

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CILCAIN ON 20 OCTOBER 2014

Present: **Chairperson:** Mrs Janet Butlin
Councillors: Miss Ann Baker Cllr J Emyr Davies
 Mrs Andrea Davies John S Douglas
 Mrs Joanna Hobson D Julian Hughes
 Gareth W Hughes Derek May
 Mrs Susan Sawyer W Owen Thomas
 The Clerk was also in attendance

1. CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairperson welcomed Members to the October 2014 Council Meeting. The Chairperson also welcomed three Cilcain residents to the Meeting and two Flintshire Streetscene Officers (Mr Lightfoot and Mr Broughton).

2. APOLOGIES - Cllr John White.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST - There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the 15 September 2014 Council Meeting held at the Rhydymwyn Football Club premises were confirmed and signed by the Chairperson as being correct.

5. MATTERS ARISING

--/-- **Potholes, bottom of Nant Alyn** - Cllr John S Douglas referred to the potholes at the bottom of Nant Alyn. Mr Lightfoot to pursue.

p27 **Rhydymwyn Flood Committee** - Clerk to arrange a Flood Committee Meeting.

p27 **Pot Holes, Berth Road and potholes in general** - Mr Lightfoot explained that the list which had been included in the Press Release referred to surface dressing schemes only. Members noted that the three schemes which had been listed and undertaken were for surface dressing. Mr Lightfoot explained that Berth Road was, either down for surfacing or patching. Mr Lightfoot would need to check the patching and surfacing schedules to clarify the position, and the likely timescale for Berth Road. Cllr W Owen Thomas reported that he had been informed that Berth Road was to be done in December.

p27 **Repair to damage at Glasfryn** - Cllr Derek May reported that the water cover near Glasfryn had still not been repaired. Mr Lightfoot to pursue.

p27 **Coed Du to Plas Wilkin** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that some areas had been marked out in yellow paint - presumable to depict the parts of the road to be repaired. Cllr Hughes maintained that some markings, particularly on the Coed Du Hall entrance had been missed. Mr Lightfoot to inspect.

p28 **Nant Alyn, width restriction and sat nav sign** - Photographs from Cllr John S Douglas downloaded on to Clerk's laptop at Council Meeting.

p28 **Cilcain Toilets** - Mrs Sue Jones and Mrs Gwen Harman reported that all the agreed refurbishment work had been undertaken. Mrs Jones reported the ladies door had shown signs of warping or expansion - and would need filing down by Dutton and Peters. Chair agreed that a final inspection site meeting could then take place.

Cllr Derek May reported he had been to Cornwall last week and found many public toilets had been closed, even in popular tourist areas.

Cllr Miss Ann Baker thanked Mrs Sue Jones and Mrs Gwen Harman for all the hard work done in operating the Cilcain Toilet. All Members present agreed entirely with the appreciation sentiments expressed by Cllr Miss Ann Baker, Item discussed further in the Appendix.

--/-- **Flintshire Streetscene, general** -

- (a) Mr Broughton reported that Flintshire were considering making savings by introducing Sunday refuse collection. Sunday working would not increase the salary bill, but would enable Flintshire to reduce the total number of refuse vehicles being used.
- (b) Mr Lightfoot reported that the boundary hedge at Rhydymwyn cemetery had been cut. Cllr Gareth W Hughes was able to confirm the work had been done.
- (c) Cllr W Owen Thomas reported he had received concern regarding the high hedge at Lon Cilan obstructing the street lamp. Mr Lightfoot to pursue.
- (d) Mr Broughton reported he would now be returning to his previous duties in Refuse Collection. The existing 12 Streetscene maintenance areas are likely to be reduced to 8 areas. Existing Supervisors are currently involved in a 45 day consultation process.

p28 **Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd, Flint, 2016, fund raising** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported - £231 funds collected in the recent Cilcain café afternoon. Next coffee afternoon for the Eisteddfod is schedule for 29 November 2014.

p28 **Cilcain Play area refurbishment** - Sketch plans provided by Flintshire Leisure. One sizeable item of new play equipment identified. Members recalled two other smaller items being included in the site discussions with Mr Richard Roberts. Total estimate for the one item was £10,000, whereas the envisaged scheme had been envisaged as £15,000. A possible match funding arrangement for this scheme was discussed under Agenda Item No 8 on page 40 of these Minutes. Clerk to pursue.

p28 **Revision of Cemetery Fees** - Clerk to pursue revision of Fees.

p28 **Rhydymwyn Play area refurbishment** - Detail plans to be provided by Flintshire Leisure. Clerk reported on his recent discussions with Mr Richard Roberts at Flintshire Leisure. Flintshire was experiencing problems with producing a detailed survey plan for the scheme. Clerk to proceed with the grant application with the existing available sketches.

p28 **Street Lighting Rhydymwyn, lamp day burning** - Lamp on the Mold side of the Service Station - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported - lamp still day burning.

p28 **Rhydymwyn Football Club, dog fouling signs** - Flintshire Streetscene (Mr Wayne Jones) had promised to provide enlarged A4 '£1000 for dog fouling' signs for Clerk to laminate. Mr A Roberts to supply a 'no dogs allowed in playing field' sign. Meeting to be arranged with Dog Warden in due course when the above mentioned signs have been erected.

Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that there was probably one dog sign near the entrance. Clerk to check

p29 **Sleeping Policemen, Dolfechlas Road** - Mr Lightfoot reported - due to lack of funds, it was not looking very promising for the red tarmac patches to be repainted.

p29 **Parking in Hendre** - Clerk reported having spoken to Mr Gerwyn Powell. Mr Powell was requested to look again at the survey results to check if the survey speeds were considered acceptable by Flintshire's Traffic Section. The existing 30mph signs already had a highlighted background. In view of Flintshire's current financial constraints, providing the relatively expensive flashing 30 mph signs was an unlikely option.

p29 **Summer Playscheme** - Council will need to take a hard look at estimate time, before funding a playscheme scheme for 2015. Foul language appeared to be worse than ever at Rhydymwyn. Unfortunately the play leaders are not allowed to reprimand the children so the control is lacking. Cllr J Emyr Davies maintained that children safety is paramount these days, and the Council has to be careful in supporting a facility where safety risks are not sufficiently controlled.

Chair felt that the play leaders were not as good as last year.

Cllr Joana Hobson outlined the operation of the pay scheme which took place in Cilcain last summer.

Cllr W Owen Thomas maintained insurance cover by Flintshire was one of the advantages of the Flintshire scheme

Members to consider the funding of the 2015 scheme in the January 'estimates' Council Meeting

--/-- **Filming in Rhydymwyn by Lime Pictures** - Cllr Mrs Susan Sawyer reported that £50 only had been received by Lime Pictures for the half day filming during the summer playscheme period. Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that the arrangement with Lime Pictures agreed 2 x £50. Clerk to pursue with Lime Pictures.

p33 **River Walk, River Alyn** - Clerk reported on his discussion with Mr Kevin Williams regarding the tree removal and the overflowing effluent from the final settlement tanks at the Sewage Disposal Works. The concern regarding the overflowing sludge had been passed on to the Environmental Management Section of NRW.

- p33 **Width restriction sign, Bont Newydd** - Clerk to pursue welsh spelling mistake on the sign with Mr Gerwyn Powell.
- p 34 **Cilcain Seats** - Materials provided at meeting for Cilcain seat - wire brush and dark green metal paint still required - painting the seats may now have to wait until the spring of 2015.
- p34 **Church Meadow** - depression opposite No 7 Church Meadow - Mr Lightfoot to pursue.
- p34 **Surfacing condition of A541** - Mr Lightfoot reported re-surfacing scheduled for a short section of carriageway from the Tarmac entrance going towards Hendre.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

Community Council observations requested on –

- (i) Location: Y Dderwen-Royal Oak, Denbigh Road, Hendre
 Proposal: Erection of a timber cabin to support community use as a meeting room and library
 Ref No: 052559
 Resolved: The Community Council supports the application because the development would provide an useful community facility for the village of Hendre.
- (ii) Location: Y Llety, Pen Line Road, Cilcain
 Proposal: Installation of 6kw wind turbine (hub height 9m, tip height 11.8m)
 Ref No: 052726
 Resolved: The Community Council supports the application because:
 (a) The Council is generally in favour of renewable energy schemes.
 (b) The Council is in favour of any development that assists in supplementing the income of local farm owners.
- (iii) Location: 2 Bryn Rhodyn, Cefn Road, Cilcain
 Proposal: Application for a lawful development certificate (S191) for existing use of premises as separate dwelling
 Ref No: 052689
 Resolved: The Community Council is not in a opposition to support the application. The Community Council has in the past strongly objected to having a new separate development at this location. The Community Council is disappointed that Flintshire County Council, presumably due to lack of liaison between the various Departments, has allowed this applicant to take advantage of the weakness in the planning system.

Planning Decisions made by Flintshire County Council:

- (i) Location: School House, The Square, Cilcain
 Proposal: Garden Room extension
 Ref No: 052172
 Decision: Approved
- (ii) Proposal: Erection of light industrial units (Nos 3 & 4) and associated works
 Location: Brookside Works, The Nant, Rhydymwyn, CH7 5QA
 Ref No: 052397

Decision: Approved

- (iii) Proposal: Erection of a light industrial unit and associated works
Location: Brookside Works, The Nant, Rhydymwyn
Ref No: 051668
Penderfyniad: Approved
- (iv) Proposal: Application for a certificate of lawful use for a dwelling
Location: The Old Farm, 18 Nant Alyn Road, Rhydymwyn
Ref No: APW/052330
Decision: Certificate of conformity agreed

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED The following items were considered:

- 24/09 Cilcain Bonfire and Fireworks display - event scheduled for 5 Nov 2014 - request for permission to use Waen Field. Donation approved. Clerk to write.
- 05/10 Rhydymwyn Bonfire and Fireworks Display - event scheduled for Sat 1st Nov - request for permission to use Donkey Field. Donation approved. Clerk to write.
- 03/10 County Forum Meeting scheduled for 16 October 2014 at Mynydd Isa Community Centre. Chair and Clerk to attend.
- 10/10 One Voice Wales - Wrexham / Flint Area Committee and AGM of One Voice Wales. Meeting scheduled for Town Hall, Mold, 23 Oct 2014 at 7.00pm. Cllr J Emyr Davies and Clerk to attend.
- 10/10 Community Asset Transfers - list of assets from Flintshire with a request to express an interest in taking over the running, development and management of the assets. Clerk to write.
- 13/10 Cilcain Toilet - Refurbishment works completed by Flintshire County Council. Item discussed earlier.
- 13/10 Planning Observations received from Rhydymwyn resident - e-mail has been forwarded to Flintshire County Council.
- 13/10 Flintshire's Charity Casino Evening, 21 Nov 2014 - Invitation from Flintshire's Chairperson to the Community Council's Chairperson.
- /-- Trunk Road Speed Survey - Review of speed limits on Trunk Roads - consultation. No Trunk Road in the Community Council's area.
- 15/10 Rhydymwyn Football Club - request for donation for refurbishment / decoration works. Donation approved. Clerk to supply Funding Newsletter to Football Club.
- 15/10 Preparation for the coming winter - Information from Flintshire Streetscene. No additional salt bins required this winter. Chair referred to the salt bin just above Cefn Cottage, Nant Alyn with the lid off - bin fills with water when it rains. Clerk to pursue with Mr Lightfoot.

8. MATTERS RAISED / ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE LAST MEETING:

- (i) **Hendre Quarry Liaison Meeting** - Cllr W Owen Thomas and the Clerk attended a quarry Liaison meeting at Hendre Quarry on Wed 17 September 2014 - Cllr Thomas and the Clerk reported at Council Meeting. Reference was made to the Aggregate Levy Fund and the Landfill Tax Fund. Members noted - the Aggregate Levy Fund is administered in Wales by the Welsh Assembly and the grant is limited to 75% of the total cost of the scheme. The Landfill Tax Fund is slightly more generous, in that grants up to 90% of the total cost can be awarded. Members noted that in the two play area schemes the Community Council had recently promoted, the County Council has been in a position to match fund a substantial proportion of

the remaining 25%. Flintshire's match funding is only available for 'play areas' and does not include any other community based improvement scheme. The Landfill Tax can, however, be used for match funding a minerals grant fund scheme, as long as community benefit can be shown.

The 'Lafarge Tarmac Landfill Communities Fund' is administered for the whole of the UK by the Derbyshire Environmental Trust. The Clerk had made enquiries about the Trust. A proposed community scheme had to be within 10 miles of a licensed Landfill Site. Cllr W Owen Thomas referred to a landfill site at Pinfold Lane. Another landfill site was referred to at a site near the Flintshire Bridge. Clerk to obtain a plan showing 'licensed' Landfill Sites within 10 miles of Cilcain and Rhydymwyn.

- (i) **Dog Fouling, Donkey Field, Rhydymwyn** - Item discussed earlier.
- (ii) **Street lamp, opposite No 56 Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn** - A Rhydymwyn resident (Mr Vernon) reported (3rd Oct) a street lamp working intermittently. Item reported to Deeco on 6 Oct 2014. Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported - repair work done. Clerk reported on his conversation with Gareth Edwards of DEECO. Many of the Council's lanterns are quite old and it is becoming more difficult to source the 'starters' for the older lamps. The Council may need to consider renewing one or two of the lanterns in due course at approximately £200 per lantern.

Cllr Gareth W Hughes maintained the Council was receiving a very prompt repair service from DEECO. Members noted it would have been quite expensive to transfer the lamps over to Flintshire (survey cost, commuted maintenance cost etc.). Flintshire, in times of financial constraints at any point in the future, could decide to do away with some of the lamps, to save money - in the same way as Flintshire resolved to shut the toilet in Cilcain.

Members noted that a number of Flintshire's lamps on the A541 had been out for several months, and they still have not been repaired.

- (iib) **Street Lamp day burning near No 27 Ffordd y Llan Cilcain** - Clerk had noticed the lamp day burning. Cllr Mrs Joana Hobson explained the lamp 'came on' / 'went off' at slightly different times to the adjoining lamps, but was generally satisfactory and did not need attention.
- (iii) **Budget Meeting at County Hall Flintshire** - Chairperson and Clerk attended the Budget Meeting at County Hall on Thursday 2 October 2014. Chairperson and Clerk reported at Council Meeting.
- (iv) **Wasp infestation, Cilcain Village Hall** - Cllr Derek May reported (6 Oct) a wasp infestation in the Village Hall. Chairperson consulted. Legal opinion sought. Council had responded to indicate a wasp nest which needed treating in the roof space was not part of the Community Council's responsibility as the owner of the Building.

On the basis that children using the play area were potentially at risk, Flintshire Leisure were consulted. Flintshire would not entertain dealing with a wasp nest located outside the boundary of the play area.

Cllr May arranged to employ a private pest control person, but not acting in his role as a Community Councillor. The treatment cost had been subsequently met by the Village Hall Management Ctee.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS / REPORTS** - Items raised following the Chairman's permission.
 - (i) **Water Pumping Station, Pentre, Cilcain** - Cllr Derek May drew attention to the Water Works building having different parts of the building painted in a white or a silvery colour. Clerk to enquire if the whole building is due to be painted in a more appropriate colour.
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 is scheduled to be held on 17 November 2014 at the Village Hall, Cilcain

Signed

Chairman

Date

Clerk

MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE - NOT FOR PUBLICATION

1. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

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| (i) | A Evans sal + expenses (Sept 2014) | 501.25 |
| (ii) | Bloomin Gardens - (Rhydymwyn park bench etc.) | 35.00 |
| (iii) | A Evans - Amazon - office equipment + stationery | 142.92 |
| (iv) | Cilcain Young Farmers - fireworks and bonfire donation | 375.00 |
| (v) | Rhydymwyn Bonfire Committee - fireworks and bonfire donation | 375.00 |
| (vi) | A Evans - Asda - office equipment + stationery | 77.21 |
| (vii) | Canon UK (photo copy machine - (01-112014 to 31-01-2015) | 127.04 |
| (viii) | Van Geest Nurseries Ltd (3x 25 Kg King Alfred bulbs) | 87.60 |
| (ix) | Scottish Power - energy charges (3 months charges to end Sept 2014) | 251.50 |
| (x) | A Evans - Compost (£12) for daffodil planting + light oak Sadolin (£25.32) for Cilcain seats | 37.32 |
| ** (xi) | Rhydymwyn Football Club - donation to assist with refurbishment proposals | 400.00 |

**** Request for donation from Rhydymwyn FC** - Members noted that a budget allocation of (3x£400 = £1,200) had been included in this year's estimates for the three community facilities the Council is supporting on an annual basis. In considering the request from Rhydymwyn Football Club for a donation, Members noted that an allocation of £400 had been budgeted for.

2. XMAS DINNER AND CAROL SINGING -

Members were requested to consider the Xmas dinner menus received from The Cherry Pie.

Members selected the C (£18.95) Menu for this year and decided on the individual price per person at £18.00.

Starter main course and sweet to be identified by the next Council Meeting.

Cllr Gareth Hughes felt that Mrs S Jones and Mrs Gwen Harman had put an extraordinary effort into operating the Cilcain Toilet this last twelve months. If space allowed, then Mrs Jones and Mrs Hardman be invited to join the Members at the Xmas Dinner. Members agreed.

Signed
Chairman

Date

Clerk