

enquired if Flintshire were planning more works for the area? Mr A Lightfoot explained that he receives weekly bulletins to identify utility works affecting the highway. The works at the Gronfoel had not been included on the utility work list. Mr Lightfoot to make further enquiries.

When the road is closed, Mr Lightfoot plans to take advantage of the closure to undertake pothole repairs.

- p81 **Cilcain Toilets** - Cllr J Emyr Davies reported the Gents door was rubbing against the door frame. Members agreed the Council could not ask Flintshire to repair. Mrs Sue Jones to ask Mr Bateman to have a look at the problem.
- p81 **Flintshire Streetscene** - Lon Cilan hedge - Mt A Lightfoot reported the obstruction of the lamp was not significant at present. Position to be monitored. Item to remain in matters arising.
- p81 **Street Lighting, A541, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported - the ten lamps on the Rhydymwyn straight had been fixed by Flintshire within a couple of days of the defect report being made. Cllr Hughes added - the only outstanding lamp repair was now by Glan yr Afon, Hendre. Mr A Lightfoot to pursue.
- p81 **Additional dog bin** - Whilst the Plas Wilkin bin had been erected, item to remain on Agenda to remind the Council of the need to provide new bins in various other locations, including the Hendre.
- p81 **Width restriction sign, Bont Newydd** - Item can now be deleted.
- p81 **Manhole covers on A541** - Mr A Lightfoot reported that two more sunken manhole covers on the Mold side of the Service Station had been lifted last weekend.
- p81 **Church Meadow, depression in footway opposite No 7** - Item to remain on Agenda.
- p81 **Damage to wooden bollards at Bont Newydd** - Item can now be deleted.
- p82 **Repair to boundary wall, Donkey Field** - Cllr Hughes to check the base of the Donkey Field wall following rainfall, to establish if surface water discharging down the Donkey Field side of Dolfechlas Road crosses the road towards the Football Club side before reaching the repaired section of wall.
- p82 **Potholes, Ffordd y Llan, Cilcain** - Mr A Lightfoot reported the central crack in the surfacing near the Post Office had been repaired last week. A manhole cover between the Post Office and The Square needed lifting. A number of new potholes on the Star Crossing side of the Post Office had been identified. Cllr J Emyr Davies referred to the pothole by Tyn y Caeau (between Fforrest Farm and Star Crossing). Mr Lightfoot to pursue.
- p82 **Street Lighting, Llys Alyn, Rhydymwyn** - Item can now be deleted.
- p82 **Mountain Road, Cilcain, ice across carriageway** - Mr A Lightfoot reported having recently jetted the gully connections. Gulleys now seem to be taking the surface water. System to be monitored. Excavating around the gulleys may still be required in due course.

- p82 **Overhanging trees Ffordd y Llan** Mr Lightfoot reported - the ornamental type tree next to the bus shelter had now been cut back. Mr D Ellis was looking towards cutting back the roadside trees in Star Crossing Road in September / October. Mr Lightfoot maintained the overhanging trees were complying with highway requirements.
- p82 **New roadside gulleys, Cilan Lodge Road, Cilcain** - Cllr J Emyr Davies had reported in the February Council Meeting that new gulleys installed last year at the bottom section of Cilan Lodge Road did not appear to have been cleaned out since the work was finished. Mr Lightfoot confirmed that Flintshire's gully emptying schedule had not been updated so as to include the new gulleys. The Schedule had now been amended and the gulleys cleaned out.
- p82 **Water mains repair works, Loggerheads Road** - The complaint Cllr Derek May had reported in the March Council meeting regarding the lack of sweeping of Loggerheads Road during and following Welsh Water's repair works had now been dealt with by Mr Lightfoot. Cllr May expressed his appreciation regarding the clearing work by Flintshire.
- p83 **Flintshire's waste collection service, potential extra charges** - Item can now be deleted.
- p83 **Defra site, Rhydymwyn, DEFRA discussions** - Clerk reported on his discussions with Mr Nigel Sweasey. Mr John Richards had now left the office dealing with Rhydymwyn, A temporary Office Head was in place for the next two months. It was considered appropriate for the Clerk to contact Mr Sweasey when the permanent replacement to Mr Richards is in post.
- p83 **Bath House, Coed Du Hall, Rhydymwyn** - Clerk reported on his discussion with Diane Strong in Flintshire's Conservation Section. Clerk had enquired with Flintshire what powers Flintshire had as a result of the conservation status of the building. Owner was unable to demolish the structure, but could undertake works to fence off the structure. Flintshire would shortly be writing to the landowner. Clerk to pursue.

Clerk had checked the Council Minutes to identify when the last visit to Coed Dee had taken place. Clerk read out an extract from the June 2014 Minutes identifying the questions raised by Cllr Gareth Hughes and Cllr John Douglas during the last visit. Manager was going to seek an answer from the owner. Cllr Douglas to contact Coed Du Hall to arrange visit.

- p84 **Cilcain Toilets** - Clerk to write to inform the Village Hall Management Committee of the insurance position regarding the Village Hall and the Toilet Block in accordance with the understanding / undertaking approved in the 16 March 2015 Council Meeting.

The Village Hall Management Committee to be requested to consider including an addendum to the exiting lease which will include a statement to the effect:

'It is hereby agreed between the parties ('Community Council' and 'Village Hall Management Committee') that the building known as the 'Toilet Block' is included in the lease, and the lease shall be read as if the toilet block had been included at the time the lease was originally signed.'

Members noted that the cleanliness of the Cilcain toilet block was faultless and a credit to the Village.

The Chairperson read out a letter from Mrs Sue Jones of Clean 'n Lock to thank the Council for the £789 donation.

The Chairperson also read out a letter from Mrs Gwen Hardman to thank the Council for the £300 donation towards the building survey, and the commitment letter for £500 towards the minerals grant for the Village Hall refurbishment scheme.

Members noted the application for refurbishment amounted to approximately £41,000.

p84 **Cilcain Village Hall - internal Notice Board** - Item to be noted for consideration at the January 2016 precept Council meeting.

p84 **Rhydymwyn Flood Committee** - Clerk to arrange a Flood Committee Meeting.

p84 **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. Concert and hot pot supper at Rhydymwyn Football Club on 28 March 2015 made £405 profit. An event in the Royal Oak contributed a £100 towards the collection, making a total of £504. Cllr Hughes detailed the next event scheduled for 6 May 2015.

p75 **Cilcain Play area refurbishment** - Clerk reported on the minerals application for the play area refurbishment at Rhydymwyn. One of the questions on the grant application form was:
If, following your application to the ALFW, and other funders, there is still a funding shortfall for your project, would you still be able to go ahead? If you can, tell us how.

The Clerk read out his answer at the Council Meeting:

A number of options will be considered:

- (i) *If no ALFW grant forthcoming - then apply to the Lafarge-Tarmac for 90% and fund 10% from Council funds.*
- (ii) *Flintshire match funding not available at present, but Flintshire has an allocation for match funding to encourage Councils to apply early for Asset Transfers. If no one applies for Transfers, the match funding allocation may become available for this scheme.*
- (iii) *Amend scheme by removing certain items*
- (iv) *If ALFW gives say 50% grant - Council will apply for 50% Lafarge-Tarmac grant.*

In view of the possibility of the Council's budget allocation being taken up by one play area scheme, Members agreed that the Cilcain play area refurbishment scheme would have to wait until the grant funding position becomes clearer.

--/-- **Cilcain Village Hall ALFW application** - Mrs Gwen Hardman and Mrs Sue Jones outlined the details included in the ALFW application for the Village Hall refurbishment scheme.

p85 **Revision of Cemetery Fees** - Revised Fee List approved. Item can now be deleted.

p85 **Rhydymwyn Play area refurbishment** - Clerk to pursue Landfill Tax match funding. Clerk confirmed the minerals application had been submitted.

p85 **Rhydymwyn Football Club, dog fouling** -

Clerk reported having spoken to Flintshire's Environment Protection Office. Flintshire was able to confirm dog warden presence at the Football Field each morning for a two week period following the site meeting on 13 March 2014.

Clerk to enquire with Mr Richard Blake (Flintshire's Team Leader, Environment Protection) regarding the progress made with Flintshire introducing the new legislation which will allow improved dog control in the case of the Football Field.

- p85 **River Walk, River Alyn** - Clerk to pursue.
- p85 **Cilcain Seat** - Clerk submitted photograph of the plaque wording on the previous seats. The plaque in the Rhydymwyn Football ground was considered to have the most appropriate wording for the Cilcain cemetery seat. Cllr Gareth W Hughes had obtained an approximate price from Timpson. Clerk had spoken to Mr Les Williams regarding an arrangement whereby the seat would be delivered initially to his address. Cllr Hughes and Clerk to check on the sizes of each replacement plaque to make sure the footprint of the new plaques are slightly larger than the plaques to be replaced.
- p85 **Water Pumping Station, Pentre, Cilcain** - Clerk to pursue with Mr John Powell in Welsh Water's Cardiff's Office.
- p85 **Heavy goods sign, Rhydymwyn** - Clerk reported on the changes being considered for Flintshire's Traffic Section. Site meeting to be arranged when the traffic budget position has been finalised.
- p87 **River Ford, Maes y Groes Bella, Loggerheads Road** - Clerk had spoken to Mr Fraser Roberts in Flintshire Streetscene. Road closed until permanent works can be arranged. Clerk and Mr A Lightfoot to pursue.
- p87 **Flintshire refuse collection service** - Cllr J Emyr Davies had reported to the March Council Meeting - two wagons on the collection service in the Trelan area of Cilcain on Monday 23 Feb, each wagon being followed by separate vans, making four vehicles in all, on the collection service. Mr Lightfoot had been requested to investigate the apparent misuse of Council vehicles. Mr Lightfoot had looked into the circumstances and explained - a number of the multifunctional refuse vehicles were out of commission on that particular day. Most of the back-up vehicles available for the refuse collection were not multifunctional, which meant the number of vehicles on the round being much higher than normal.
- p87 **Loggerheads Road, Cilcain - sweeping required** - Mr Lightfoot reported - all cleaning of the highway referred to in the March Council meeting near Rhyd y Fenni had been done.
- p88 **Overflowing gulley Dolfechlas Road** - Mr Lightfoot reported all gulleys in Dolfechlas Road had now been emptied and all drains jetted out. The soakaway in the Donkey Field had been de-silted. Mr Lightfoot was reminded about the soakaway Flintshire had constructed in the field of the former school. Mr Lightfoot was liaising with Mr Wayne Jones with a view to locating the cover with a metal detector.

Mr Lightfoot reported having recently noticed a collapsed metal cover hidden underneath a bollard outside the former Post Office. Cover replacement had now taken place. Also a branch

hanging precariously from the Wellingtonia tree had been dealt with by Flintshire. Temporary closure of Nant Alyn Road had been necessary during the branch removal work.

The Chair thanked Mr Lightfoot for his attendance at the meeting, and for having successfully dealt with so many highway related items since the March Council Meeting.

p88 **Bryn Teg, water seeping across lane** Mt Lightfoot had been asked to look at the seepage issue, and also at the longitudinal cracks which had recently appeared between Bryn Teg and the Coed Du Hall entrance.

Cllr Gareth W Hughes anticipated meeting Mr A Lightfoot in the next few days to look at the roadside channel on the Plas Wilkin side of Coed Du Junction.

p88 **Kiosk door** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes to pursue in due course.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

Community Council observations requested on: - None received

Planning Decisions made by Flintshire County Council:

- (i) Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension, single storey porch extension and alteration to existing building.
Location: Bel Air, Dolfechlas Road, Rhydymwyn
Ref No: 053362
Resolved: No objection
- (ii) Proposal: Single wind turbine of maximum tip height 86.5m and ancillary development, including a crane hard-standing pad, substation, equipment housing cabinet and access road.
Location: Lygan Uchaf Farm, Wern Road, Rhosesmor, CH7 6PY
Ref No: 052344
Decision: Refused

7. CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS - To consider the following items:

24/02 Flintshire Local Development Plan - This document was distributed to Members at the 16 March 2015 Council Meeting. A copy of the document was included with the Agenda for Members who were not at the 16 March Council Meeting. Members agreed to invite Mr Andy Roberts to a separate meeting, scheduled for 11 May 2015. Mr Roberts had already met 12 Community Councils so the procedures were taking longer than Flintshire had originally anticipated. Chair commented that the plans were on the internet, so the information was already in the public domain. The Meeting with Mr Roberts would therefore be an additional Council Meeting, also in the public domain. Clerk to arrange.

1) --/-- Planning application, Bryn Sholyn - Letter of concern from a nearby resident regarding a proposal for a camp site at Bryn Sholyn. Cllr Douglas outlined the position

- whereby planning permission was not required for a Caravan Club site with a maximum of five vans. Closing date for making representations to the Caravan Club had passed Clerk to enquire with Flintshire regarding drainage and planning aspects of the proposal.
- 2) --/-- Planning application, Bryn Sholyn - Letter of concern from a second resident regarding a proposal for a camp site at Bryn Sholyn .
 - 3) 13/04 Anchor Group Services - confirmation that Council's street lamp repair claim has been forwarded to Anchor's Insurance Company.
 - 4) 14/04 Request for permission to use Waen Field for car parking for Cilcain wedding on 23 May 2015. Clerk reported on the previous request to use Waen Field for a wedding. Use of Waen Field for the April 2014 was not approved because (i) insurance aspects (ii) objections normally received from field users.
For the 23 May 2015 wedding - Council approved:
(a) use of access track to village hall for catering vehicles.
(b) exclusive use of Village Hall Car park.
 - 5) 17/04 Temporary Traffic Order at Mountain Road, Cilcain - Information from Flintshire C C
 - 6) --/-- Traffic accidents near Fforrest Farm - extract from Council Minutes Nov 2012. Clerk reported that Mr Gerwyn Powell had discussed the position with Councillor W Owen Thomas.

Clerk reported on his discussions with Mrs Joanna Davies. Mrs Davies had scheduled the junction in a list for surface dressing. If the scheme is not approved, then Mrs Davies will arrange a further scrim test. Chair referred to oil droppings from quarry wagons on the junction not helping matters. Clerk explained that was one of the downfalls with scrim testing. The test only measures the polished characteristics of the stone used in the surfacing. The presence of oil, dust or limestone slurry on the surface is not assessed in a scrim test.

Cllr Gareth W Hughes proposed, Cllr J Emyr Davies seconded, and Members unanimously agreed for Flintshire to be requested to introduce a speed limit. Clerk to pursue.

9. MATTERS RAISED / ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE LAST MEETING:

- (i) **Arrive Alive Vehicle, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported the Arrive Alive vehicle has recently been parking close to the Bryn Alyn Bends. A motorist approaching Rhydymwyn from the Mold direction will therefore be on a bend in the road when the first site of the van is made. A motorist braking at this location is considered to be potentially dangerous. The carriageway and footpath on the bends often has a film of slippery limestone slurry on the surface, and the road surface condition together with the alignment has, over the years, resulted in a high frequency of accidents. Members agreed to request North Wales Police to take into account the Council's concern regarding the adverse road surface condition when siting the speed detection vehicle.
- (ii) **Street Lamps, A541** - Straight section between Rhydymwyn and Tarmac entrance - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (16 Apr 2015) - ten street lamps not working between the speed de-restriction sign and the Tarmac entrance - Item reported to Mr Jamie Bennett in Flintshire's Street Lighting Section. Cllr Hughes reported (17 Apr) lamps now functioning normally.

- (iii) **VAT refund received** - Members noted from the income and payment schedule attached to the Agenda that the VAT refund of £713.16 was paid into the Council's Bank Account on 18 March 2015. Claim dated 02 March 2015.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS / REPORTS -

- (i) **Daffodil Bulbs - purchase of 3 x 25 Kg bags of Daffodil bulbs approved for October 2015 planting.**
- (ii) **Rubbish by Antelope Estate** - Photos of three locations tabled at meeting - Mr A Lightfoot to pursue.
- (iii) **Weeds by Rhydymwyn cemetery entrance gate** - Bloomin Gardens to apply weed kill treatment.
- (iv) **Pedestrian footway, Antelope to Rhosesmor junction** - debris on footway - Mr Lightfoot
- (v) **TV recycling plant, Antelope** - build-up of crushed recycling material generating concern - Clerk to speak to Flintshire's Mr Nancarrow.
- (vi) **Nant Alyn, Rhydymwyn** - timber decking in river. Clerk to pursue with NRW.
- (vii) **Cilcain Ward co-option applicant** - Clerk to write.

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

- 12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next meeting of the Council will be the Annual General Meeting of the Council and will be held at the Rhydymwyn Football Club premises at 7.30 pm on the 18 May 2015.**

SignedChair Date Clerk

APPENDIX - MATTERA OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE - NOT FOR PUBLICATION

1.0 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

(i)	A Evans - sal + expenses (Mar 2015) (Sal = £360/m)	501.25
(ii)	Chairman's account - transfer from current account	150.00
(iii)	A Evans - Amazon - office equipment + stationery	110.23
(iv)	H M Revenue and Customs	72.00
(v)	Scottish Power - energy charges - (01/10/2014 to 31/03/2015) (Highways Act 1980 S301)	245.95
(vi)	A Evans - Asda - office equip + stationery	113.40
(vii)	G Bellis - staining seats in Rhydymwyn	90.00
(viii)	A Evans - stain and painting materials	24.76
(ix)	Canon UK Ltd - photocopier (01/05/2015 to 31/07/2015) (L.G.A.1972 S111)	127.04

2.0 PROPOSED REVISION CEMETERY FEES

Members confirmed the revision of the Cemetery fees, agreed in the March Council Meeting.

3.0 ACCOUNTS FOR 2014/2015 FINANCIAL YEAR

The accounts will shortly be submitted to the Internal Auditor. Members may note the current system involves the Accounts being audited by the Internal Auditor prior to being considered and approved by the Community Council. However, the Council needs to note the following:

- (i) The VAT refund claim for the year ending 31 March 2015 will shortly be submitted to the Customs and Excise Office
- (ii) The District Auditor (Hacker Young) has notified the Council of the various target dates for the Annual Return process.
- (iii) Risk Assessment - The Council reviewed its schedule of risk assessment which identifies the risk, the potential consequence of risk, the assessment of impact, the likelihood of risk occurring and the controls in place to manage the risk. The Council considered every aspect of the risk assessment in detail and was satisfied that all possible action to keep risk to an absolute minimum is being taken.
- (iv) Council's System of Internal Controls - The effectiveness of the Council's system of internal controls was reviewed and approved.
- (iv) Investment Strategy - The Council's Investment Strategy was reviewed and approved.
- (v) Standing Orders / Financial Regulations - The Council's Standing Orders was approved by the Council.
- (vi) Council considered the Council's Asset Register and approved the basis on which the Register was drawn up. Chair enquired about the position with regard to the Bowling Club.

Clerk referred to the discussions which had taken place in January 2015 with regard to the two leases and the inclusion or omission of the Bowling Club asset on Flintshire's list for Asset Transfer. Clerk to make further enquiries into the position, and report to the 18 May 2015 Council meeting.

- (vii) The Council needs to authorised the Clerk to appoint JDH, Business Services Ltd, Mold to undertake an internal audit of the Council's 2014/2015 accounts.
- (viii) The Council needs to request the Internal Auditor to provide an updated statement to confirm their independence from the Council.
- (ix) The computerised version of the Payments and Income and the Council's 'balance' for the year ending 31 March 2015 was attached to this month's Agenda. Members noted the 'balance' on 31 March 2014 was £12,067.57

Members noted - the balance 'carry over' estimated in the 19 January 2015 precept Council Meeting was £11,970.