

p20 **Nant Alyn, width restriction and sat nav sign** - Mr Russell Broughton had acquired a 'no sat nav' sign. The sign had been erected near the entrance to Trimm Rock Quarry. The heavy goods sign had now been moved from the Trimm Rock exit to the Lloyds Quarry exit. Clerk reported that the Cilcain Area Supervisor (Mr Russell Broughton) had now returned part time to Waste Disposal.

Cllr John S Douglas tabled photographs of a recent incident whereby a large wagon had come down Nant Alyn, having followed the sat-nav instructions. Cllr Douglas to obtain a copy of the photographs to allow the Clerk to submit the information to support the Community Council's request for a width restriction sign.

p21 **Cilcain Toilets** - Cllr W Owen Thomas referred to a loose waste pipe at the rear of a WC pan which had been leaking. Mrs Sue Jones confirmed that the fittings had been repaired. Mrs Sue Jones tabled a photograph at the Council Meeting depicting damage which had occurred to the external electricity power supply to the Bowling Club. Cllr W Owen Thomas and Cllr Derek May had inspected the damage and had concluded there was no imminent danger to the public from the damage. The Council agreed for Mr Les Williams to have a look at the possibility of surrounding the damage with a sleeve. Mortar repair to the edge of the roof tiles was still outstanding and a tile was still missing off the roof.

p21 **Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd, Flint, 2016, fund raising** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that the Village Hall Saturday café event was scheduled for 17 September. Amount of funds already collected was near the £1,000 mark.

p21 **Cilcain Play area refurbishment** - Sketch plans to be provided by Flintshire Leisure. Regarding the existing equipment, Cllr W Owen Thomas had received information that one of the items was not running as smoothly as it should. Cllr Thomas to take a closer look at the issue. Clerk to pursue the plans from Flintshire Leisure.

p21 **Revision of Cemetery Fees** - Clerk to pursue revision of Fees.

p21 **Rhydymwyn Play area refurbishment** - Detail plans to be provided by Flintshire Leisure.

The slight jolt in one of the existing swing units needed to be looked at again. Flintshire had indicated that the play item in the sand area was scheduled for replacement. Cllr Mrs Andrea Davies maintained the swing concerned was not in the sand area, and could be identified by the red surfacing patch beneath it. Clerk to pursue.

p21 **Street Lighting Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Hughes reported that the old lamp outside No 8 Church Meadow is now working. New lamp columns were currently being erected in Church Meadow, but none had yet been energised.

p21 **Rhydymwyn Football Club, water ponding in stone area / dog fouling** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported the stone had been provided and spread by Flintshire Leisure.

Need for dog fouling signs for the Football Ground was discussed. Flintshire Streetscene had promised to provide a supply of enlarged 'fines' posters. Clerk to enquire with Flintshire

Leisure if there are specific signs available for Playing Fields to indicate 'No Dogs allowed'. If when these two sets of signs have been posted up, and the problem remains, Flintshire's Dog Warden can be requested to make regular inspections with a view to imposing fines.

Cllr Mrs Joana Hobson had seen some colourful signs near Talacre, that might be worth checking on.

p21 **Blocked gulley adjoining Winnwood** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes to monitor position in the next spell of wet weather.

p21 **27 Ffordd y Llan, gulley just above No 27** - Cllr Mrs Joana Hobson agreed that the item can now be deleted.

p22 **Sleeping Policemen, Dolfechlas Road** - Flintshire Streetscene to assess if there is a need to re-paint the speed control red paint patches in Dolfechlas Road.

p22 **Parking in Hendre** - Item discussed under Correspondence.

p22 **Rhydymwyn cemetery** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that the grass cutting by Flintshire had improved, and was now satisfactory.

p22 **Cilcain cemetery** - Members agreed the regular grass cutting by Flintshire was now much better. Cllr W Owen Thomas maintained the grass cutting outside the pensioners bungalow was also much improved.

p22 **Former Ysgol y Ddol link footway, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that the path had now been cleared.

--/-- **Summer Playschemes in Cilcain and Rhydymwyn** - Several Members reported having observed this year's playschemes. Whilst the attendance levels were good in both villages, Members expressed disappointment regarding the level and type of activity offered by the play leaders.

In Cilcain, the youngsters had been playing water games and were using the Public Toilet for the water supply. Paint and mud handprints were left on the toilet walls. Members did not feel the playscheme this year was value for money (£1,800 cost for a three week scheme).

Members also expressed concern regarding the lack of control exercised by the play leaders. Cllr Mrs Hobson repeated the observations she had made twelve months ago. Play leaders are not legally empowered to look after or control the comings and goings of the youngsters. Children do not have to sign in or out if the playscheme. The youngsters are there at their own risk

Members concluded that serious consideration will need to be given before the Council participates in next year's playscheme.

In Rhydymwyn, the Lime Pictures Film Company had used the Donkey field for one day. The playscheme had been relocated to the Football Field for the afternoon of the filming. Only one complaint had been received from a Rhydymwyn resident regarding the field being used by

Lime Pictures. Cllr Gareth W Hughes explained that a donation had been made to the Rhydymwyn Kids Club and the Community Council to compensate for the loss of the Playing field for the day of the filming.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

Community Council observations requested on -

- (i) Location: Lygan Uchaf Farm, Wern Road, Rhosesmor
Proposal: Single wind turbine of maximum wind tip height 86.5m and ancillary Development, including a crane hard-standing pad, substation, equipment housing cabinet and access road.
Ref No: 052344
Community Council observations have been submitted to Flintshire Planning following consultation with Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and the Rhydymwyn Ward Members.

A copy of the Council's observations was distributed at the Council Meeting:

The Community Council is generally in favour of renewable energy schemes and also any development that assists in supplementing the income of local farm owners.

However the Council **objects to the above development** for the following reasons:

- (i) The height of the proposed turbine at 86.5m is out of scale with the character of the area. Members noted this proposed height is only 32 feet less in height than Big Ben in London.
- (ii) The height of the turbine will have a harmful effect on the views towards and from the nationally significant Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- (iii) According to para 5.5.19, of the Environment Statement, the turbine development will have a **major** visual impact on the properties in St John's Park in Rhydymwyn. The Council is therefore concerned regarding the potential loss of amenity / value of a number of properties in the village as a result of this industrial type development.
- (iv) The noise assessment included in the Environmental Statement considers the noise generated by the turbine to be 'acceptable'. However, the Council is aware of the turbine manufacture ENERCON being successfully sued in the highest court in Germany, as recent as December 2013 for making false claims regarding noise levels. Therefore, there is a significant risk in relying on the noise level information given in the Environmental Statement.
- (v) Noise prediction assessments will be based on normal running operations. As recent as February this year, a relatively new wind turbine installation at the nearby hamlet of Berth Ddu was damaged in high winds, and the whole hamlet community had to suffer for nearly two months of disruptive day and night noise. Presumably repairs to wind turbines have to be undertaken by specialist firms which are not readily available locally. We trust the Planning Permission can condition a requirement for the turbine to be turned off in the event of a noise generating fault occurring.

- (vi) Para 5.7.10 in the Environmental Statement concluded that the proposed development could be successfully accommodated and assimilated into the surrounding landscape without creating irreversible harm to the landscape character, visual amenity or landscape setting of the area. It is impossible for the developer to ‘assimilate into the landscape’ an 86.5m high industrial scale wind turbine structure without resulting in irreversible harm to this rural community.
- (vii) Paragraph 2.6 of the Environmental Statement refers to the decommissioning stage at the end of the turbine’s useful life. The Council is concerned about the implications for the environment if the Planning Authority is not in a position to insist on a bond to cover the eventuality of the developer walking away from his obligations at the decommissioning stage.

The Community Council trusts the above observations will be of assistance to the Planning Authority to come to the correct decision on this application.

- (ii) Location: Bryn Barn, Plas Yw Road, Nannerch
 Proposal: Increase in width of approved corridor, lean to boiler room and recycling / bin store
 Ref No: 052370
- (iii) Location: Brookside Works, The Nant, Rhydymwyn
 Proposal: Erection of Light Industrial Units (No 3 and 4)
 Ref No: 052397
 The Community Council has **no objection** to the development.
- (iv) Proposal: Application for prior notification of agricultural development - erection of steel portal framed building for the storage of fodder.
 Location: Crug Farm, Cilcain, CH7 5PJ
 Ref No: 052596
 The Community Council has **no objection** to the development.

Planning Decisions made by Flintshire County Council: -

- (i) Location: Foel Awel, 2 Ffordd y Llan, Cilcain
 Proposal: Two storey rear extension and rear dormer
 Ref No: 052287
 Decision: Approved
- (ii) Location: Hanson Aggregate Trimm Rock Quarry, Cefn Road
 Proposal: Discharge of Condition no. 24 (Scheme of aftercare) to planning permission ref: 45140
 Ref No: 051538
 Decision: Approved

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED The following items were considered:

- /-- The Big Budget Conversation - Information from Flintshire's Chief Executive - proposed meetings with Community Councils regarding budget pressures. Chairperson and Clerk to attend forthcoming meeting in County Hall, Mold on 2nd October 2014. Members noted that the playing fields are cut 14 times per year at present and the footway link in Rhydymwyn is cut 4 times per year.
Cemeteries are not mentioned in Flintshire's correspondence.
- 22/07 Cilcain Cemetery - Response received from Blackwells Stonecraft (unfortunately the e-mail was received morning following the 21 July Council Meeting) to explain error on their part. Members were not in favour of waiving the fee on this occasion. The Memorial Mason should have known that the cemetery is owned by the Community Council and not by the Church.
- 24/08 Filming at Rhydymwyn - Contract being sent for filming at the Playing Field in Rhydymwyn.
- 07/08 Grit Chambers at the DEFRA site - Confirmation from the DEFRA Reception Office regarding the grit chambers having been cleaned out.
- 07/08 Filming at Rhydymwyn Donkey Field - Request for permission to use playing field for a second filming session.
- 08/08 Blackwells Stonecraft - response to the Council's request for additional penalty fees. Council not in a position to waive the penalty fee - see above.
- 20/08 Filming at Rhydymwyn - Arrangements confirmed for second filming session.
- 22/08 Hendre Liaison Meeting - quarry liaison meeting scheduled for 17 Sept. Clerk to attend.
- 23/08 Filming at Rhydymwyn - Thank you note for Cllr Gareth W Hughes and Clerk.
- 26/08 North Wales Police - South Flintshire Consultation meeting scheduled for Mold Police Station on 17 Sept 2014.
- 01/09 Big Budget Conversation - Meeting scheduled for 2 Oct 2014 at County Hall, Mold to discuss the need for Community Councils to take on the cost of maintaining playing fields and play areas and open spaces. Chair and Clerk to attend.
- 01/09 Public Footpath No 43 in the Community of Halkyn - Consultation regarding a modification to the definitive footpath map. Council supports the proposal of including the path on the definitive rights of way map.
- 02/09 Information regarding aerial photographs taken by YONDA. Scheme promoted by Flintshire Tourism Association - Chair, Vice Chair and Ward Members authorised use of Waen Field for the 'taking off and landing' of the unmanned rotor driven camera device. Council confirmed the decision taken by the Chair, Vice Chair and Ward Members. Arrangements
- 02/09 Confirmation of £50 cheque being sent.
- 08/09 Proposed digital archive for Cilcain - Information from Cilcain resident regarding a WI proposal to build a digital archive of Cilcain's history and culture. Request for a letter of support from Community Council. Clerk to send a letter to confirm support for the proposal.
- 08/09 Hendre speed survey - survey results requested in the 21 July Community Council Meeting. Mr Powell to be asked - Is Flintshire satisfied with the speed results? The 85% percentile speed appeared to be well above the 30 Speed limit. Has Flintshire any proposals to make the speed limit more conspicuous?

8. MATTERS RAISED / ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE LAST MEETING:

- (i) **Rhydymwyn cemetery, collecting grass cuttings** - On Wednesday 30 July - one Rhydymwyn Ward Member, two Rhydymwyn residents and Clerk collected 23 bin bags of grass cuttings for removal to civic amenity site.
- (ii) **Dead badger, Loggerheads Road, Cilcain** - Dead badger in highway verge reported by Cllr May (24 July). Item reported to Mr Russell Broughton at Flintshire Streetscene.

Cllr May reported (1 Aug) - carcass removed.

- (iii) **Nant Alyn, Rhydymwyn, heavy goods sign** - Cllr Mrs Janet Butlin reported (Fri 1st Aug) a new heavy goods sign having been erected opposite the exit to Trimm Rock Quarry. Item reported to Mr Russell Broughton. Mr Broughton and Clerk met on site on Mon 4 Aug. Mr Broughton arrange to relocate the sign to opposite the Lloyd's Quarry exit.
- (iv) **Link path, Dolfechlas Road to A541** (adjoining Football Field) - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (11 Aug) path in need of maintenance. Item reported to Mr John Hill in Flintshire Footpath Section.
- (v) **Street lamps out on A541 Rhydymwyn to Hendre** Cllr Gareth Hughes reported (29 Aug) - four street lamps still out between Hendre and The Antelope in Rhydymwyn.
 - (i) Coming from Hendre towards Rhydymwyn after passing the Tarmac Entrance - second lamp on the right + the 5th lamp on the Right hand side.
 - (ii) Coming from Hendre towards Rhydymwyn - 2nd and 4th lamp out on left hand side after passing the last house in Hendre on the left hand side.

Report forwarded to Mr Russell Broughton in Flintshire Streetscene.

- (vi) **Street lamp, opposite No 56 Dolfechlas Road** - Rhydymwyn resident (Mr Vernon) reported (1st Sept) a street lamp not working opposite No 56 Dolfechlas Road. Item reported to Deeco. Lamp repaired on 5th September.
- (vii) **Cilcain toilet, electric supply cable to Bowling Club** - Mrs Sue Jones reported (3rd Sept) that the supply cable appeared to have been interfered with, at the location where it enters the ground by the side of the Gents Toilet door. Cllr W Owen Thomas and Cllr Derek May inspected the concern and came to the conclusion the cable was still considered as being safe.
- (viii) **River walk, River Alyn** - Mr Nigel Humphreys from the Holt Office of Natural Recourses Wales (formerly the Environment Agency), two Rhydymwyn Ward Members and four Rhydymwyn residents walked the River Alyn from the DEFRA bridge to Bont Newydd on Sunday 7 September. A number of issues were identified to make the river walk a worthwhile exercise. The Chairperson together with Cllr Gareth W Hughes and the Clerk reported at the Council Meeting. Photographs were available at the Council Meeting of the issues needing attention. Clerk to submit photos to NRW.
- (ix) **Width restriction sign at Bont Newydd** - At the end of the river walk on 7 Sept, a spelling mistake was noticed in the welsh translation of 'except' on the width restriction sign. Members may consider it appropriate to request Flintshire to modify the sign from 'ac wahan' to 'ar wahan' so the translation makes sense. Members may note it would have been correct to use the term 'ac eithrio', but 'ac wahan' is incorrect. A photograph of the existing sign will be available at the Council Meeting. Clerk to pursue with Mr Gerwyn Powell.
- (x) **Street lamp day burning, A541 Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (10 Sept) the street lamp on the Mold side of the Service Station exit 'day burning'. Item passed on to Flintshire Streetscene (Mr Darrell Jones).

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS / REPORTS** - Items raised following the Chairman's permission.
- (i) **Cilcain seats** - Cllr W Owen Thomas referred to the need to paint the metal seat outside the school. Members noted that the Parents Club had requested permission to paint the seat in the early summer, but that proposal was not now likely to take place. Both metal seats (School and Cilan Lodge) would now need painting. The two seats at Pentre and Mountain Road had been stained this year. Three wooden seats remain to be stained in light oak (outside Church, the Crescent, and Cemetery). Clerk to purchase materials.
 - (ii) **Church Meadow, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported a depression (possible drain or water supply pipe collapse) in path and carriageway opposite No 7 Church Meadow.
 - (iii) **Surfacing Condition A541 Rhydymwyn** - Cllr W Owen Thomas expressed concern regarding the surfacing condition of sections of the A541. Clerk to enquire with Mr Charlton if Flintshire had any proposals to undertake resurfacing works.
10. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS** - Accounts scheduled in the Appendix were approved.
11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - **Date of next meeting** - The next meeting of the Council will be held on 20 October 2014 at the Village Hall, Cilcain

Signed

Chairman

Date

Clerk

MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE - NOT FOR PUBLICATION

1. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

(a) Payments authorised by Chairman and Vice Chairman in August recess:

(i)	A Evans (sal + exp) for July	501.25
(ii)	A Evans - office stationery (Asda)	61.00
(iii)	A Evans office stationery (Amazon)	156.27
(ii)	Bloomin Gardens Park bench and cem Rhydymwyn, hedge cutting and removal of waste at Rhydymwyn cem on 18 July 2014	140.00

(b) Payments to be authorised in September Council Meeting:

(i)	A Evans (sal + exp) for August	501.25
(iv)	P May - staining two Cilcain seats (Mountain Rd and Pentre Rd)	60.00
(iii)	A Evans office stationery (Amazon)	122.84
(vi)	Rhydymwyn Football Club (Hire of Hall for Meetings) (five Council Meetings + one Flood Ctee + one Playscheme Meeting) (7x£20)	140.00
(v)	A Evans - office stationery (Asda)	91.02
(vi)	Bloomin Gardens cut around seats + Rhyd cem	35.00

Signed

Chairman

Date

Clerk