

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CILCAIN 17 MARCH 2014

Present: **Chairperson:** W Owen Thomas
Councillors: Mrs Janet Butlin John S Douglas
 Mrs Joanna Hobson Cllr D Julian Hughes
 Gareth W Hughes Derek May
 John White
 The Clerk was also in attendance

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed Members to the March 2014 Council Meeting. The Chairman also welcomed two Cilcain residents to the Meeting.

2. APOLOGIES - Cllr Miss Ann Baker, Cllr Mrs Andrea Davies, Cllr J Emyr Davies

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST - Cllr Mrs Joana Hobson declared an interest in the correspondence item regarding a request for financial assistance from the Cylch y Foel playgroup.

4 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the 17 February 2014 Council Meeting held at the Village Hall Cilcain were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as being correct.

5. MATTERS ARISING - STREETSCENE MATTERS:

p69 **Pot Holes, Berth Road** - Item to remain on Agenda.

p69 **Coed Du to Plas Wilkin** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes maintained this road was now becoming dangerous to vehicles. Road to be looked at in the annual village walkabout with Messrs Charlton and Lightfoot in early April 2014. Streetscene had been requested to investigate the grey coloured downpipe pipe near the Bath House to ensure the toe was directing the water into the roadside channel. Item to be looked at in the village walkabout.

p69 **Nant Alyn, debris on road and width restriction** - Cllr John S Douglas had taken photographs to show the amount of debris on the carriageway in Nant Alyn. Clerk to ensure the information is relayed to Mr Lightfoot at Flintshire's Streetscene Section. Cllr Douglas maintained the absence of a 'No sat nav' sign at Trimm Rock Quarry did not help matters. The introduction of a width restriction sign would discourage wide vehicles using this road cutting into the verges

Members agreed that PC Aldous suggestion of a restriction posts either end would not work. However, narrow road restriction signs either end should be pursued.

Clerk referred to the letter sent to Flintshire Traffic some twelve months ago. Flintshire had responded - North Wales Police were not prepared to supervise the traffic order. The

Community Council had then asked PC Aldous if North Wales Police had refused to supervise. PC Aldous had responded to suggest the restriction posts, but had not answered the question about supervising a traffic order.

Clerk to write to write again to Flintshire Traffic regarding the need for a 'no sat-nav' sign.
Clerk to write to PC Aldous regarding policing of a width restriction.

Cllr Janet M Butlin wondered if an 'information sign' was an option. if a 'restriction sign' could not be policed.

Cllr Douglas maintained that cleaning the road was rarely required before the advent of sat-navs.

Clerk to ask Flintshire Traffic had the width of the constraint been measured. Members noted the 'effective width' constraint would be difficult to measure here since the constraint was on a bend. The 'effective width' would therefore depend on the length of the vehicle.

p70 **Cilcain Toilets -**

(a) **High water consumption** - Mrs Sue Jones was invited by the Chairman to report on progress. Mrs Jones reported a new battery had been fitted in the Aqualogic unit, but it was not yet clear whether or not the automatic flushing device was working properly. Cllr D Julian Hughes maintained a new ball valve device had to be fitted on the last occasion the gents urinal flushing arrangement had ceased to function correctly. Clerk to request Flintshire to have a plumber to check out the flushing arrangement.

(b) **Duplicate Keys** - The Chairman had reported in the February Council Meeting that Flintshire had recently been fitting Italian made locks, and that duplicate keys were not readily available. The Clerk had made enquiries and had been informed that Woods, Lower Bridge Street in Chester could assist. It transpired the locks were not Italian made locks, and Mrs S Jones had been able to obtain copies in Mold.

p70 **Dolfechlas Road - concrete ramp** - Mr Lightfoot had written to owner of No 4 Llys Alyn. Item to be discussed at walkabout meeting.

p70 **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**

p70 **Tarmac entrance, Rhydymwyn** - Members who attended the site meeting expressed concern regarding the way Cllr W Owen Thomas was repeatedly interrupted by the Planning Officer during his presentation. Clerk to write to Flintshire to express the Community Council's concern.

Cllr Gareth W Hughes, Mr G Bellis and Clerk scheduled to walk the section of Fechlas Brook affecting Rhydymwyn on Tuesday 25 March 2014. Photographs to be taken of any

obstructions identified, so that the obstructions can be documented and brought to the attention of the NRW.

p70 **Rhydymwyn Play area, skating facility** Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported on the very successful meeting held at the Football Club premises on Saturday 8 March 2014. The meeting had been attended by over 40 parents and youngsters. Messrs A Roberts and R Roberts from Flintshire Leisure had brought to the meeting presentation sketches of the various types of equipment used in Flintshire play areas. Originally a skating facility had been required, but other items of play equipment were preferred by most who attended the village meeting. A Zip-Wire was one item which seemed to be popular, together with picnic tables and additional benches. A shelter had been mentioned, but Members recalled a recent Council decision against providing a shelter. Plans to be drawn up by Flintshire in the next 6 weeks.

p71 **Meeting at Coed Du Hall** - Meeting to be arranged in April / May.

p71 **Play area sign** - Clerk had requested Flintshire Streetscene to cut back the branches obstructing the play area signs. Clerk to pursue.

p71 **Play area, Rhydymwyn, tree maintenance work** - Cllr Hughes reported - leaning conifer by Winnwood had been taken down. Clerk to check if both Flintshire and Power System's tree lopping contractors had now completed their respective work.

Cllr Mrs Andrea Davies had enquired in the February Council Meeting what was happening to the traffic calming measures assessment being conducted by Flintshire's Traffic Section at Dolfechlas Road? Clerk reported on his discussion with Mr G Powell. Only one accident reported in recent years, so low priority given to a traffic calming scheme for Dolfechlas Road.

p71 **Street Lighting Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that there was now only one of the seven lamps left to be repaired by Flintshire. Clerk confirmed having written to Flintshire to express concern regarding the recent high number of lamp failures on the A541.

p71 **Rhydymwyn Football Club, water ponding in stone area** - Work not yet done by Flintshire. Cllr Gareth W Hughes and Clerk reported having both reminded Mr A Roberts regarding the need to supply stone to deal with ponding in the stone area.

p71 **Blocked gulley adjoining Winnwood** - Drainage position to be monitored. Position to be discussed in the annual walk about scheduled for early April.

p72 **Tree surgery required in Rhydymwyn cemetery** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes and Cllr J White to assess extent of work required.

p72 **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 -

None received

Planning Decisions made by Flintshire County Council: -

- (i) Proposal: Erection of link corridor with utility and insertion of one window into annex building
Location: Barn at Bryn Farm, Plas Yw Road, Nannerch
Ref No: 051666
Decision: Approved
- (ii) Proposal: Landfill to raise level by approximately 1 m and subsequent raising of height of agricultural building.
Location: Junction of A541/Tarmac Quarry, Denbigh Road, Rhydymwyn
Ref No: 050809
Decision: Approved

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED The following items were considered:

- 21/02 Mold and District Carnival - Sunday 13 July 2014 - Invitation to participate in the annual Mold and District Carnival. Position noted.
- 28/02 Application from Vale of Clwyd Memorials for a wedge shaped cremation tablet in Cilcain cemetery. Clerk report on background of application. Application approved.
- 05/03 Play Wales, Training Event - Invitation to attend a training event for Community Councillors scheduled for County Hall, Mold on 26 March 2014. Position noted. Donation not approved. Allocation not included in 2014 / 2015 budget approved in the 20 January 2014 Council Meeting.
- 05/03 Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic, Rhydymwyn - one day closure scheduled for 8 May 2014. Position noted.
- 05/03 Cylch y Foel Playgroup & Nursery Plus - request for donation. Members may wish to note that Flintshire's Summer Playscheme will be taking place this summer, and a confirmation letter from Flintshire to this effect was available in time for the Council Meeting. No donation approved - only £1,600 had been included in the Community Council's budget - for Flintshire's playscheme. Flintshire Playscheme will now be taking place.
- 9/03 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Urdd Gobaith Cymru / Urdd Eisteddfod, Flintshire, May 2016 - Information from Mr Edward Williams, Star Crossing Road, Cilcain regarding forthcoming fund raising meeting scheduled for Cilcain Chapel on Wed 26 March 2013. Cllr Gareth W Hughes would be attending. Cllr Mrs Hobson will try and attend. Cllr Hughes explained that £8,000 was the target amount to be raised from the area. Cllr Hughes explained that the Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd was for youngsters, whereas the Eisteddfod Genedlaethol was for grown up and youngsters to compete in.
- 10/03 Vacancy, Rhydymwyn Ward, Co- option - Expression of interest letter from Rhydymwyn resident. Item discussed later.
- 11/03 Declaration of Interest Form - copy of revised form - from Flintshire County Council.
- 12/03 Vacancy, Rhydymwyn Ward, Co- option - Expression of interest letter from Rhydymwyn resident. The Council considered the two expressions of interest received and resolved to co-opt Mrs Susan Sawyer, Winnwood, Rhydymwyn.
- 13/03 Property Insurance, Rhydymwyn - Information from NRW regarding flood risk. Information received from NRW was informative, but Members felt it was not really what the residents are looking for. The Chairman referred to having spoken to an Officer in the Chester NRW Office

regarding 'a form' which NRW could issue to residents that would be useful when the residents come to discuss flood risk premiums with Insurance Companies.

Clerk to pursue further with NRW. Members felt NRW had spent a fair amount on river defence works following the November 2,000 Mold Floods. Unfortunately, Insurance Companies tended to increase the premiums following a serious flooding event, but do not necessarily lower the premiums when subsequent defence works have been put in place. Clerk to liaise with NRW to check if a statement can be provided by NRW for individual properties which clearly identifies the reduced flood risk following the defence work having taken place.

27/02 Website Funding - £500 grant received from Flintshire to cover the recent cost of setting up a Council website.

14/03 Cemetery Fees - See item No 3 in Appendix.

8. MATTERS RAISED / ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE LAST MEETING:

(a) **Rhydymwyn Play Area Refurbishment** - Item discussed earlier.

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

(i) **Parking in Ffordd y Llan, Cilcain** - Chairman had received complaints regarding the regular obstruction caused by the parked Camper Van outside The Chapel in Ffordd y Llan. The Council did not want to introduce a double yellow restriction at this location, which would prevent all parking 24 hours per day. However, if the regular obstruction by the Camper Van continues, the Council will have no alternative other than to pursue the double yellow line option.

Cllr Jon White suggested that North Wales Police should be more involved, before considering a total parking restriction. Next time an agricultural vehicle is obstructed, a photograph should be taken and sent to North Wales Police. Where a parked vehicle causes unnecessary obstruction, the Police can then be requested to make regular visits with a view to issuing a Parking Obstruction Notice on the Camper Van.

(ii) **Dolfechlas Road, red paint** - Cllr Janet M Butlin referred to the need to re-paint the red sleeping policemen at Dolfechlas Road. Clerk to pursue with Flintshire Streetscene.

(iii) **Ysgol y Foel, Cilcain, unveiling sculpture** - Cllr Derek May referred to a forthcoming event at the end of the school term. Members invited to attend.

(iii) **Cilcain Play Area, additional equipment required** - Cllr Derek May referred to the need for additional equipment to cater for the very young. Clerk explained that the Minerals grant would be for 75% of the cost. Flintshire match funding for next year would have to be earmarked by December 2014, and the Community Council's contribution included in the 2014/2015 precept (to be agreed in January 2015). Members agreed for early liaison work with Mr A Roberts, to agree scheme details and costs, in good time for scheme implementation in spring / summer 2015.

(iv) **School footpath, Rhydymwyn** - Cleaning of path required. Clerk to pursue with Street Scene.

(v) **Parking for Village Hall event** - Permission given for parking for annual event scheduled for Village Hall.

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 Rhydymwyn Football Club premises
28 April 2014.

Signed
Chairman

Date

Clerk

MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE - NOT FOR PUBLICATION

1. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

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| (i) | A Evans - Expenses for two months + Feb salary (1 st Jan 2014 to end Feb 2014) (LGA 1972 S112) + tax overpayment for one month | 785.50 |
| (ii) | Flintshire C C - Cemetery rates - Cilcain (LGA 1972 S214) | 316.91 |
| (iii) | A Evans - Office equip + stationery (Amazon) (L.G.A.1972 S111) | 102.52 |
| (iv) | Deeco - street lighting maintenance (Highways Act 1980 S301) | 336.00 |
| (v) | A Evans - office stationery (Asda) (L.G.A.1972 S111) | 106.48 |
| (vi) | Customs and Excise PAYE per month (See note 3.0 below for PAYE overpayment) | Nil |

2. PAYE - SALARY PAYMENTS TO CLERK

The annual return for 2012/2013 was successfully submitted on line following the 17 February 2014 Council Meeting (P35 and P18 submitted)

The Clerk had subsequently been informed by the Customs and Excise Office that overpayment of £451.32 had been made. This meant that no PAYE deductions need to be made from the Clerk's salary until the total overpayment of £451.32 has been reached.

3. INCOME RECEIVED / WEBSITE FUNDING Members noted that a payment of £500 had been received into the Community Council's Bank account from Flintshire County Council for 'Website Funding'.

The Community Council's official website was currently 'under construction'. It was anticipated that the photographs would be added in the next few days. The Council thanked Mrs Gwen Hardman for her assistance in 'proof reading' the text submitted to Mr Chris Owens of Bagillt Web Design.

4. BURIAL FEES - CILCAIN AND RHYDYMWYN CEMETERIES

A recent press article detailed the burial fees in Mold cemetery having been increased substantially in February 2014. Some of the fee items had increased nearly two fold. Members noted the Community Council's fees were last changed in Oct 2013, the changes taking account of the Mold fees. The Community Council agreed to monitor the situation over the next few months to ensure that the fees for non-residents are sufficiently high so as to discourage non-residents in the outskirts of Mold from applying to be buried in the Cilcain and Rhydymwyn cemeteries.

The Clerk had checked with Mr J Marner, and there is no legal reason why the Community Council is limited to the 'double fees' for non-residents. The Council is entitled to change the non-resident fee to a higher amount, say (x2.5) for non-resident instead of the existing (x2)

One of the fee items which was previously low in Mold was the 're-opening' fee, and this particular fee had now been nearly 'trebled'. The Community Council considered it

appropriate to re-visit the fees again in May / June 2014, to take account of the February Mold increases, and also the Flintshire May / June 2014 fee changes, which would shortly be available.

The Mold Town Council Clerk informed the Clerk that Mold attempts to keep Mold's fees in line with Flintshire and Wrexham.

The Clerk has spoken to the Rev Adrian Copping regarding the Church burial fees. The Church fees are governed by the 'Church in Wales', but a local Church has the discretion not to approve an application from outside the area.

Signed
Chairman

Date

Clerk