

- p45 **Flintshire Streetscene, general** -
Sunday Working option - No change
Lon Cilan hedge - No further comment
Area Changes for Supervisors – No further comment.
- p45 **Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd, Flint, 2016, fund raising** - Members noted a letter had been received by the Council, and was itemised in the ‘Correspondence Received’ part of the Agenda.
- p45 **Cilcain Play area refurbishment** - Clerk had made enquires with Flintshire if match funding is available for Cilcain next year. No decision made yet. If match funding is not available Clerk had received confirmation that Flintshire will still undertake the design and supervision work. Site meeting to be arranged.
- p45 **Revision of Cemetery Fees** - Clerk to pursue revision of Fees.
- p46 **Rhydymwyn Play area refurbishment** - Clerk to enquire if Flintshire’s match funding has a carry-over arrangement in place.
- p46 **Street Lighting Rhydymwyn, lamp day burning** - No change to lamp day burning by the Service Station or the eight lamps not working between Hendre and Rhydymwyn. Mr Lightfoot reported to be having difficulties in arranging Traffic Management due to gritting callouts and the trained operatives being on winter rotas. Mr A Lightfoot was now on leave for two weeks, so Clerk to write to Street Lighting Section.
- p46 **Rhydymwyn Football Club, dog fouling signs** - The enlarged A4 signs supplied by Mr Andrew Lightfoot at the November Council Meeting had now been laminated. Signs still required to indicate ‘No dogs allowed in the Playing Field’. Clerk to pursue with Mr A Roberts in Flintshire Leisure. Two signs required - one for the Dolfechlas Road access and one for the A541 access. Signs to be dropped off at Rhydymwyn Service Station.
- p46 **Additional dog bins** - No further dog bins required in Cilcain. Cllr Gareth W Hughes suggested a location by the grassed triangular area near Plas Wilkin Farm. Mr Lightfoot’s views to be obtained on this location. Enquiries to be made with Mr John L Tomos to establish if there is a need for a dog bin in Hendre.
- p46 **Parking in Hendre** - Item not discussed.
- p46 **Filming in Rhydymwyn by Lime Pictures** - Clerk pursuing with Lime Pictures.
- p46 **River Walk, River Alyn** - Response letter received from Chiara Caserotti at Natural Resources Wales. Formal Environmental Audit of the works to take place in the new year. Members noted that the response had not addressed the partly fallen tree resting on the inlet sewer pipe to the works.

Clerk to pursue with Chiara and Mr Kevin Williams (River Maintenance Engineer) and stress the importance of dealing with the fallen tree by the Treatment Works inlet.

- p47 **Width restriction sign, Bont Newydd** - Mr A Lightfoot is arranging to check the sign to see if a new sign is required, or the one incorrect letter can be changed.
- p47 **Cilcain Seats** - Clerk reported on the price of the last three seats supplied by Classic Garden Furniture which had been provided in Cilcain. Cllr Derek May felt the seats he had purchased recently from P and A in Mold had been of a superior quality. Cllr W Owen Thomas volunteered to go to P and A to check on the quality and the price. The Clerk felt that the timber used in public seats had to be above average quality to avoid splintering wood giving rise to insurance claims.
- p47 **Church Meadow** - Depression outside No 7 Church Meadow - Mr Lightfoot had reported that the work was still outstanding. Clerk to pursue.
- p47 **Surfacing condition of A541** - Cllr W Owen Thomas and Cllr Gareth W Hughes confirmed that the re-surfacing of the main carriageway by the Tarmac entrance had been done.
- p47 **Water Pumping Station, Pentre, Cilcain** - Clerk to contact Mr John Powell in Welsh Water's Cardiff Office. Welsh Water to paint over the silver / white area with a grey colour (as close as possible to the original grey).
- p47 **Welsh Water re-instatement near Star Crossing** - Cllr W Owen Thomas referred to the settled trench re-instatement he had reported to the October 2014 Council Meeting had now been completed.
- p47 **Repair of Power cable adjoining Gents Toilet door, Cilcain** - Item can now be deleted
- p47 **Cilcain Village Hall** - Members felt it was more appropriate for the Village Hall Management Committee to consider a total renovation, to include new windows, eaves timbers etc. Members did not consider the one window to the left of the entrance door to be dangerous. Council to recommend to the Village Hall Ctee that consideration be given to requesting Mr Jon Bateson to assess the total requirement for refurbishing the building. Photographs of the various external items which will need attention in due course were available at the Council Meeting.
- p48 **Community Asset Transfer** - Clerk reported having written to Flintshire to seek clarification on the list of Asset Transfer items. Cllr W Owen Thomas maintained Flintshire County Council could not impose costs on the Community Council once the precept has been set.

Cllr J Emyr Davies referred to a One Voice Wales Meeting he and the Clerk had attended in Mold recently, where the Chirk Town Council representative had reported that Chirk had been dropped in it by Wrexham after their precept had been set. The Clerk recalled two separate occasions in the last six years, when Flintshire, without warning, had stopped cutting the grass in Rhydymwyn. Flintshire were not under the same financial constraints at that time, but they still took the action.

Cllr Owen Thomas maintained - strictly speaking 'asset' refers to buildings. The Clerk and Chairperson had attended a Meeting in County Hall in October, where it was made clear the assets to be transferred would be included on the Asset Transfer List. The list received by the Council, and considered in the October 2014 Council meeting, had included 'play areas and

playing fields'. One must conclude that play areas and playing fields are an asset to be transferred, even if they are not a building.

Cllr Gareth W Hughes maintained - where there is so much uncertainty - the most prudent action to take is to quantify the possible total cost and for this cost to be included in the precept in such a way as to increase the precept by 50% of the addition and for the remaining 50% to come out of balances.

Cllr J Emyr Davies felt the Council would be heavily criticised by the public if it did not make adequate financial provision for a sudden stop in grass cutting by Flintshire.

Members agreed for the Clerk to draft the Precept on the 50/50 basis suggested by Cllr Gareth W Hughes.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

Community Council observations requested on: - None received

Planning Decisions made by Flintshire County Council: - None received

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED The following items were considered:

- 25/11 Art Culture and Events in Flintshire - Information from Flintshire' Community Events Officer. Clerk to supply Beth Ditson with the telephone numbers of the Voluntary Groups operating in the two Wards.
- 26/11 Cilcain Play Area - proposed refurbishment. Information from Flintshire regarding design and supervision service being available, regardless of Flintshire match funding in 2015/2016.
- 30/11 Eisteddfod yr Urdd, Sir y Fflint 2016 (Flintshire's Urdd Eisteddfod 2016) - Request for financial support from Edward Williams - Cilcain and Rhydymwyn Appeal. Donation discussed under Financial Matters later in the Council Meeting.
- 05/12 Thank you note from Cilcain Chapel for the recent donation.
- 09/12 Pollution into River Alyn - response from Environment Agency - Sewage Treatment Works audit to be undertaken in the new year.

9. MATTERS RAISED / ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE LAST MEETING:

- (i) **Heavy Goods Sign, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr J Emyr Davies had received concern from a Cilcain (Cefn Road) residents that the heavy goods sign by the Antelope in Rhydymwyn is not proving to be effective in directing vehicles along the A541 as far as Star Crossing. Cllr Davies maintained the suitability of the sign needs to be investigated.

Members noted - the sign located by the Antelope Industrial Estate exit splay directs quarry traffic to go 'straight ahead'. A little further along the road - the vehicle driver wanting to go to the Quarry sees a road (Dolfechlas Road) straight ahead of him.

Cllr Davies reported on an incidence of an articulated heavy goods vehicle on 26 November 2014, with 25 ton of stone heading for Lloyds Quarry, being stuck by 'the Vardo'. The artic could not go forward or backwards, and eventually had to be towed out, towards 'the Haven' causing

considerable damage to the roadside bank and hedge, and resulting in the road being closed for several hours. The vehicle driver had apparently misinterpreted the ambiguous 'straight on' sign at Rhydymwyn.

Members maintained that Flintshire's Traffic Section should have another look at this 'straight ahead' sign.

Members felt the following changes should be considered:

- (i) Relocating the Antelope sign, or have a secondary sign on the corner of the brick wall by the A541 / Dolfechlas Road junction.
- (ii) Use a sign similar to the sign recently erected opposite The Crown in Pantymwyn - a 'symbol' sign informing heavy goods drivers not to turn left.
- (iii) A sign similar to the sign described in (ii) may also be appropriate at the Dolfechlas Road/ A541 junction by the Royal Oak in Hendre.

A photograph of the Antelope sign was available at the Council Meeting.

- (ii) **Vacancy, Cilcain Ward** - The appropriate 'Vacancy Notice' had been posted on the Cilcain Notice Board on 2nd December 2014. A copy of the 'Vacancy Notice' has been forwarded to Flintshire's Returning Officer. Three checks had been made by Cilcain Ward Members to ensure the Notice was still in place (5 Dec), (9 Dec) and (15 Dec). Clerk reported on current position at the Council Meeting.
- (iii) **Street Lamp not working at in top end of Glascoed, Cilcain** - Cllr J Emyr Davies had reported (11 Dec) a lamp not working at the top end of Glascoed. Members noted the lamp had been out for approximately six months. Clerk had contacted Streetscene. Flintshire Streetscene maintained there were no County maintained lamps in Glascoed. Clerk checked if road was adopted. Mr Lightfoot inspects the Glascoed cul-de-sac, so road was assumed to be adopted. County Councillor W Owen Thomas confirmed the road was adopted. Melany Wynn in the Highway Records section confirmed road was adopted. E-mail sent to Mr Darell Jones in Flintshire's Street Lighting Section with a request that the street lighting records be checked. Clerk and Cllr Thomas eventually persuaded Flintshire that the lamp was maintained by the County Council. Clerk had received an e-mail from Flintshire at 8.00 am on 15 Dec to indicate repair work scheduled to be done. Cllr Thomas reported at Council Meeting - lamp had now been repaired.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS / REPORTS - No other business raised by Members.

- (i) **Street Lamp, Royal Oak** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported the street lamp not working on the corner of Dolfechlas Road / A541 junction adjoining the Royal Oak in Hendre. Clerk to report to Deco.
- (ii) **Church Meadow, depression in footway** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported the repair to the footway had not taken place. Clerk referred to the note received from Mr Lightfoot prior to the Meeting - action outstanding. Clerk to pursue.

(iii) **Damage to wooden bollards at Bont Newydd** - Cllr Derek May tabled several photographs depicting damage to the wooden bollards which had occurred on Monday 15 Dec 2014. Cllr Derek May to e-mail the digital version of the photographs to the Clerk. Clerk to report to Flintshire.

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

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting of the Council will be held on 19 January 2015 at the Village Hall, Cilcain

SignedChair Date Clerk

MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE - NOT FOR PUBLICATION

1. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

(i)	A Evans - sal + expenses (Nov 2014) (Sal = £360/m)	501.25
(ii)	P May grass cutting around Cilcain seats (June 2014 to Sept 2014) 4 cuts at £18 per cut.	72.00
(iii)	A Evans - Amazon - office equipment + stationery	144.29
(iv)	Society of Local Council Clerks - annual subscription	103.00
(v)	A Evans - purchase of desk top computer with 3 yr warranty, VAT invoice obtained for the purchase - net cost to the Council will therefore be £566.63	679.95
(vi)	A Evans - Asda - office equipment + stationery	73.16
(vii)	H M Revenue and Customs	72.00
(viii)	A Evans - additional painting materials for Cilcain seats	22.39
(ix) **	Eisteddfod yr Urdd, Sir y Fflint 2016	400.00

** Members agreed to include £400 in the Council's estimates for 2015/2016.

2. CAROL SINGING

The Chairperson wished Members a very Happy Christmas. Chairperson invited Members and their partners to the Royal Oak, Hendre for light refreshments after the meeting.

Signed (Chair) Date Clerk