

the site meeting. A photograph was tabled showing the two items of outstanding work which had been attended to:

- (i) Timber brace support behind each door to accept the door handles.
- (ii) A new plastic bracket provided on the surface water downpipe, adjacent to the gents toilet door.

Cllr W Owen Thomas felt it would be appropriate for the Community Council to consider accepting the toilet for a limited period, say five years. Cllr Thomas suspected that the toilet could be the first item in a series of asset transfers to be heaped on the Community Council in the next few years. Whilst other Members appreciated the concerns expressed by Cllr Thomas, they felt the Council could not renege on the agreement reached prior to the County Council undertaking the refurbishment work. The Council also agreed that the acceptance, or otherwise, of each future devolved service function would have to be considered on its merits.

Resolved: Clerk to write to Flintshire to accept completion of refurbishment works and claim the £500 per year grant available from Flintshire.

In view about the uncertainties that surrounds Flintshire's asset transfer programme. Cllr Gareth W Hughes felt it was important for the Community Council to attend the forthcoming County Forum meetings. The Council would benefit from knowing the views of other Community Councils and also would gain clarity on Flintshire's evolving policies on asset transfer. Councillor Hughes had holiday commitment preventing him from attending the Forum Meeting scheduled for 26 Feb 2011. Clerk to attend.

p62 **Flintshire Streetscene, general** - Mr Lightfoot reported:

Sunday Working option - no change.

Lon Cilan hedge - item outstanding.

Area Changes for Supervisor - no change.

p62 **Street Lighting Rhydymwyn, lamp day burning - Street lamps, A541, Rhydymwyn**

- Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that the two lamps in the village (one by Tel Kiosk and the other by the Mold side of the Antelope Ind estate access) were still not working. The lamp on the Mold side of the Rhydymwyn Service Station was still day burning. Mr Lightfoot to pursue. Clerk had been informed by Mr Darell Jones that the lamp on the Mold side of the Antelope Industrial Estate was now maintained by FG Whitley. Cllr Gareth W Hughes referred to this lamp being repaired by Flintshire less than six months ago. Mr Lightfoot to check again on Flintshire's records.

p62 **Additional dog bins** - Mr Lightfoot reported that Flintshire only had one dog bin allocated for Cilcain and Rhydymwyn before the end of March. Members agreed for the one available bin to be located in the highway verge near the grassed triangular area by Plas Wilkin Farm. Mr A Lightfoot to arrange.

p63 **Width restriction sign, Bont Newydd** - Correction required to welsh spelling. Item outstanding. Mr Lightfoot to pursue.

-- **Manhole covers on A541** - Mr Lightfoot reported - The Manhole covers on the A541 on the Mold side of the Service Station would be lifted and re-set in the next few weeks.

- p63 **Church Meadow, depression in footway** - Item to remain on Agenda.
- p63 **Damage to wooden bollards at Bont Newydd** Mr Lightfoot reported - Flintshire did not consider it a viable proposition to chase repair of various scuff marks with an Insurance Company. Cllr W Owen Thomas felt it would be more appropriate to make an insurance claim if a bollard had been completely knocked down, and a replacement bollard required.
- p65 **Proposed Tree cutting at Dolfechlas Road / Repair to boundary wall, Donkey Field** – Mr Lightfoot reported that the repair to the base of the wall was on Flintshire’s ‘to do list’.
- p66 **Potholes, Ffordd y Llan, Cilcain** - Cllr W Owen Thomas reported - some potholes had been repaired, but more have appeared near this location since the repair works by Flintshire were carried out.
- p66 **Street Lighting, Llys Alyn, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported the four lamps in Llys Alyn, which had been reported on 5 January, were still not working. Mr Jamie Bennett in Flintshire Street Lighting contacted. Mr Bennett explained that the mains supply repair by Power System had to be attended to ‘within 20 days’ of the 5 January, to avoid being penalized by the Regulator. Cllr Hughes reported on 26 Jan - lamps still not working. Flintshire Street Lighting Section received a note from Power Systems - ‘repair now scheduled for 29 January’. Work by Power Systems commenced on 29 Jan. However, white coloured asbestos suspected in excavation. Work stopped. Request by Power Systems for Flintshire to take samples for analysis. Cllr Hughes reported (11 Feb) - lights now working but reinstatement outstanding. Cllr Hughes reported at Council Meeting - excavations now reinstated. Mr Lightfoot added - the results of the tests showed no asbestos present.
- p66 **Mountain Road, Cilcain, ice across carriageway** - Cllr W Owen Thomas reported having spoken to Mr Derrick Charlton about this long standing issue. Flintshire intend to excavate around the left hand side (LHS) gulley to examine the gulley outfall.
- p67 **Overhanging trees Ffordd y Llan** - Mr Lightfoot reported that Mr Dewi Ellis (Flintshire’s Tree Inspector) and himself would be assessing the overhanging trees in the next couple of weeks. Flintshire would also take a view on the ornamental type tree next to the bus shelter.
- **New roadside gulleys, Cilan Lodge Road, Cilcain** - Cllr J Emyr Davies reported that new gulleys were installed last year at the bottom section of Cilan Lodge Road. The gulleys did not appear to have been cleaned out since the work was finished. Mr Lightfoot to check if Flintshire’s gulley emptying schedule had been updated so as to include the new gulleys.
- **Water mains repair works, Loggerheads Road** - Cllr J Emyr Davies enquired how long the Loggerheads Road was going to remain closed. Mr Lightfoot had been there on the morning of the Council Meeting. There was no one working on site for him to make enquiries regarding the lack of progress. Cllr W Owen Thomas maintained that the delay in completing the repair works was due to Welsh Water having difficulties in obtaining the appropriate parts.

- **Concern regarding Flintshire's waste collection service** - Several Members expressed concern about the lack of information regarding the collection service in the last few weeks. Parts of the recycling waste were being collected, followed by another collection vehicle returning some time later to collect further waste. Mr Lightfoot explained that he was working in Refuse Collection this week and was aware of six Council collection vehicles in the garage for repair, and no spare vehicles available. Cllr W Owen Thomas was aware of discussions taking place in Flintshire regarding the option of closing the Council repair garage, with vehicles having to go as far as Liverpool to be repaired. If this proposal materialises, there could be more vehicle repair delays, resulting in more disruption to the collection service.

Mr Lightfoot invited Cllr John S Douglas to e-mail him details regarding the recent confusion and service disruption at Nant Alyn, giving dates etc. Mr Lightfoot would endeavour to investigate the position.

Cllr Derek May had expressed concern prior to the Council Meeting about the amount of recent litter on Star Crossing Road in Cilcain. Mr Lightfoot to inspect.

- 5B. Matters Arising (Part B)** The Chairperson thanked Mr Lightfoot for attending the Council Meeting. Members then proceed to consider the remaining items in the February Minutes.

p59 **Defra site, Rhydymwyn -**

- (a) **Flintshire Conservation:** No change - Flintshire conservation team had not decided which Conservation Officer would be dealing with the DEFRA site. Clerk to pursue.
- (b) **DEFRA discussions** - No change. Mr Sweasey had indicated there could be a copy of the 5 yr development plan on NEWW's website. Clerk had checked the website, but was unable to identify the appropriate document. Clerk to write to MP to express the Council's concern regarding inadequate consultation meetings

p66 **Bath House, Coed Du Hall, Rhydymwyn** - Clerk reported on his discussion with Diane Strong in Flintshire's Conservation Section. The current photographs taken were very similar to the photographs of the lintel taken some eighteen months ago. Whilst the photographs did not detect any deterioration in the position, Miss Strong was looking to arrange for a Technical Officer in Flintshire, with building structure experience, to assess the position.

p61 **Cilcain Toilets** - Members discussed further the apparent inequality in the way the standing charges for the water and electricity were shared on a 50:50 basis between the toilet and the village hall itself, and the way in which the Bowling Club was not required to contribute towards the standing charges. When the Cilcain Clean 'n Lock becomes responsible for the services cost, the Council felt this inequality would need to be addressed by the Hall Management Committee.
In the first place - Clerk to write to the Hall Committee to enquire if the Committee is prepared to have an addendum attached to the existing 25 year lease to cover the Toilet Block. When writing, Clerk to outline the insurance position regarding the Village Hall and the Toilet Block.

Village Hall AGM scheduled for March.

Consideration needs to be given to providing a Community Council Notice Board inside the Village Hall.

- p60 **Rhydymwyn Flood Committee** - Clerk to arrange a Flood Committee Meeting.
- p62 **Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd, Flint, 2016, fund raising** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes gave Members an update on the fundraising activities of the local fund raising group. The next Village Hall Saturday café event was scheduled for 21 February 2015. A 2015 fund raising calendar was in place, with £40 first prize, £20 second price. Cllr Hughes anticipated the calendar would raise £300 towards the local fund raising efforts.
- p62 **Cilcain Play area refurbishment** - Clerk to pursue match funding by Landfill Tax. Clerk explained that arranging for the Minerals and Landfill tax funds to become available at the same time would be challenging. Cllr Miss Ann Baler enquired why Flintshire were able to give money for a Zip Wire in Caerwys, but not in Cilcain. Clerk to Check with Flintshire Leisure.
- p62 **Revision of Cemetery Fees** - Cllr W Owen Thomas maintained the Council should give some priority to revising the Burial Fees, to be prepared for the possibility of Flintshire devolving services. Should Flintshire devolve service this year, after Burial Fees revision, it is possible that the fees would have to be reconsidered again in six months' time. Clerk to pursue revision of Fees for the March Meeting.
- p62 **Rhydymwyn Play area refurbishment** - Clerk to pursue Landfill Tax match funding.
- p62 **Rhydymwyn Football Club, dog fouling signs** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that Flintshire's signs to indicate 'Please do not exercise your dog on the Sports pitch' had been delivered from Flintshire, and had been erected on the entrance gate. However the signs were being ignored by dog handlers. Clerk to contact the appropriate person in Flintshire's Environmental Protection Section to arrange a site meeting. Chair and Cllr Gareth W Hughes and Clerk to attend the site meeting. Clerk to arrange.
- p63 **Parking in Hendre** - Item not discussed.
- p63 **River Walk, River Alyn** - Item discussed under the Correspondence section.
- p63 **Cilcain Seats** - Cllr W Owen Thomas to check the seat quality at P and A. Cllr Gareth W Hughes to enquire regarding the origin of the inscription plaque recently fixed to the new seat at Rhydymwyn cemetery. Clerk to check on the inscriptions used previously on previous Council commemoration seats.
- p63 **Water Pumping Station, Pentre, Cilcain** - Clerk to pursue with Mr John Powell in Welsh Water's Cardiff's Office. Welsh Water to paint over the silver / white area with a grey colour to match the original grey.
- p63 **Heavy goods sign, Rhydymwyn** - Members considered the response received in writing from Flintshire Traffic Section. Members were disappointed with response, and felt a site meeting with Mr Ian Jones was appropriate. Clerk to arrange. The day favoured by Members for a site meeting was Friday 20 February at 2.00pm.

Community Council observations requested on: -

- (i) Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling (amendment to previously approved application ref: 047882)
Location: Nant Alyn Bungalow, Nant Alyn, Rhydymwyn
Ref No: 053125
Decision: The Community Council has **no objection** to the development.

Planning Decisions made by Flintshire County Council:

- (i) Proposal: Application to vary condition No 12 attached to planning permission ref: 051375 in relation to materials to be used for hard standing areas
Location: Fron Farm, Rhesycau Road, Hendre
Ref No: 052918
Decision: Approved
- (ii) Proposal: Application for prior notification of agricultural development - erection of new building.
Location: Plas Wilkin Farm, Rhydymwyn, Mold
Ref No: 053127
Decision: Prior approval not required
- (iii) Proposal: Application for prior notification of agricultural development - erection of new building
Location: Ysgubor Goch (Plas Newydd Barn), Pen Line Road, Cilcain
Ref No: 053128
Decision: Prior approval not required.

8. CORRESPONDENCE The following items were considered:

- 1) 03/01 Mountain Road, Cilcain, ice across carriageway - Email sent to Flintshire Streetscene. Item discussed earlier.
- 2) 26/01 South Flintshire Police Consultative Meeting - meeting at Mold Council Chamber scheduled for Wed 04 March 2015. Cllr Mrs Susan Sawyer to attend.
- 3) 26/01 AONB's new constitution - Letter sent to one Voice Wales to express concern regarding the lack of nominated representation from the Community Councils on the new Partnership Committee.
- 4) 27/01 WI's Heritage Lottery grant application - Note from Mrs G Hardman to indicate application had been approved. Mrs Hardman outlined the scheme details.
- 5) --/-- Mayor's Charity Dinner - Invitation from Saltney Town Council. Position noted.
- 6) --/-- Prohibition of through traffic - Notice of road closure from Flintshire CC.
- 7) 30/01 Flintshire Summer Playscheme - proposal for 2015 and 2016. Clerk reported on his subsequent discussion with Flintshire's Leisure Officer. Members agreed participate this summer, but not to pursue the use of community volunteers working alongside Flintshire staff. If Flintshire funding is not available next year, the Council considered the other options of providing support to the Kids Club in Rhydymwyn and the private scheme in Cilcain School. Cllr Mrs Susan Sawyer to make enquiries with the Rhydymwyn Kids Club to see if such an option was viable in Rhydymwyn for the summer of 2016.

- 8) 30/01 Funding Update - latest information about grants - several copies were available at the Council Meeting to allow Members to pass the information on to groups in the village that could benefit from being aware of the grants available. The information was also available on Natural Recourses Wales website (formerly CCW).
- 9) 31/02 Cilcain Village Hall - Response from Chairperson regarding the Community Council's suggestions to pursue a complete refurbishment scheme as opposed to just having new windows. Mrs Sue Jones and Mrs Gwen Hardman reported on the subsequent proposal to have a more comprehensive refurbishment scheme.
- 10) 03/02 Consultation regarding Trunk Roads - Information from Aled Roberts (AM).
- 11) 03/02 Definitive map modification - Confirmation from Flintshire that the path is now on the definitive map. Members noted that after a period of six weeks, the landowner can apply to divert the path. The previous problem was that the path was not shown on the definitive map, so it could not technically have been diverted. Cllr Gareth W Hughes felt the Clerk should attempt to cut down on photocopying correspondence. Cllr Miss Ann Baker suggested that double sided printing was sometimes appropriate to save paper. Clerk to note.
- 12) 04/02 Cilcain Show, 31 August 2015 - Request from Show Committee for permission to use Waen Field. Approval given. Clerk to write to Mr J Bateson.
- 13) 05/02 Cilcain Toilets - Confirmation from Flintshire regarding the contractor having undertaken the repair works called for by the Community Council in the January Council Meeting. Item discussed earlier.
- 14) 06/02 Flintshire Forum Meeting Scheduled for Thurs 26 Feb at County Hall, Mold. Clerk to attend.
- 15) 09/02 Street Lamp, by Tel Kiosk, Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn - Item discussed earlier
- 16) --/-- Funding Opportunity - Flintshire County Council Community Chest Grant 2014/15 - information for Members to pass on to community organisations in the area.
- 17) 10/02 Community Garden, Ysgol y Foel, Cilcain - land ownership enquiry from the PTA. Members agreed that Flintshire owned the land. The Community Council could not therefore give permission for the proposal. However, the Community Council would have no objections to part of the wildlife garden being used for growing vegetables.

Cllr W Owen Thomas maintained that 'access to the community' was one of the conditions imposed on the wildlife garden when it was initially provided, some twenty years ago. Members agreed it would therefore be appropriate to comply with the 'access to the community' condition. Cllr Mrs Hobson had made enquiries with Mr A Roberts in Flintshire Leisure. Mr Roberts had suggested the views of the Headmaster should be sought.

- 18) 11/02 Vacancy, Cilcain Ward, Co- option - Expression of interest letter from Cilcain resident. Item to be discussed later.
- 19) 11/02 Obstruction in River Alyn by Sewage Treatment Plant - Observations received from Welsh Water. Members noted the expressed opinion - 'the tree will rot and decay without causing us any issue'. Mr Derbyshire from Welsh Water had not addressed to the Community Council's concern that floating debris during flood conditions could dam the river at this location with severe consequences:
- (i) The pipeline support is unlikely to have been designed to resist the sideways pressure generated in a reservoir situation.
 - (ii) Any major obstruction to river flow at this location could cause the diverted river flow to discharge through the sewage works, and result in significant pollution downstream.

Members maintained it was appropriate to further pursue the Council's concern. Cllr Gareth W Hughes to enquire with Mr B Jones if photographs of the 2000 flood damage were available. The photographs could be submitted to NRW and Welsh Water to remind the Officers of the extent of debris carried in the river in flood conditions.

- 20) 12/02 Rhydymwyn Institute - request for donation to assist with insurance premium and building repairs. Donation agreed.
- 21) 12/02 Quarry Sign, Rhydymwyn - response from Flintshire's Traffic Section. Item discussed earlier.
- 22) 12/02 AONB new constitution - reminder sent to One Voice Wales regarding need to make representation to the AONB Cabinet. Clerk to pursue.
- 22) 12/02 Overhanging trees Star Crossing Road, Cilcain - Response from Flintshire Streetscene to Council's concern. Item discussed earlier.
- 23) --/-- Vacancy, Cilcain Ward, Co-option - Expression of interest letter from Cilcain resident. The Council considered the two expressions of interest received and resolved to co-opt Mr Ian Hughes, 14 Parc y Llan, Cilcain.

9. MATTERS RAISED / ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE LAST MEETING:

- (i) **Street Lighting, Llys Alyn, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported the four lamps in Llys Alyn, which had been reported on 5 January, were still not working. Item discussed earlier.
- (ii) **Roadside Gulley, Dolfechlas Road** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported (19 Jan) a blocked gulley near Llwyn in Dolfechlas Road. The roadside gulleys had recently been cleaned out by Flintshire. Item had been reported to Mr A Lightfoot. Mr Lightfoot reported at the Council Meeting - having arranged for the gulley emptier to attend to two of the gulleys last Thursday. However, Mr Lightfoot trying to arrange a jetting of the system in the next couple of weeks. A drain camera may eventually be required to check for root obstructions in the outfall drain.
- (iii) **Street Lamp, Mold side of Antelope Ind Estate** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported lamp out - Item reported to Mr Darell Jones in Flintshire Street Lighting. Item discussed earlier.
- (iv) **Street Lamp, by Tel Kiosk, Dolfechlas Road** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported (09 Feb) lamp out. Flintshire Streetscene informed. Item discussed earlier in Meeting.
- (v) **Street Lamp, Dolfechlas Road** (adjacent to Football Club entrance) - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (11 Feb) lamp on very low light on the Llys yr Haul side of the Football Club entrance. Item reported to Deeco.
- (vi) **Clearing of site between Heatherdene and Llys yr Haul, Rhydymwyn** - Enquiry received (11 Feb) to establish if the site which had recently been refused planning permission had subsequently received planning permission. Clerk had checked with Flintshire Planning - Planning permission (Planning ref- 50037) turned down on 12 June 2014 because the need for housing development in Rhydymwyn had not been proved by the applicant (to satisfy the appropriate UDP condition for Rhydymwyn) No subsequent planning application received by Flintshire. Position noted.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS / REPORTS -

(i) **Access track adjoining Trimm Rock Quarry entrance** - A Nant Alyn resident had expressed concern regarding the regular use of the access track. Members discussed the option of requesting the Quarry owner to keep locking the gate. Since BT and Power Systems needed access to the track, Members agreed it would not be appropriate to have a lock on the gate. Clerk to inform the resident of the Council's views on this matter.

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 16 March 2015 at the Village Hall, Cilcain.

SignedChair Date Clerk

APPENDIX - MATTER OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE - NOT FOR PUBLICATION

1.0 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

(i)	A Evans - sal + expenses (Jan 2015) (Sal = £360/m)	501.25
(ii)	G Bellis - Notice Board, Rhydymwyn - annual payment	40.00
(iii)	A Evans - Amazon - office equipment + stationery	206.32
(iv)	H M Revenue and Customs	72.00
(v)	A Evans - Asda - office equip + stationery	14.50
(vi)	Rhydymwyn Institute - donation	400.00
(vii)	One Voice Wales - annual subscription	165.00

2.0 COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2014

The Annual Return submitted to the External Auditor on 27 October 2014 had been returned from the External Auditor. Members noted the contents. Chair and Clerk signed the Annual Return. Return to be sent back to External Auditor.

SignedChair Date Clerk