

p61 **Dolfechlas Road - concrete ramp** - Mr Lightfoot was auctioning this matter this week. Members maintained that planning for a new access should have been sought. The owner should have requested permission from the Highway Authority to cross the highway verge. The concrete ramp protruding into the carriageway should be removed.

p61 **A541 Culvert by Treatment Works** - Item to stay on Agenda so the Council can remind NRW about the need to remove the fallen trees when ground conditions improve.

5. **MATTERS ARISING - GENERAL ITEMS**

p61 **Width restriction Nant Alyn** - Item to be discussed under the Correspondence Agenda Item.

p61 **Tarmac entrance, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Mrs Janet Butlin maintained the downfall of the Community Council's position in the planning decision was the lack of support from the National Recourses Wales (NRW).

As a result of the planning decision to allow landfilling on the floodplain, the Chairman felt it was now more important than ever, for the Community Council to walk the Fechlas Brook upstream of Rhydymwyn, so any obstructions in the brook can be documented and brought to the attention of the NRW. Clerk to arrange inspection, possibly with Mr G Bellis, (Assistant Flood Warden) and Cllr Gareth W Hughes (Chief Flood Warden).

Clerk tabled photographs at the Council Meeting, showing Fechlas Brook downstream of the A541 Treatment Works culvert in mid-December. Members noted there was so much branches and trees in the brook, one could hardly see the brook. The maintenance work done in late December by NRW had cleared most of the obstructions. The Community Council would need to remind NRW of the need to carry out further work of tree removal in the spring.

The Chairman referred to a form being issued by NRW, whereby a resident can request flood risk information from NRW. Where the flood risk has been reduced as a result of recent defence work, the reduced flood risk can be quantified, and forwarded to the Insurance Companies.

Members noted that the applicant who had submitted a planning application on a site very close to the Tarmac entrance site had submitted a Flood Consequence Assessment for the development of the site, probably at considerable cost to the applicant. Member found it confusing why the two applicants were being treated so differently. In the case of the Tarmac entrance site, the applicant had the risk assessment undertaken for him by the NRW, and had not been required to produce a costly Flood Consequent Assessment.

p61 **Rhydymwyn Play area, skating facility** Provisional arrangement made for a meeting to be held at the Football Club premises on Saturday 8 March 2014. Mr A Roberts and Mr R Roberts from Flintshire Leisure are scheduled to attend. Clerk to contact Kids Club organising group for parents and youngsters to be invited to attend.

p62 **Trimm Rock Quarry** - Cllr John S Douglas to telephone Quarry Management to enquire about the likely timescale for the reinstatement proposals. Cllr Mrs Janet Butlin reported having inspected the restoration works with Mrs P Douglas. The restoration works which has already

taken place looked excellent. However Members noted the quarry was surrounded by so much woodland, there was no obvious nearby location where the quarry restoration can be seen.

- p62 **Meeting at Coed Du Hall** - Meeting to be arranged in March /April.
- p62 **Play area sign** - Whilst the two play area warning signs had been erected last month, Members noted that the signs were being partly obstructed by overhanging branches. Clerk to pursue.
- p62 **Play area, Rhydymwyn, tree maintenance work** - Clerk reported that no work had yet taken place by either of the two Tree Lopping Contractors. Clerk to pursue with AL. Cllr Mrs Andrea Davies enquired what is happening to the traffic calming measures assessment being conducted by Flintshire's Traffic Section at Dolfechlas Road? Clerk to make enquires with Mr G Powell.
- p62 **Heavy Goods Sign A541 Rhydymwyn** Members noted that Flintshire had erected the 'heavy goods' sign by the Antelope Industrial Estate in the last week in January 2014.
- p64 **Street Lighting Rhydymwyn** - Members noted there were still seven street lamps still needing repair work by Flintshire on the A541 between Rhydymwyn and Hendre. Chairman expressed concern regarding the number of failures reported recently on this section of road, especially when the lamps concerned had only just been upgraded by Flintshire with new lighting units fitted.
- p64 **Rhydymwyn Football Club** - Water ponding in stone area. Clerk to contact Mr A Roberts and Mr K Barron to check if repair work has been undertaken.
- p64 **Blocked gulley adjoining Winnwood** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported that the problem had not been solved. Flintshire Streetscene had reported that the gulley emptier had attended three times last month. Soakaway in field to be inspected and renewed if required. Flintshire in process of requesting drains camera to find / identify any obstruction in the main drain line at Dolfechlas Road. Members noted - since the gulley further down is working, then the soakaway is not likely to be at fault. The defect is more likely to be between the two gulleys.
- p65 **Village Hall Fire Sign** - Clerk had obtained observations on the legal position. Signs dealing with the activities within the building are not the responsibility of the Council. Members referred to the new 'fire door' at the Rhydymwyn Football Club building having to be funded by the Club, and not by Flintshire County Council as owner of the building. The previous request by Mr D Jonson for assistance was discussed. Members referred to the October 2013 Community Café arranged by the Community Council. The proceeds had been shared equally between the Clean'n Lock volunteer group and the Village Hall (Approx. £75 donation towards the new curtains).
- p65 **Drainage, Coed Du to Plas Wilkin** - Cllr Mrs Janet M Butlin referred to grey coloured downpipe near the Baths. The toe at the bottom of the grey downpipe was no longer directing the water towards the gulley. Clerk to report item to Flintshire Streetscene.
- p65 **22-23 Llys Alyn, Rhydymwyn, slippery moss on footway** - Mr A Lightfoot had reported that the moss removal work had been undertaken. Cllr Gareth W Hughes to check.

p65 **Tree surgery required in Rhydymwyn cemetery** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes and Cllr J White to assess extent of work required.

p65 **25 Ffordd y Llan, gulley blocked** - Mr A Lightfoot had instructed gulley emptier to undertake work. Work was done. Clerk had observed gulley working satisfactorily under light rain conditions. Cllr Mrs Hobson to monitor in heavy rain conditions.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

Community Council observations requested on -

(i) Proposal: Erection of a light industrial unit and associated works
Location: Brookside Works, The Nant, Rhydymwyn
Ref No: 051668

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

(ii) Proposal: Erection of a detached garage block
Location: 2 Ty Uchaf, Cefn Road, Cilcain
Ref No: 051686

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

Planning Decisions made by Flintshire County Council: -

(i) Proposal: Retention of external cladding and alterations and extensions
Location: Y Fron Bungalow, Mountain Road, Cilcain
Ref No: 051552
Decision: Refused

(ii) Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the use of the land for the siting of residential accommodation, that is, static caravans.
Location: Swn yr Awel, Loggerheads Road, Cilcain
Ref No: 050733
Decision: Certificate of conformity - Agreed

(iii) Proposal: Replacement of a single storey detached dwelling with a detached dormer dwelling.
Location: Danetre, Loggerheads Road, Cilcain
Ref No: 051602

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED The following items were considered:

22/01 Cilcain Public Conveniences - request for information from Flintshire Streetscene. Clerk to supply information regarding the dates.

25/01 Vacancy on Rhydymwyn Ward - Expression of interest by a Rhydymwyn resident. Item discussed following the Returning Officer's letter at the end of the correspondence.

- 27/01 Scottish Power - The Community Council has been undercharged charged for street lighting energy since 1999. The correct charges will apply from 1st April 2014.
- 27/01 Best Kept Village Competition 2014 - Invitation to participate. Position noted
- 28/01 Width restriction sign, Nant Alyn Information from P C Gary Aldous. Members maintained that a 'no-sat nav' sign should be considered again at the Trimm Rock entrance. Clerk recalled a letter being received from Flintshire Traffic, to indicate that an area review of 'no-sat nav' conducted by Flintshire had concluded that a 'no sat nav' sign was not required at Trimm Rock. The Community Council had subsequently written to Flintshire Traffic to identify the loop hole in the survey findings. Clerk to pursue a response form Flintshire.
With regard to the suggestion made by P C Aldous of having a physical width restrictions at both ends, the Chairman maintained there would be practical difficulties with Emergency Vehicles requiring to gain access to properties in the middle of the road section, from the Trimm Rock direction. Clerk to pursue.
- 04/02 Cilcain Village Hall - Request from Chairperson of Village Hall Ctee for financial assistance. Members felt it would be necessary to establish;
- (i) Is the Hall Ctee applying for grants?
 - (ii) Which grants are being applied for?
 - (iii) Outstanding amount assuming grants are obtained?
 - (iv) Programme for the works? When is the funding / donation required?
- Members noted the request could not have been received at a more inappropriate time for the Community Council, the Council's having just agreed its budget in the January Council Meeting, and set the precept accordingly.

Members felt the possibility of making donations outside the agreed budget can be considered again in November/December, by which time the rest of the agreed 'budget' and 'balance' can re-evaluated.

In general, Members felt a balance sheet of an organisation's position should be provided where a significant donation was being considered.

Reference was made to the amount of flood water flowing from the car park steps towards the Village Hall and Toilet. The possibility of water coming into the car park from the highway will need to be looked at in the forthcoming site meeting with Messrs Charlton and Lightfoot.

- 04 /02 Letter of thanks for £1,000 donation made to Village Hall Ctee in Sept 2013.
- 17/02 Vacancy Rhydymwyn Ward - Confirmation from the Flintshire's Returning Officer that no request for an Election was received within the fourteen days of the date of the Public Notice. Members noted that it was now in order for the Council to proceed with the co-option process. With regard to the letter dated 25 January 2014 received listed above, Clerk to check if the resident meets at least one of the four criteria listed in the Returning Officer co-option qualifications list. Clerk to proceed with a Co-option Notice on the Rhydymwyn Notice Board.

8. MATTERS RAISED / ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE LAST MEETING:

- (a) **Street Lamp, Dolfechlas Road** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported (22 Jan) street lamp adjoining the Rhydymwyn Football Club entrance not working. Fault reported to Mr G Edwards at DEECO. Cllr Hughes had reported (27 Jan) - two lamps reported to Deeco in Dolfechlas Road had now been repaired.

- (b) **Heavy Goods Vehicle Sign, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported (23 Jan) traffic sign has been erected by The Antelope in Rhydymwyn. The new sign was to direct quarry traffic to follow the signs for Cilcain.
- (c) **Street Lamp, A541 in Hendre** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported (27 Jan) a street lamp not working. (10 metres before the first house in Hendre on the right hand side - approaching from Rhydymwyn). Fault reported to Mr A Lightfoot at Flintshire Streetscene. Members noted a total of six lamps needing repair on A541 at this time.
- (d) **Two blocked gulleys Coed Du Farm** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported (7 Feb) two blocked gulleys near Coed Du Farm entrance - Item reported to Mr Lightfoot. Clerk to pursue with Mr Lightfoot.
- (e) **Street Lamp A541 Hendre** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported (7 Feb) a lamp out in Hendre. The defective lamp was the third lamp from the lamp reported in item (c). Item had been reported to Mr Lightfoot.
- (f) **Planning Site Meeting A541 Tarmac entrance** -
Flintshire Planning Site Meeting had taken place at 9.45 am on Monday 10 Feb 2014. Cllr W Owen Thomas, as local Member was allowed to speak at the site meeting. The meeting took place outside the entrance gate. Cllr Gareth W Hughes, Cllr John S Douglas and Clerk attended as observers. Item discussed earlier at the Community Council Meeting.
- (g) **Planning Ctee at County Hall, 12 Feb 2014** - Chairman, Vice Chairperson and Clerk attended the Planning Ctee, for the A541 Tarmac entrance landfilling application. The Chairman, as local County Member was allowed to put forward objections to the proposal. The Vice Chair was allowed 3 minutes to make observations on the proposal on behalf of the Community Council and local residents.

The final vote was close, with the decision to approve the landfill application being determined by the casting vote of the Planning Committee Chairman.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS / REPORTS - Items raised following the Chairman's permission.

- (i) **Cilcain toilets** - Authority given for Mrs Sue Jones to obtain additional sets of keys.

10. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS - Accounts scheduled in the Appendix were approved.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING -

The next meeting of the Council will be held at the Village Hall Cilcain on 17 March 2014.

Signed
Chairman

Date

Clerk

APENDIX - MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE - NOT FOR PUBLICATION

1. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

(i)	Scottish Power - street lighting energy - 01/10/12 – 01/10/2013 (Highways Act 1980 S301)	396.53
(ii)	A Evans - Office equip + stationery (Amazon) (L.G.A.1972 S111)	216.00
(iii)	Customs and Excise PAYE per month = £78.26. (L.G.A.1972 S112)	78.26
(iv)	A Evans Salary for two months after PAYE aye has been deducted £50 for Oct 2015 and £73.92 for Nov 2013 £552.16 - (50+73.92) (L.G.A.1972 S111)	428.24
(v)	C P Owens (Bagillt Web Design) (L.G.A. 1972 S111)	390.00
(vi)	A Evans - office stationery (Asda) (L.G.A.1972 S111)	39.40
(vii)	G Bellis - Notice Board Rhydymwyn - annual payment	40.00
(viii)	One Voice Wales - annual Membership (L.G.A. 1972 S143)	160.00

NB - The Clerk's had been paid the incorrect salary in the December 2013 Council Meeting. The salary item had not deducted the normal PAYE payments. An appropriate deduction is being made in this month payment to regularise the position.

2. PAYE - REGISTRATION AND ANNUAL RETURN

Clerk explained he was making some progress with the Customs and Excise but had some more work to undertake.

Unfamiliarity with the PAYE computer based process had resulted in a frustrating time trying to deal with various deadlines. The Council authorised the Clerk to seek assistance from a local expert if unsurmountable problems are encountered, and deadlines cannot be met without assistance.

Signed

Chairman

Date

Clerk