

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE WAR
MEMORIAL INSTITUTE RHYDYMWYN ON 18 AUGUST 2025**

Present: Chairperson: Karen Parker
Councillors: J Emyr Davies
Gwen Hardman Cllr Pauline Douglas
Gareth W Hughes Cllr John Doyle
Ian Hughes Tim Mitchell
Cllr Michael Parr Cllr Christine Vaughan
J V Worthington
The Clerk was also in attendance

1. CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS

Croeso i bawb i Gyngor Mis Awst. The Chairperson welcomed Members to the August Meeting. The Chair also welcomed Cilcain resident (SJ) and (DF) and Flintshire County Councillor Andrew Parkhurst to the Community Council Meeting.

2. Former Gwysaney Arms Hotel, Rhydymwyn - **Mr** Rhys Davies and Mr Joe Morris, representing the owner of the former hotel, attended the Meeting. The owner wanted to inform Community Council Members that he was fully committed to the development project for Rhydymwyn

Mr Davies confirmed that the development collective remained totally committed to addressing any potential flood assessment difficulties as raised by Flintshire CC and Natural Resources Wales in order to deliver new housing for Rhydymwyn.

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Cllr Malcolm Down.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None received.

5. **MINUTES OF LAST COUNCIL MEETING** - Cllr Gwen Hardman proposed and Cllr Gareth W Hughes seconded and all Members present agreed to approve the 16 June 2025 Minutes.

6. **MATTERS ARISING - HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

Neil's Action Plan - dated 16 June 2025 - emailed from Neil 18 August 2025 - distributed at the Council Meeting.

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Item 1 - Work done

Item 2 - Work done

Item 3 - Work Done

Item 4 - Work not done - Cllr J V Worthington maintained that clarification was required regarding 'The Pentre' location. Clerk had discussed this issue with Neil.

The National Street Gazetteer (and Electoral Register) regards 'Pentre Road' as the road from Cilcain Church down towards the Pump House. 'The Pentre' includes the section of road from 'The Square' down passed Pentre Cottage to Loggerheads Road. Clerk to obtain a copy of the National Street Name Gazetteer.

The Chair reported having discussed the issue with Neil. Neil had explained that when he issues a ticket for an item of work to be done, he has to refer to the location in the Gazetteer and not the 'pet names' local residents use.

Cllr Worthington referred to a recent conversation with Betty Gittens where she had referred to extra funds being given to Flintshire for pothole repair. County Councillor Andrew Parkhurst had enquired with Kate Wilby several months ago where and how the money is to be spent. Cllr Parkhurst reported that the response to his enquiry is now scheduled to be available in November 2025. The Chair maintained the date in the Action List is not correct. The item had been reported before the date in the Action List.

Item 5 - 'Location' description missing from the Action List.

Item 6 - Tre Lan to Ty Gwyn needs to be changed to 'Ty Gwyn to Cilan Lodge' due to the potholes that have recently appeared near Cilan Lodge.

Item 7 - The fibre optic trench settlement is located on the Rhydymwyn side of the Nant Road (Tarmac quarry entrance). The work has not been done! The Chairperson maintained that the description needs changing from a 'pothole' to a 'trench depression'.

Item 8 - Pothole to Manhole in Hendre - Work done.

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Item 9 - Potholes repaired by Denbighshire CC - photo of completed pothole repair in correspondence pack.

Item 13 - Members reported - some work has been done.

Item 14 - Members reported - some work has been done.

Item 2 - Work not done - Neil has a question mark for item 2, presumably because Neil is uncertain about the location or does not know if the gulley has been done. The location is on the village side of The Graig in Nant Alyn Road.

Item 3 - Dolfechlas road gulleys - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that the work had been done.

Items to be added to Neil's Action list:

- (a) Nant Alyn Mill - Cllr Pauline Douglas requested the blocked gulley outside the house needs cleaning out and adding to the Action List.
- (b) School link path, Rhydymwyn needs cutting back and adding to the Action List.
- (c) Cllr Michael Parr reported a depression in the carriageway on Pantymwyn Road, Cilcain (Approx 300m on the village side of Bron y Graig).
- (d) Trench Depression in Nant Alyn road 80m on the village side of the Coed Du Hall Junction. Neil to be requested to provide a timescale for when the trench repair is to be undertaken.
- (e) Loggerheads Road, Cilcain - Cllr J V Worthington reported blocked gulleys on the Denbighshire CC boundary side of the Brithdir Mawr Lane / Loggerheads Road junction.
- (f) Cllr Christine Vaughan reported blocked gulleys above Pentre Cottage in The Pentre. (gulleys located on RHS as one goes up from Pentre Cottage towards the Square in Cilcain - The gulleys have been blocked for years. Does Flintshire CC know where the gulley connections discharge to?
- (g) A541 near Rhosesmor junction - Overhanging hedge obstructing footway and replacing missing / damaged section of fence required.
- (h) Fence missing between Glan Aber and Pentre Cottage, The Pentre, Cilcain. Item reported by Cllr Christine Vaughan.

Cllr Gareth W Hughes maintained that most of the items 'to be added to the Action List' referred to on page 19 of the 16 June 2025 Council Meeting had not been added to the latest Action List. Clerk to re-submit the additional items to Neil.

Clerk to arrange a site meeting with Neil Hickie at Rhydymwyn to discuss the Action List.

7. MATTERS ARISING (NON HIGHWAY MATTERS)

- p15 Hendre Quarry and the Fechlas Brook - Chair reported on discussions that had taken place with the new Quarry Manger. The Dolfechlas brook had not yet been cleared of obstructions, but was scheduled to be done.

Cllr Parker was hoping to have a meeting on the 3rd Sept to discuss possible renovation work in the Mill Pond located in the Woodland area upstream of the Mill Terrace.

The Chair reported there had been a lot of tree felling recently taking place along the A541. The resulting tree stumps and branches had been left in the wooded area upstream of Mill House. The Chair was concerned that during storm conditions the abandoned branches would be washed down and cause a problem at the entrance of the Mill Terrace culvert. The Chair had written to Mr Paul Reeves and Waterco regarding her concerns. Cllr Gareth W Hughes felt it was advisable to initially find out who was responsible for felling the trees. The Chair reported that Flintshire CC's Mr Dewi Ellis had been involved in the tree felling. Clerk to make enquiries with Mr Dewi Ellis.

Whilst the main flood relief scheme for Hendre had been turned down by the Welsh Assembly, the Chair reported that Flintshire CC was currently looking at the possibility of submitting a reduced scheme in October 2025.

- p15 Roadside verge fenced off, Rhydymwyn. Clerk reported that he had not yet had a response from Flintshire CC Legal Section. No change from the April 2025 Council Meeting. Clerk to send a reminder to Flintshire Legal Section.
- p15 Parking concern, Cilcain - Clerk reported that a reply had been received from Mr Richard L Jones a few days after the 16 June 2025 Council Meeting regarding replacing the two Notice Boards at Pedair y Groesffordd. Mr Richard L Jones had indicated that he was due to be catching up with David Shiel from the AONB in a few weeks. The AONB had commissioned design work for orientation / interpretation panels for the Clwydian Range area. Any new signs at Pedair y Groesffordd Cilcain would need to conform to the design principles recommended for the rest of the AONB area.

In addition, the Clerk had requested an update on the design work proposed for extending the parking facilities at Pedair y Groesffordd. It had been suggested at a site meeting some two or three years ago that Flintshire Street Scene be requested to prepare a sketch design and a price, which could be put on the shelf so that the information would be ready if funding became available.

Mr Richard Jones had responded to indicate that he would re-visit the conversation with Streetscene about preparing a sketch / plan for additional parking spaces at Pedair y Groesffordd.

Clerk to pursue the renewal of the Cilcain village car park sign with Mr R L Jones.

- p15 Sycamore Tree, Sharphaw, Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn - Item to stay on the Agenda to act as a reminder.
- p15 Cilcain Reservoirs - Cllr Andrew Parkhurst reported that there was no further news since the 16 June 2025 Council meeting. Another meeting with Dwr Cymru is likely in due course. Cllr J V Worthington reported that Dwr Cymru have been recently working on the Brithdir Mawr reservoir to deal with a problem with the drains
- p15 Cilcain defibrillator - The Clerk had contacted the Clerk of Nercwys CC to find out where the 'direction information signs' seen in Nercwys had come from. Clerk to send a reminder.
- p15 Cilcain Village Hall photovoltaic panels. Cllr Gwen Hardman reported that the panels are doing their job in terms of energy saving. Monitoring will continue to see if there is a pattern developing.

The Treasurer of the Hall Ctee has been in contact with Zurich to clarify the Insurance Cover position, and the matter has been dealt with.

Cllr J Emyr Davies had recently enquired about the roof loading. According to the Building Regulations, since the increased loading is less than 15% then change in roof loading is considered to be an insignificant change.

Finally, the fire risk has been assessed and was considered to be 'low risk'.

- p16 Antelope Industrial Estate, Rhydymwyn - New large shed erected without planning permission. Item to be discussed under 'Item 24 in Correspondence' later in the Council Meeting.
- p16 General Flooding in Hendre - Chair reported that some flooding had taken place on the 20 July. The gulleys recently reported had now been cleared.
- p16 Rhydymwyn Flood Protection.
- (i) Cllr Gareth Hughes reported that the long handled rake (for local volunteers to use in clearing the debris off the trash grille in storm conditions had been received from Neil. Cllr Hughes was going to pass the rake on to J Hulse for safe keeping.
 - (ii) Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that the camera at the trash grille entrance is still in place. The camera cannot be turned off automatically to save battery power. Clerk to speak again to Mr Peter Ellis at NRW regarding changing the batteries being done by volunteers.
 - (iii) It appears that the automatic lifting mechanism for the Defra gates is being checked on a regular basis. Members felt it would be interesting for one of the Community Council Members to be present when the automatic opening of the gate takes place so that the Council can learn how the system works. Clerk to pursue with Defra.
- p16 Defra bridge pillar, Rhydymwyn - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that he pillar repair work had now been completed.
- p16 Vehicular speed results, Hendre. The Chair and Cllr Andrew Parkhurst reported that the speed limit through Hendre is going to stay at 20 mph. Six locations only in Flintshire have been selected for the speed limit to be raised.
- The Chair had not been able to obtain a response from Flintshire CC regarding the timescale for implementing the traffic calming measures for the A541.
Cllr Andrew Parkhurst to request an update from Mr Lee Shone in Flintshire CC's Traffic Section.
- p17 Cilcain Chapel, drain at side and rear of the Chapel. Cllr Andrew Parkhurst reported having received the legal advice from Flintshire CC. Flintshire CC is not responsible unless the Chapel deeds say otherwise. The Chapel Secretary has been requested to look again for the deeds. Cllr Parkhurst had also provided the Chapel Secretary with a list of grant bodies that may be in a position to assist with funding.
- p17 Dwr Cymru Reservoir at Cilcain Pump House -
Cllr Parkhurst had inspected the new fence and noticed a gap between the new fence and the Pump House building. Dwr Cymru had been requested to close the gap and erect some signs on the new fence. Cllr Parkhurst reported that closing the gap (seven days ago) was still outstanding.

- p17 Bryngwilog lead mine disaster. Cllr J V Worthington reported that the historical information was now on display in the Village Hall. The display item may eventually be moved to Cilcain Church.
- p17 Play Areas 50/50 Match-Funding Scheme 2025/26. Mr Richard Roberts met five Cilcain Members and the Clerk in the Cilcain Play area on Thursday 26 June 2025. The five Cilcain Members were in agreement with the items Mr Roberts was proposing.
- The funding in the Council budget for the original scheme was £4,000 - whereas the modified scheme identified by Flintshire CC would involve a Community Council contribution of £5,500. The Council confirmed the decision taken in the recess period to fund the new contribution. It is anticipated that the delivery (six week delivery period) of the play equipment would be in September.
- p17 Overhanging hedge obstructing footway and replacing of fence required near Rhosesmor Junction. Item needs to be added to the Action Plan.
- P17 Cilcain Play Area, damage to timber boundary wall supporting the border planting area. The border area will be removed in its entirety as part of the site works agreed for the match funding scheme. Cllr Gwen Hardman explained that the timber posts supporting the border area are safe at present.
- p17 The Waen Cilcain - The Clerk had contacted Mr Heppenstall to request that the goal post be replaced if it is necessary to take it out for the Cilcain Show event.
- p18 Road speed outside Ysgol y Foel, Cilcain - Cllr Andrew Parkhurst reported that the results received showed that the seven day 85 percentile speed was 28.5 mph. Flintshire had sent the result to Go Safe for any additional measures to be considered against the road safety assessments for funding applications.
- p20 Defra's Stakeholders meeting 20 May 2025. The Chair referred to a stakeholders meeting which had taken place in the Defra Site Office on the 20 May 2025.
- Members noted that the possibility of the Defra site being taken over by the Land Trust was not discussed at the Stakeholders Meeting. Members agreed it was up to the Land Trust to pursue the issue with Defra directly.
- Members agreed that it was not in the Community Council's interest to have a transfer of responsibilities.
- Councillor Gareth W Hughes recalled that the possible transfer had been discussed previously about ten years ago. The economics of the transfer did not stack up then. The Land Trust would require a dowry from Defra prior to taking the site over. With interest rates being so low the amount of the dowry would run into millions of pounds.
- Cllr J V Worthington maintained that Becky Gittins (MP) appears to be interested in an involvement by the Land Trust. Cllr Gareth W Hughes felt it was possible that Becky may not be fully aware of the history of the previous transfer attempt.

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The ash die-back trees, Rhydymwyn and Cilcain play areas:

- (i) Donkey Field, Rhydymwyn - Clerk reported that the work should take place in September, after the end of the school holidays.
- (ii) Cllr J V Worthington, Cllr Gwen Hardman and the Clerk had met Mr Dewi Ellis on site on the 16 June 2025 to discuss the tree threatening the play area.

A second site meeting took place on the Fri 18 July 2025 attended by Cllr Ian Hughes, Cllr J Emyr Davies and Cllr J V Worthington. It had not been possible to obtain clarification regarding the boundaries and which side of the boundary the ash die back tree was located. In the circumstances a site decision was agreed that Flintshire CC would make a one third contribution and the Community Council would pay two thirds of the estimated cost of £600.

Mr Ellis was going to obtain the prices for felling the tree in September. 10 of the 12 Members contacted agreed with the site agreement. The Council confirmed the decision taken in the Summer recess period.

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Defra site Rhydymwyn, Gravel Management Plan. Cllr Gareth W Hughes maintained Rhydymwyn residents want to know when the gravel pits are going to be emptied. The Clerk explained that the NRW is responsible for emptying the gravel pits and Defra is responsible for doing work half a mile down river at 'the tripples'.

Defra and NRW have decided that both operations should be covered by the same gravel management plan. The combined gravel management plan has been prepared by Defra and has been submitted to NRW for approval. Clerk to contact Michael Garrod at Defra to obtain an update on the position, and inform Becky Gittins of the Council's concerns.

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Dogs on the Waen - Item to be discussed later in the Council Meeting.

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Village Hall, Cilcain, grant application to Cadwyn Clwyd for modifications to the entrance hall and toilets. Cllr Gwen Hardman reported that the grant application had been successful, the application being for just over £14,000. The modification works cannot start until after a number of traditional events such as the Cilcain Show have taken place. Scheduled start of the work is the end of September 2025.

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Nannerch and Cilcain Action Plans. Cllr Andrew Parkhurst reported having written to Mr Darrell Jones at Flintshire C C, to express concern regarding the lack of progress in implementing some of the actions listed. Cllr Parkhurst noted that there had been a number of items of work done in the last few weeks, so the email of concern may have had some effect.

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Spar Quarry, Cilcain, dust suppression. Cllr Andrew Parkhurst reported that Flintshire CC's Public Protection Section officers visited the site. The Officers were satisfied that the quarry operations were acceptable. Cllr Parkhurst had been informed that a wagon was being washed down before the Health officers left the site. Cllr Parkhurst was not satisfied with the response. When he had visited the site a wagon

left the site in a cloud of dust. Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported exactly the same occurred when he had visited the site. Cllr Parkhurst had visited the residents and requested that they keep writing to Flintshire CC if the dust nuisance continues unabated.

Flintshire CC was still not prepared to install dust monitoring equipment in the adjoining properties. Flintshire Officers did indicate that the inspection visit was unannounced.

p23 Schedule of Street Lighting Lamps (Unmetered Supplies) for Power Systems - Clerk reported that the quarterly payments had now been reduced from £930 to £294. Cllr Gareth Hughes was concerned that

- (i) Power Systems had been charging us for energising too many lamps for years.
- (ii) Power Systems had taken a long time to arrange for a reduction in power consumption costs following the lamps changing to LED.

Clerk to write to Scottish Power to seek a reduction to compensate the Community Council for the past overpayment.

p 24 Road damage on Pantymwyn Road in Cilcain. Cllr Michael Parr reported on the site meeting with Mr Neil Hickie to inspect a circular depression which had appeared in the carriageway. Neil had responded immediately to the request for an inspection and had arranged for the Pantymwyn Road to be closed and emergency repair work to be undertaken on the same day. Unfortunately, the emergency nature of the repair did not allow for road users to be forewarned about the closure and this may have caused unavoidable inconvenience to some motorists. Cllr Parr had been impressed by Neil's prompt actions.

8. **PLANNING MATTERS**

- (i) Ref No: LBC/000619/25
 Proposal: Structural timber renovation and repairs to the ground and first floors.
 Location: Pen y Cefn Farm, Rhydymwyn, Mold, CH7 5HP

The Community Council has no objections to the development.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) 13/06 Stakeholder meeting Rhydymwyn - Flooding - Copy of update from Richard Dearing (NRW People and Places Officer). Members noted that Mr Dearing did not mention the cleaning of the catch pits either side of the Defra Grille. Members felt that cleaning of the catch pits was more important to Rhydymwyn villagers than the cleaning of the culvert by the 'triples', the location of the 'triples' being approximately half a mile down river of the Defra Bridge. At this 0.5 mile distance,

flooding of the river is going to have less of a detrimental impact on Rhydymwyn residents than not cleaning the catch pits. Item discussed earlier.

- 2) 17/06 Rhydymwyn river gate, plus gravel management plan - Update from Michael Garrod (Defra). Position noted.
- 3) 19/06 Minutes of Rhydymwyn Site Stakeholder Meeting May 20th 2025 v1.0 (Issued to all as draft for approval). Information from Michael Garrod (Defra). Position noted. Matter discussed earlier.
- 4) 20/06 Site meeting with Neil Hickie. Cllr J V Worthington and the Clerk had met Mr Hickie at 9.30 am in Loggerheads Road at the boundary with Denbighshire. Cllr Worthington and the Clerk reported at the Council meeting. Clerk to report again the potholes to Mr Mark Evans at Denbighshire CC. A 'grip' on the Denbighshire side of the boundary had been cleared out, so flood water was able to discharge into the adjoining watercourse.
- 5) 24/06 Rhydymwyn river gate, plus gravel management plan. Information sent to Becky Gittins MP. Item discussed earlier.
- 6) 25/06 Broken footpath stile. Report received from Cllr J V Worthington of a broken stile near Grug Farm off Loggerheads Road, Cilcain. The issue had been forwarded to Mr Jon Hill at Flintshire CC's Footpaths Section. Cllr Worthington reported having subsequently been informed by the Cilcain resident (DM) that the stile had now been renewed.
- 7) 26/06 Fly tipping off Loggerhead Road. Report and photo received from Cllr J V Worthington of fly tipping on the road between Maes y Groes Bella and the River. Item passed on to Mr Andrew Lightfoot via Neil Hickie. Streetscene had been scheduled to remove the discarded mattress on 27 June. Cllr Worthington had confirmed on 29 June that the item had been removed.
- 8) 27/06 Site meeting at Waen Field, Cilcain for Friday 27 June 2025. Cilcain Members and Clerk met Flintshire CC's Kevin Crumplin on site to discuss the signage position. The Vice Chair reported that the meeting with Mr Crumplin had been a good meeting. Mr Crumplin had explained what can and what cannot be done. Mr Crumplin was going to send wardens up to undertake the occasional inspection. Mr Crumplin had explained that any fines would have to be done by the Dog Wardens as opposed to other members of the public.

Cllr Gareth Hughes maintained that the green looks well. Cllr Gwen Hardman felt that many Cilcain residents are not aware that the Waen is a village green and that could be rectified by providing signs at either end of the footpath. The signs would hopefully help to make resident aware of the village green and encourage people to consider new activities to make more use of the field.

Cllr Michael Parr referred to correspondence from a local resident expressing an interest in making a presentation at the start of a Council meeting. The Chair explained that the

resident concerned had been offered the opportunity of making a presentation but had declined the offer.

Cllr Ian Hughes maintained that the Waen was well used at present. Cllr Hughes lived adjoining the Waen field, so he could observe that there were residents using the field virtually every day.

The Chair referred to comments made regarding grass cutting. The grass cutting was being done in accordance with Flintshire CC's grass cutting policy. The Community Council did not want to move away from that arrangement. Transferring the task from Flintshire to a voluntary group would be a big risk. Insurance, maintenance equipment, regular inspections and liabilities would have to be considered.

If the enthusiasm waned after a few years later, Flintshire CC would be reluctant to take back the responsibility.

Cllr Hardman indicated that the village already had an experience of a garden being set up with enthusiasm and a few years later the place turned into a wilderness.

Cllr Gareth Hughes referred to a similar thing happening in Rhydymwyn. The idea of an orchard was greeted initially with enthusiasm. The Council allocated a piece of the playing field for an orchard. A few years later almost all of the enthusiasm had disappeared and the area was left unmaintained. It is only recently, that a new volunteer group has fortunately come into place to rescue the situation.

Cllr John Worthington commented that to be fair to Flintshire CC the grass maintenance is more or less spot on.

Cllr J Emyr Davies maintained that the Council should consider making the village school more aware of the facilities. Whilst appreciating the suggestion made by Cllr Davies, Cllr Hardman drew Members attention to the school already having a sizeable piece of land behind the school with adventure equipment in place.

9) 30/06

Donkey Field Rhydymwyn - Email from Cllr John Doyle regarding a motorised cycle using the Rhydymwyn play area. Cllr John Doyle reported that a new sign had been erected at the entrance by Flintshire CC on the following day. Cllr Gareth Hughes reported that the playing field was pretty full on the previous day. Cllr Hughes reported that a number of parents appeared to be bringing their youngsters to the play area from neighbouring villages. The Clerk asked one parent why he had come all the way from Denbigh. The response was it is the best play area around the area. The Chair thanked Cllr Gareth W Hughes for cutting the hedge that had been obstructing the original signs that was on one of the boundary hedges.

Clerk to arrange with Mr Richard Roberts for a sign for the second entrance.

10) 05/07

Covid Snake, Rhydymwyn. Email and photos from Cllr John Doyle - another weather proofing attempt had been completed. Members commented that the display was looking good.

- 11) 06/07 Overnight parking, Cefn Road, Cilcain. Cllr Andrew Parkhurst referred to a concern he had received regarding overnight parking of vehicles outside the quarry and the layby in the section of Bottom Road between Fforrest Farm and Cefn Melyn Hill junction. Cllr Parkhurst indicated that it would be difficult for him to pursue the matter without photographic evidence being available. If anyone notices overnight parking then photographs would be appreciated.
- 12) 09/07 Cilcain Village Green - Email from Cilcain resident (DF) regarding the use of the Waen Field by dog users. Issue discussed earlier.
- 13) 11/07 Stile at the top of the Waen - Information and photo from Cllr Ian Hughes showing a new stile having been provided by Flintshire CC's Contractor. Cllr Ian Hughes noted that the gap left for dogs appeared to be a bit bigger than usual. The Clerk reported having spoken to Flintshire CC's Footpath Inspector. It was up to the landowner to decide whether or not the gap left needed to be small enough to prevent sheep going through the stile.
- 14) 15/07 Proposal for Cilcain play area. Cost of changing an item of equipment for a more attractive item. The Clerk was able to contact ten of the twelve Council Members regarding their agreement to the match funding cost increasing from £4,000 to £5,500. Community Council confirmed the decision taken in the summer recess period to accept the scheme. An order has now been placed by Flintshire CC for the equipment purchase.
- 15) 16/07 Rear of Cilcain Chapel - site Meeting with Flintshire's Tree Officer to discuss the location of the tree with relation to the boundary. Item discussed earlier.
- 16) 17/07 Footpath near Maes y Groes, off Loggerheads Road. Report and photo had been received from Cllr J V Worthington of a damaged footbridge. The issue had been reported to Mr Jon Hill at Flintshire CC's Footpaths Section. Cllr Worthington reported that the footbridge had been repaired on the 25 July 2025.
- 17) 18/07 Lloyds Spar Quarry. Email from Cllr Andrew Parkhurst to Cefn Road resident (B L-R). Item discussed earlier.
- 18) 21/07 Road Damage at Pantymwyn Road, Cilcain. Copy of email from Cllr M Parr to Mr Neil Hickie regarding the condition of Bottom Road and the circular depression in Pantymwyn Road (near its junction with Bottom Road). Item discussed earlier.
- 19) 21/07 Flooding in Hendre. Copy of email from Cllr Karen Parker to Mr Neil Hickie regarding flooding of the highway opposite the The Oak. Item discussed earlier. The Clerk enquired if the meeting between Paul Reeves and Ronnie Kelbrick (Dwr Cymru) to discuss the overloading of the pumping station had taken place. The Chair indicated that she was still pursuing the issue with Mr Reeves.
- 20) 22/07 RWMI - Grant Approval. Information from Rhydymwyn War Memorial Institute's Secretary regarding the recent success in its application for funding. Chair explained the Ctee thanked the Community Council for its letter of support.

- 21) 23/07 Road Rubble outside the White Horse, Cilcain. Material coming down Mountain Road, Cilcain. Concern from Cilcain resident. Item referred to Mr Hickie. Road swept by Flintshire CC on 24 July 2025. Mr Hickie had been asked if Flintshire would consider installing an additional gully by the car park that would trap some of the debris.
- Cllr J V Worthington maintained that if the water coming down Mountain Road was dealt with, the debris problem by the Square would be sorted. Neil's response to the drainage problem at Mountain Road was - "Flintshire has to concentrate on drainage problems where properties are threatened with flooding".
- Cllr Gwen Hardman reported that the request for the clearing of the debris initially came from the White Horse. Neil was contacted, and the mechanical brush came to clear the area on the following day. Unfortunately, the same problem is likely to re-occur.
- Cllr Emyr Davies reported that a number of gulleys in the area have been blocked for years, probably because the connections no longer have a functioning outlet. Cllr Davies reported having asked Neil when the blocked Mountain Road sink hole was going to be replaced with a new outfall sewer. Neil had responded by indicating that the cost of a new sewer from Mountain Road down to The Square and on to the top of Bwlch Lane would be very expensive.
- 22) 25/07 Introduction as new Cilcain VHMC Chairman & update on draft Licence with Cilcain Community Shop Ltd (CCSL). Position noted.
- 23) 29/07 Nant Alyn Road Depression. Copy of email from Cllr Andrew Parkhurst to Mr Neil Hickie regarding the deteriorating condition of the depression 80m on the village side of the Coed Du Hall junction. Item discussed earlier.
- 24) 30/07 Planning Enforcement 331/24. Antelope Industrial Estate, Rhydymwyn. New shed erected without permission. According to Flintshire CC Planning Enforcement Section - the Building is classed as a 'temporary' structure that will be removed before the end of October. Position to be monitored.
- 25) 01/08 Ash die-back trees Donkey Field, Rhydymwyn. Request for an update from Mr Dewi Ellis (Flintshire Tree Office) regarding felling the ash dieback trees in the Rhydymwyn Donkey field. Flintshire CC waiting for all the quotations to be returned
- 26) 01/08 Introductory email - Former Rhydymwyn works Mold. Update from the Agent acting for The Land Trust. Position noted. Item discussed earlier.
- 27) 06/08 Notice Boards at Pedair y Groesffordd parking areas, Cilcain. Update from Mr Richard L Jones, Flintshire CC. Richard is liaising with the AONB regarding the design of replacement signs. Clerk to pursue in due course.
- 28) 07/08 Waen field correspondence. Email from the Chairperson to Cilcain resident (DF) regarding the use of Waen Field by dogs. Item discussed earlier.
- 29) 07/08 Loggerheads Road, Cilcain. Pot hole repair on the Flintshire / Denbighshire boundary. Report and photo from Cllr J V Worthington. Position noted.

- 30) 08/08 Cilcain Car Park. Confirmation of quotation from a slurry sealing Contractor for slurry sealing the car park. Members noted that the condition of the car park has deteriorated since 2024, and the condition of the car park is now such that the use of slurry sealing is considered inappropriate. Tarmac surfacing would now appear to be the correct solution for the car park. Delaying the surfacing until next year will provide the opportunity for seeking a grant and adding a further sum in the precept for next year.
- Clerk and Cllr Gwen Hardman to discuss the grant options in the next few weeks. Cllr Ian Hughes maintained that the existing vehicular gate on the car park is rotten and needs replacing.
- 31) 09/08 Evergreen hedge protruding into Pantymwyn Road near The Square in Cilcain. A Cilcain resident expressed concern via Cllr Gareth W Hughes. Item had been reported to Mr Neil Hickie at Flintshire Streetscene. Cllr Gareth Hughes noted that the issue is not on the Action List. Clerk to send Neil a reminder.
- 32) 10/08 Weed kill in roadside. When is it going to take place? Concern received from Cllr Gareth W Hughes. Issue passed on to Andrew Lightfoot (in Neil's absence) Cllr Andrew Parkhurst reported that Flintshire has stopped using chemical weed killers on environmental grounds. Flintshire C C are now using mechanical means which takes a lot longer than spraying. Cllr Parkhurst explained that sprays which are more environmentally friendly are not very effective.
- 33) 11/08 Clacking manhole A541 between Rhydymwyn Garage and The Antelope. Concern received from Cllr Gareth W Hughes. Issue passed on to Mr Neil Hickie with a request for the item to go on the Action List. Clerk to remind Neil to include the item on the Action List.
- 34) 11/08 Waen correspondence. Copy of an email from a Cilcain resident (DF) to the Council Chair to suggest the Council holds consultations with village residents to hear ideas about what should be done with the Waen Field to make it a better amenity for Cilcain residents and visitors. Matter discussed earlier.
- 35) 11/08 Waen sign, Cilcain. Vegetation cleared. Email and 'before and after' photos from Cllr Ian Hughes. Chair thanked Cllr Hughes for the clearing work.
- 36) 15/08 Waen Field, Cilcain. Email and photo of Waen Field from Cllr Ian Hughes. Members agreed with Cllr Ian Hughes' comment in the email that the grass in the Waen looked good. Matter discussed earlier.
- 37) -- -- Flintshire Streetscene Action Plan. Neil's Action List discussed earlier.

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

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting of the Council will be held at the War Memorial Institute in Rhydymwyn and is scheduled for the 15 September 2025. 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 - (July 2025)

(i)	A E (sal + fixed exp) for June 2025	745.85
(ii)	HMRC - PAYE (L.G.A.1972 S112) confirmation of the BACS payment made	118.45
(iii)	Office equipment and stationery - (L.G.A.1972 S111)	144.35
(iv)	AE - web fee	18.00
(v)	Rhydymwyn Institute - room hire 16 June 2025.	30.00
(vi)	Blooming Gardens - grass cut at Cilcain cemetery, outside Rhydymwyn park, cemetery and two benches	276.00
(vii)	Canon UK	50.10
(viii)	Scottish Power - St Lighting Energy	294.24
(ix)	AE - Materials for Cilcain - 1Litre concentrated roundup	40.66

(August 2025)

(i)	A E (sal + fixed exp) for July 2025	745.85
(ii)	HMRC - PAYE (L.G.A.1972 S112) confirmation of the BACS payment made	118.45
(iii)	Office equipment and stationery - (L.G.A.1972 S111)	112.71
(iv)	AE - web fee	18.00
(v)	Rhydymwyn Institute - room hire 18 Aug 2025.	30.00
(vi)	Blooming Gardens - grass cut at Cilcain cemetery, outside Rhydymwyn park, cemetery and two benches	276.00
(vii)	Canon UK - photocopying charge	117.18
(viii)	Transfer to Chairman's Account	250.00
(ix)	O Roberts - Cilcain car park and V Hall entrance catch pit	- - - - -

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

Chairman Vice Chair (or 2nd Councillor)

2. COUNCIL BALANCE AT THE END OF THE 3 MONTHS THROUGH THE 2025/2026 BUDGETARY YEAR

Members noted the need to undertake regular monitoring of the Council's expenditure at various points throughout the year.

For Members information, the computerised version of the Reconciliation of Balances for this first three month period was attached to the Agenda.

3. Confirm decisions made by chair and vice chair in the summer recess:

- (i) Members confirmed the decision for the Chair and Cllr Gareth W Hughes to meet Dion Williams later this month to seek advice on the Village Hall Lease and act accordingly. Cllr Gwen Hardman left the room whilst the above item was being discussed.

- (ii) Members confirmed the fees applied for a burial that took place in July 2025 in Rhydymwyn cemetery.

4. **Current Council Bank Balance.** Please note that the closing balances in the Council's Bank Accounts on 10 August 2025 were:

Current Account: £335

Deposit Account: £40,432

Dep. Acc. interest:

2025 (July £52.61) (June £54.79) (May £47.23) (April £47.23) (Mar £48.71)
(Feb £56.07) (Jan £70.11)

2024 (Dec £56.43) (Nov £59.51) (Oct £64.13) (Sep £67.70) (Aug £56.76)
(July £58.41) (June £63.43)

Chair Clerk Date