen Hardman was waiting for a response from the Land Registry.
 - (iii) If it transpires that the two fields were at one time owned by Flintshire CC, then the Community Council can ask Flintshire CC who it sold the land to.
- p56 32 Maes Cilan, Cilcain, Dangerous tree. Item to be deleted from future Council Minutes.
- p56 Catch-pit full between the DEFRA bridge and the DEFRA grille. No change from the November Council meeting.
- Mr Garrod had received approval on 4 Nov to instruct DEFRA's Environmental Consultant / Contractor to draw up a gravel arising management plan. The plan will identify how the gravel arising is to be dealt with. NRW's Consent Section will then consider and hopefully approve DEFRA's plan. Clerk to pursue with DEFRA.
- -- Cllr Gareth Hughes expressed concern regarding the trees obstructing the Defra trash grille. Cllr Gareth W Hughes had taken a photo of the obstruction. Every time there has been a flood in the last 15 months, the Defra grille has not worked. The whole village could be flooded again. Photo to be passed on to the Clerk so that the Clerk can express the Council's concern to DEFRA.
- p56 Cefn Road / Nant Alyn Rd, speed issues. Item not discussed.
- p56 Speeding in Hendre - Cllr Karen Parker reported that the speed measuring strips are in place. When the speed limit was 30 mph, the average speed was 33.6 mph, so it will be interesting to see if the average speed is now lower following the 20 mph limit being introduced. Cllr Andrew Parkhurst to enquire with Flintshire Traffic Section when the speed results will be available.
- p56 Planning matters, Gwysaney Arms Hotel, Planning Application. No change from the November Council meeting.

- p56 Cilcain School Bus, new tactile pavements near the bus shelter. Item can now be deleted.
- p57 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. No change. Clerk to check if a meeting can be arranged with NRW. Wednesday morning preferred by Cllr Gareth W Hughes.
 - (c) Obstruction in the Fechlas Brook between the Coed y Felin / A541 junction and the Tarmac entrance. Cllr Karen Parker had made enquiries with Tarmac's Quarry Manager regarding land ownership in this section of Dolfechlas brook. Hopefully the land ownership aspect can be discussed in Friday's quarry liaison meeting.
- p57 Covid Snake, Playing Field, Rhydymwyn. Cllr John Doyle reported that the Council was waiting for formal approval from DEFRA.
- p57 Resurrecting the minerals grant - No change since the October Council meeting.
- p57 Bus time tables. Cllr Gwen Hardman and the Clerk are currently arranging for the provision of an A3 laminated bus time table to replace the existing well-weathered time table. Cllr Hardman was consulting a Cilcain resident regarding modifications that would need to be added to the standard time table which would make the information more relevant to Cilcain residents.
- p57 Rhydymwyn Service Station - Clerk to write to the Garage owner regarding the need to consider arranging for internal traffic control measures to reduce the traffic congestion at the entrance during busy periods.
- p57 Hendre Flood Risk Management Scheme.
- Cllr Parker had mentioned in the November meeting that overloading of the pumping station at the rear of Lloyds Terrace had recently threatened property at Lloyds Terrace. Mr Paul Reeves, Flintshire CC Land Drainage Engineer, indicated his intention to arrange a meeting with Welsh Water.
- p58 Parking Concern Cilcain - 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. Clerk to pursue an update from Mr Richard Jones.
- p58 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. Clerk to pursue.
- p58 Sycamore Tree at Sharpaw, Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn - Cllr Tim Mitchell reported that the owner of Sharpaw had requested an update from Flintshire Housing regarding the tree. Flintshire CC confirmed that the tree issue was on the list of outstanding issues.

p58 Brithdir Mawr and Garth Lane Reservoirs - Cllr Parkhurst reported:

(a) Cilcain reservoirs 1 and 2 (Garth Lane).

- (i) It would appear the road downstream of the former reservoir is getting flooded more often now than it was before the reservoirs were removed.
- (ii) The pond behind the Pump House is going to be de-silted so that it can provide attenuation to the flow in storm conditions. Care will be needed to ensure that work to the pond does not increase the pressure on the highway culvert at Glan Aber.
- (iii) Cllr Christine Vaughan reported that the fence at the side of the road between Glan Aber and Pentre Cottage is now missing. Members felt that the fence would have been constructed there originally to protect highway users from the substantial drop between the road side level and the entrance pit of the highway culvert. Clerk to request Neil to consider replacing the fence.

(b) Brithdir Mawr reservoir. Cllr Parkhurst reported:

- (i) Paul Reeves had confirmed that planning permission was not required for removal of the reservoir. Work to remove the reservoir unfortunately was regarded as permitted development.
- (ii) Since there was no planning permission required there was no impact assessment done.
- (iii) Mr Paul Reeves was having a Zoom call with Dwr Cymru last week and Cllr Parkhurst would request an update on the meeting.
- (iv) Effect of no impact assessment meant potential flooding of Loggerheads Road and the loss of water supply in adjoining properties had not been sufficiently considered.
- (v) Cllr Worthington reported that Dwr Cymru was likely to lower the water level slightly prior to taking all their equipment away at the end of this week.
- (vi) Chairman reported that there were three boreholes near the reservoir that could suffer from changes to the aquifer.
- (vii) Cllr Parkhurst had reported to the November Council meeting that Gwenan Davies was going to check the legal position with DWR Cymru's Legal Section.
- (vii) In the November Council meeting Cllr Gwen Hardman felt if legal responsibility is being checked by Dwr Cymru, then the position should also be checked by the County Council's Legal Section. In the November Council meeting the Chair maintained it would be appropriate to first wait to see what Dwr Cymru comes back with.

p59 Septic Tank serving Ruby Houses, Rhydymwyn. Flintshire CC's Cllr Andrew Parkhurst reported that a meeting had taken place at Ty Dewi Sant for the residents to discuss the situation with the appropriate Flintshire CC Officer. There were two options considered. The residents were now likely to opt for a small sewage plant option.

p59 Cilcain Defibrillator - The Chair invited Mrs Sue Jones to update the Council on the defibrillator signage. Mrs Jones reported:

In Nannerch, signs had been seen to direct residents or visitors to locate the defibrillator. Mrs Jones was still trying to contact Huw Morgan to find out where Nannerch CC had purchased the signs from. Search continues.

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Proposal for a new National Park -

- (i) Clerk distributed at the Council meeting an extract from the Community Council's submission.
- (ii) Cllr J Emyr Davies had attended a consultation meeting at Llysfasi about three weeks ago. Cllr Davies had asked the NRW Officer in attendance to outline what benefits would accrue to local residents and landowners if a National Park proposal was approved. The NRW Officer indicated he would email Cllr Davies the answer, but no email had been received.
- (iii) The Clerk reported that the email recently received from Ash Pearce (NRW) on the 19 November 2024 did in fact answer the question which Cllr Davies had made at the Llysfasi consultation meeting.
- (iv) Cllr Gwen Hardman reported that the Community Council had not been consulted as a statutory consultee, but the submission made by the Clerk was based on all the comments made in past Council meetings.
- (v) Cllr Gwen Hardman maintained that the format of the submission form seemed to be imbalanced. The form did not lend itself very well to including the objections / comments (regarding the proposed National Park) which had been made by the Council in the October 2024 Council meeting.

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Defnydd o'r Iaith Gymraeg - Clerk to pursue the preparation of a Policy document.

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Winter Preparation 2024/2025 - Clerk to arrange for the Chairman's contact details to be forwarded to Flintshire CC.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

No new Planning applications received.

However, reference was made to the Pre-application consultation - Antelope Industrial Estate, Rhydymwyn.

The notice and details had been emailed to all Council Members on the 18 Nov 2024.

The application had been considered in the 18 November 2024 and observations made were as follows:

Members noted that in the past, the only concern which had been expressed by adjoining residents was the noise produced by a glass recycling unit.

Members observed that the main sewer from the village probably crosses the site and should be noted.

Members did not wish to add to, or amend the observations made in the 18 Nov 2024 Council Meeting. Clerk to submit the Community Council's observations by the 23 December 2024.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) 19/11 Town / Community Council Precepts (2025-26) - Notification regarding the Councils precept to be submitted by Tuesday 28 January 2025. Cllr Gareth W Hughes referred to the need to slurry seal the Cilcain village car park. Clerk to obtain a ball park figure to include in the January 2025 estimates. Members noted there had been no adverse comments made regarding not participating in Flintshire's playscheme in 2024. The Clerk to prepare the estimates on the basis that slurry sealing the car park replaces the playscheme in next year's precept.

- 2) 19/11 Designated Landscapes Programme - Response from Ash Pearce (NRW) to outline the benefits of the National Park. Item dealt with earlier.

- 3) 20/11 Fallen tree between Nant Road and Hendre on the A541. Tree held back from falling onto the carriageway by a fence. Item reported by Cllr Gareth W Hughes. Report passed on to Mr Andrew Lightfoot in Flintshire Streetscene. Incident had been reported to Flintshire CC by North Wales Police on the previous evening. Tree had already been cleared by Flintshire CC's night shift workforce. Position noted,

- 4) 23/11 Raised grid near Fforrest Farm, Star Crossing Road. Report of damage to a vehicle due to a raised gully grid in flood conditions. Concern received from local resident (SJ) regarding Flintshire CC's out of hours phone service not picking up the calls:
 - (i) Note - Call centre based in South Wales (Carmarthen).
 - (ii) Three unsuccessful calls of 6 minutes duration made by (SJ)
 - (iii) Clerk made fourth call and call answered (after 4 minutes wait).
 Members expressed concern regarding the time it took for the 'out of hours' phone system to answer a call.

Cllr Andrew Parkhurst had written to Flintshire CC regarding the unacceptable time it was taking for calls to be answered. An initial response had been received from Flintshire to indicate that adverse weather had affected the normal call waiting times. There was no indication given regarding the average time callers had to wait.

- 5) 24/11 Out of Hours Emergency Response, fallen tree blocking Dolfechlas Road (Flintshire Streetscene issues). Concern regarding Flintshire CC out of hours phone service not picking up the calls. Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported road blocked at 11.00 am.
 - (i) Council Clerk started calling Flintshire CC out of hours service at 11.05 am.
 - (ii) 3 calls made at 20 minutes waiting on each call.
 - (iii) Clerk's third unsuccessful attempt at contacting Flintshire CC finished 1.40 pm.
 - (iv) Clerk unsuccessfully telephoned four Streetscene Supervisors, with a view to enquiring which Flintshire CC Supervisors were on duty. No telephone calls were picked up.
 - (v) Clerk received a report from Cllr Gareth Hughes at 2.34 pm that the tree had been cleared, probably by an adjoining landowner.

Members maintained the system would not be able to cope if a serious local flood incident was to occur 'out of hours' in Flintshire.

-- -- Road flooding by Walwen. Cllr J Emyr Davies reported that the road by Walwen had been flooded for a number of days. Clerk to contact Neil to request that unblocking the gully on the topside needs to be added to the Action List.

-- -- Flooding by Fforrest Farm junction - Concern expressed about water across the road near the Fforrest Farm junction. Cllr Andrew Parkhurst had recently requested Mr Hickie to investigate the drainage system at this location. Cllr Christine Vaughan maintained that freezing conditions on this standing water so near the junction would be extremely dangerous.

6) 25/11 Out of Hours Emergency Response (for Flintshire Streetscene issues) - Copy of response received by Cllr Andrew Parkhurst regarding the out of hours call system.

Cllr Pauline Douglas reported having to phone Flintshire CC recently regarding a tree across Nant Alyn. The call was not picked up after several attempts. Cllr Douglas then rang North Wales Police on 101. Clerk maintained that the Police have to use the usual out of hours Flintshire telephone number. Cllr Douglas reported that eventually a local person had to remove the tree obstruction.

Cllr Parkhurst reported that County Council Members have now been given an email address for reporting problems, when the out of hours call system is not responding.

Cllr Gareth Hughes maintained that to have one 'call out' centre for the whole of Wales has no chance of working in a widespread emergency. There should be regional call centres.

Cllr Christine Vaughan maintained that adverse weather and floods are often predicted so the call centre should have been better prepared to deal with a widespread emergency.

Cllr Parkhurst was requested to express concern to Flintshire that the system is definitely not working.

7) 26/11 Two street lamps out on the A541 near Hendre. Report from Cllr Gareth W Hughes forwarded to Jamie Bennett at Flintshire CC's Street Lighting Section. One of the lamps is now working.

8) 26/11 Cilcain Village Hall photovoltaic panels planning permission. A request from Cilcain Village Hall Ctee Secretary requesting authorisation for the Hall Ctee to submit an ecology / biodiversity plan to comply with one of the conditions attached to the planning permission.

The Chair and Vice Chair were consulted and authorised the submission. The Council's approval was forwarded to Cllr Gwen Hardman (Hall Ctee Sec).

- 9) 27/11 Salt heaps refilled at Loggerheads Road, Cilcain. Mr Neil Hickie confirmed that the salt heaps had been replenished on 26 Nov.
- Arrangement made for the provision of three additional salt bins in Cilcain.
- (i) Park y Llan junction with Pantymwyn Road.
 - (ii) Road down to Waterworks near Tyddyn Mihangel.
 - (iii) Village car park
- 10) 27/11 Two lamps out at Hendre - Response / acknowledgement received from Jamie Bennett. Position noted.
- 11) 28/11 Grit bin at the end of Parc y Llan. Report from Cllr Ian Hughes - New salt bin provided. Discussed earlier.
- 12) 29/11 Loggerheads Road, Cilcain - Response from Denbighshire Street Works Section to Cilcain CC's concern regarding the condition of the road at the Denbighshire side of the boundary. Clerk reported that he had been given the name of the Highway Supervisor dealing with the Denbighshire side of the boundary. No contact details were given so that a site meeting could be arranged.
- Two potholes on the Denbighshire side of the boundary were reported, having firstly having to supply the post code for the potholes. Mr Hickie maintained that the Flintshire side of the boundary was well maintained. Mr Hickie confirmed he did not have a problem with defining the exact line of the boundary between the Flintshire and Denbighshire.
- 13) 02/12 Antelope Industrial Estate, Rhydymwyn - Email sent to Flintshire CC Enforcement Section regarding the new shed recently erected back / side of unit No 1. Reply received from Enforcement Section - 'no recent planning applications received for the area. Report being logged with the enforcement team to look into. Position noted.
- 14) 02/12 Out of Hours Emergency Response (for Flintshire Streetscene issues) - Information from Cllr Andrew Parkhurst regarding Flintshire CC's out of hours response arrangements. Issue discussed earlier.
- 15) 05/12 Speeding on A541 at Hendre. Information from Cllr Andrew Parkhurst regarding request made to Flintshire CC for a speed survey. Item discussed earlier.
- 16) 05/12 Salt heaps Loggerheads Rd. - Report from Cllr J V Worthington that the Loggerheads Road salt heaps had been replenished. Thank you note sent to Mr Neil Hickie. Position noted.
- 17) 06/12 Correspondence re. Enforcement case ref ENF/331/24. Information from Flintshire CC's Planning Enforcement Section. Position noted.
- 18) 06/12 Brithdir Mawr Update, 08.11.24 - Information from Cllr Andrew Parkhurst. Item discussed earlier.

- 19) 07/12 Blocked culvert causing flooding near Ruby Cottages - Report and photos sent from Saul Burton to Neil Hickie regarding the flooding in Nant Road near Ruby Villas. Cllr Andrew Parkhurst had made Mr Hickie aware of the flooding which had occurred. Photographs were available at the Council meeting showing the location of the obstructed culvert entrance.
- 20) 07/12 Blocked culvert causing flooding at Ruby Cottages - Request for assistance sent from Cilcain CC's Clerk to Andrew Lightfoot (Flintshire's out of hours duty officer on Saturday 07/12) . Position noted.
- 21) 07/12 Former reservoirs 1 & 2 - Photo from Cllr J V Worthington showing canalised nature of the flow through the former reservoir. Position noted.
- 22) 07/12 Blocked culvert causing flooding at Ruby Cottages - Copy of email from Mr Saul Burton sent to Cllr Andrew Parkhurst confirming that culvert entrance had been cleared, probably by Flintshire CC.
- 23) 07/12 A541 flooding at Rhydymwyn. Report and photos from Cllr Tim Mitchell of flooding at the entrance of the Antelope Industrial Estate in Rhydymwyn.
- Clerk to print all the flooding photographs received for Rhydymwyn and Hendre ready for the January 2025 Council Meeting. The Clerk explained that the flood water at the entrance of the Antelope Industrial Estate was coming from the Rhosesmor junction direction.
- The video clip taken at the Rhosesmor Junction showed that the flood water was coming from the Pentre Gwysaney direction. Members agreed that Flintshire CC should investigate if the recently provided piped culvert is sufficiently sized to accommodate the flow in the watercourse on either side of the Pentre Gwysaney entrance.
- 24) 08/12 Rhydymwyn Football Club - Request to assist with required electrical work at the Club House. Members noted that £600 has been included in the Council's budget for this year. All Members agreed to assist the Football Club with their current electrical improvement work.
- 25) 08/12 Hendre Flooding 7/12/24 - Report and photos received from Cllr Karen Parker.
- (i) Cllr Parker reported that Dwr Cymru responded quicker to the surcharging of the Pumping Station (near Lloyd Terrace) than on the previous flooding incident.
 - (ii) However the level of the flood water at the rear of Lloyds Terrace was higher than on the previous flood.
 - (iii) Cllr Parker reported that Mr Kevin Taylor (Dwr Cymru) attended and did an assessment of the situation.
 - (iv) Two tanker were utilised to take away the sewage discharge until the flood had subsided.
 - (v) Cllr Parker had sent a set of photographs to Flintshire CC's Paul Reeves.

Mr Reeves had recently indicated that he would have a meeting with Dwr Cymru to discuss if there was any possibility of taking some surface water out of the combined sewerage system in parts of the village.

- 26) 09/12 Rhydymwyn Flood Protection - Report received from Cllr John Doyle regarding:
- (i) The good work undertaken by volunteers (PJ and JH) on Saturday at the NRW overflow grille.
 - (ii) The problem highlighted with manually opening the DEFRA grille when there is a power cut. There was a power cut preventing the automatic raising of the grille and a problem with the charging facility for the standby battery mechanism for opening the Defra grille.
 - (iii) The need to reconsider the request made to Flintshire CC to remove the kerb and lower the verge on the LHS of the road (going towards Pantymwyn). This lowering of the kerb and the verge would allow storm water on the road to discharge into the main open channel culvert through the DEFRA site.
- (a) Cllr Doyle reported on item (i) at the Council meeting.
 - (b) Item (ii) - Clerk reported on his discussion with Sando Citra (Defra Site Manger) and Michael Garrod (Defra's Engineer at Defra's Regional HQ).
 - (c) Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported on his recent meeting with Mr Andrew Lightfoot regarding item (iii).

Site meeting required with Mr Paul Reeves.

- 27) 10/12 Loggerheads Road - Verge slipping on to the carriageway - Email from Cllr Andrew Parkhurst to Andrew Lightfoot in Flintshire Streetscene. Position noted.

- 28) 10/12 Storm Darragh - Lessons to be learnt - Copy of email from Cllr Andrew Parkhurst to Mr Neil Hickie at Flintshire Streetscene.
- (i) The email expressed thanks for the help provided by the Streetscene team during Storm Darragh.
 - (ii) In some places though, there were instances of flooding which could have perhaps been prevented if an improved routine maintenance of culverts and gulleys had taken place.
 - (iii) A response was awaited from Neil.
 - (iv) Cllr Parkhurst intended raising at a County wide level the need for a proactive planned maintenance regime to be in place.

- 29) 05/12) Flintshire Streetscene Action Plan. For Members to comment on, and add to. Item discussed earlier.

9. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Village Hall, Cilcain - damaged slates. - Cllr Ian Hughes had prepared a plan to identify the roof slates which were in need of repair. Plan to be given to Mr Jed Cooper for the necessary

repair to be done. The Chair suggested that the Community Council should make a 50% contribution to the Village Hall Ctee for the work. Members agreed.

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 20 Ionawr - 20 January 202. 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 - (December 2024)

(i)	A E (sal + fixed exp) for November 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)	80.14
(iv)	AE - web fee	18.00
(v)	Rhydymwyn Football Club donation to assist with electrical improvements	600.00
(vi)	Canon - photocopying machine prints (3 months)	51.79
(vii)	AE - replacement lap top - £249 + vat	299.00
(viii)	JDK - Updating Council's website for Sept to end Nov 2024	60.00
(ix)	O Roberts - Weed kill in village car park + grit chamber clean	35.00

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

Chairman Vice Chair (or 2nd Councillor)

2. Current Council Bank Balance. Please note that the closing balances in the Council's Bank Accounts on 11 Dec 2024 were:
 Current Account: £151
 Deposit Account: £39,608

Dep. Acc. interest:
 2024 (Nov £59.51) (Oct £64.13) (Sep £67.70) (Aug £56.76) (July £58.41)
 (June £63.43) (May £61.07) (Apr £49.17) (Mar £46.29) (Feb £54.96)

Chair ClerkDate