

- p17 **Coed Du to Plas Wilkin** - Mr I Williams requested to inspect the regular build-up of leaves in the roadside channel near the Bath House.
- p17 **Seepage by Bryn Teg (between Coed Du Hall entrance and the Caravan Site)** Location being regularly checked. Mr Williams to have a closer look.
- **The Graig to Coed Du entrance** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes and Cllr Mrs Janet Butlin reported some work had been done on the erosion of the roadside edge on the River Alyn side. The complaint had been made to Flintshire some twelve months ago when the scarifying material was available during the Coed Du Hall to Plas Wilkin Farm surfacing work. Clerk explained the heading of the Agenda item had been used in error during the last six months to describe other problems in the vicinity of Coed Du Hall.
- p17 **Cilcain Toilets** - Mrs Sue Jones of Cilcain Clean 'N Lock had previously reported the problem of highway surface water flowing into the Village Hall car park from the highway channel by the car park entrance. Clerk maintained the low kerb line at the entrance to the car park had been identified in an Environmental Audit Statement issued by Flintshire approximately two years ago. Mr Williams to investigate.
- p18 **Lon Cilan hedge, Cilcain** - Item to stay on Agenda.
- p18 **Street Lighting, A541, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that two lamps were still day burning, and one lamp was out on the Rhydymwyn straight (5th lamp on RHS coming from the Tarmac entrance towards Rhydymwyn). Mr Lightfoot arranging Traffic Management to facilitate lamp repairs. Repairs scheduled for next two to three weeks. Two dead trees had been identified by the Hendre bends. These two trees would be taken down at the under the same Traffic Management arrangement.
- **General weed growth in roadside channels** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes enquired if the cuts having to be made by Flintshire had meant a reduction in the weed treatment of roadside channels this year? Mr Ian Williams reported that Flintshire currently had a contractor working on channel weed removal. Cllr W Owen Thomas had noticed recently a quad bike type sprayer undertaking work in Flintshire. Mr Williams indicated that, in addition to weed killer spraying, channel silt removal by Flintshire Streetscene's workforce was also required to keep channel weed growth in check.
- p18 **Additional dog bin, Brithdir Lane, Cilcain** - Cllr W Owen Thomas reported having received a phone call from an adjoining resident to thank the Community Council for having arranged for the new dog bin so speedily.
- p18 **Church Meadow, depression in footway opposite No 7** - Members felt the item should still stay on the Council's Agenda.
- p18 **Repair to boundary wall, Donkey Field** - Position to be monitored further by Cllr Gareth W Hughes in heavy / severe rain conditions.
- p18 **Potholes, Ffordd y Llan, Cilcain** - Cllr W Owen Thomas referred the amount of loose chippings on the carriageway, presumably after the recent surface dressing work.

Mr Ian Williams indicated that the mechanical brush was due in Ffordd y Llan.
Cllr Thomas reported a bad pot-hole at Crown Farm, the pot-hole being on the wheel line.
Mr Williams to pursue.

p18 **Mountain Road, Cilcain, ice across carriageway** - Cllr J Emyr Davies reminded Mr Ian Williams of the need to deal with the poor drainage at Mountain Road, whereby water flows across the carriageway from one blocked gulley to the gulley on the opposite roadside channel.

Mr I Williams indicated he would familiarise himself with this longstanding problem.

p18 **Overhanging trees Ffordd y Llan** - Cllr J Emyr Davies reported having followed the school bus entering the village from the Star Crossing direction. The bus had to keep to the middle of the road to avoid the overhanging trees. Cllr Davies felt these overhanging trees could result in an accident.

Mr Williams and Mr D Ellis to inspect and pursue.

-- **Water ponding near top of Trial Hill** - Grip into the field probably blocked.
Cllr W Own Thomas felt the road has been sinking and needed to be lifted, or a gully provided with a connection into the field. Mr Ian Williams to pursue.

p18 **Defra site, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes and the Clerk had attended a stakeholders meeting at the Defra site on Thursday 9 September. Members noted - at the Council's AGM in May 2015. Cllr W Owen Thomas and Cllr Jon White were nominated as the two Members to DEFRA stakeholder meetings. On this occasion, neither Cllr Thomas or Cllr White were in a position to attend. Cllr Gareth W Hughes and the Clerk reported on the items discussed at the Defra meeting. The meeting was chaired by Mr Aidan McGuffie from DEFRA. Cllr Hughes and the Clerk had been extremely impressed with the competency of Mr McGuffie in chairing the meeting. He had been able to respond effectively to some very detailed historical questions about the site. DEFRA agreed to hold future stakeholders' meetings on a 12 monthly basis.

p19 **Water Works, Pentre, Cilcain (need for painting first reported to 20 Oct 2014 Council Meeting)** - Clerk reported that Welsh Water had now completed re-painting the whole building. Cllr J Emyr Davies reported the building now looked very tidy. A photograph supplied by Welsh Water was tabled at the Council Meeting. Members agreed there had been a big improvement in the appearance of the building, However, one Cilcain Ward Member felt it was a shame the work had taken nearly two years to be done.

p19 **Water Works, Pentre (need to have a larger bin first discussed at 20 July 2015 Council Meeting)**. Mr Ian Williams reported having acquired a larger bin. Mr Williams would shortly be making arrangements for its installation.

p19 **Heavy goods sign, A541 Rhydymwyn** - Five new signs had been installed to direct quarry wagons to keep on the main road and avoid turning up Dolfechlas Road at Rhydymwyn and the Royal Oak. Members were very pleased with the new signs and thanked Mr Ian Williams for arranging the work.

- p19 **River Ford, Maes y Groes Bella, Loggerheads Road** - Works completed. Item can now be deleted from the Agenda.
- p20 **The Graig to Coed Du entrance** - Mr Ian Williams to arrange for longitudinal cracks in carriageway to be sealed to prevent further deterioration.
- p20 **Dolfechlas Road, blocked gulley near the Berllan** - Mr Williams reported the gulley and connection had recently been cleaned out.
- p20 **Dolfechlas Road, untidy roadside verge near Football Club** - Mr Ian Williams reported the tidying of the verge had been undertaken. Mr Williams indicated the ivy on the Donkey Field boundary wall had been removed, together with saplings on the Donkey Field side of the Wall. Cllr Gareth W Hughes noted that Flintshire had also cleared the tarmac area outside the cemetery entrance.
- p22 **Nant Alyn Road, Rhydymwyn, blocked gulley** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported (7 Sept) the gulley near the Graig being blocked. Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported at the meeting that the gulley had been cleaned out.
- p22 **Star Crossing Road, untidy verge at the Quarry Road junction** - Cllr J Emyr Davies had reported (17 Sept) the highway verges in Cilcain had recently been cut, but the verge grass cutting of the former layby (behind the bollards) had been missed. Item had been reported to Mr Ian Williams. Mr Williams to pursue.
- **Star Crossing / A541 junction** - Cllr J Emyr Davies referred to the need to cut back the hedge at the junction to improve the visibility for vehicles coming from Cilcain out on to the A541. Cllr Davies reported that last year's work was good, but the hedge now needs dealing with again.
- **Gritting routes cut backs** - Cllr W Owen Thomas had heard that there was likely to be cutbacks of the gritting routes in rural areas, especially the routes which are currently gritted with a tractor. Cllr Thomas indicated his intention of going to discuss the position with the appropriate person in Flintshire, to emphasise the need for some rural roads to be gritted. Mr Williams to check if a plan was available to identify which roads would be affected.
- **Noisy Manhole cover by the Antelope** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported the manhole cover by the Antelope was 'clacking' again. Mr Williams to pursue.
- **Verge and hedge cutting. Nant Alyn** - Cllr John S Douglas thanked Mr I Williams for the excellent way the verges and hedges were cut this year, using more appropriate equipment than the cutting process last year.
- **General tidying of grass verges in Rhydymwyn** - Mr Ian Williams reported that Flintshire's workforce had recently done a general cutting of vegetation around the bus shelter, the traffic and village signs. Cllr Gareth W Hughes enquired if Mr Williams could have a look at the visibility splay by Welsh Water's Treatment Plant adjoining the Industrial Estate.
- **White posts to indicate SSSI** - Members had noticed the recent appearance of white marker posts having been erected in the highway verges, to identify sections of road verges with

interesting biodiversity. Mr Williams to check the availability of maps showing the marker post locations in the Community Council's area.

Before Mr Williams left the Council meeting, the Chairperson thanked and congratulated Mr Williams for the marvellous work he had been able to arrange / achieve since the July Council meeting.

- p18 **Bath House, Coed Du Hall, Rhydymwyn** - Clerk reported on his discussion with Mrs Eleanor Carpenter. Flintshire Conservation had written about the Bath House to the Manager and the Owner in early September. The 5 yearly inspection of Coed Du Hall by CADW was due in 2016. Clerk to pursue.
- p18 **Rhydymwyn Flood Committee** - Clerk to arrange a Flood Committee Meeting. Several dates had been suggested by Mrs Linda Thomas from the WRA's Caernarfon Office.
- p18 **Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd, Flint, 2016, fund raising** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported on the latest fundraising events. £600 had been raised for the local Urdd fund in the recent Mold Food Festival event.
- p19 **Cilcain Play areas, refurbishment** - Cllr W Owen Thomas maintained the more facilities was required for the 7 to 10 yr olds. Members agreed that a site meeting was required to decide again how far the Council was prepared to extend the play area boundary into the playing field. A tentative date of 2nd October had been agreed with Mr Richard Roberts, The exact time after lunch was to be fixed in the next few days.

Cllr Thomas emphasised the need to proceed as quickly as possible. Cllr Thomas maintained the availability of grants from Flintshire would become harder and harder as time went. Clerk reminded Members about Flintshire's letter discussed in the June Council Meeting. It had been made clear in the letter that match funding would not be available for Cilcain.

Members noted that Flintshire match funding was only available for play areas schemes which involved replacing 'out of date' equipment. All the equipment in the Cilcain was brand new. Therefore, in accordance with the traffic light system survey undertaken by Flintshire, Cilcain would not receive match funding, but Rhydymwyn would receive funding.

- p19 **Rhydymwyn play areas, refurbishment** The Clerk had been authorised to apply for Flintshire match-funding grant in the 15 June 2015 Council meeting. The response to the application had been due by the end of August. There had been delays in Flintshire, but the response was likely to be received in the next few days. In view of the number of applications received by Flintshire, the amount of grant available for each application was likely to be scaled back approximately 50% of the amount being sought. Clerk authorised to accept the grant when the grant approval letter is received.
- p19 **Rhydymwyn Football Club, dog fouling** - Cllr Mrs Joanna Hobson had noticed a really big sign on the entrance to the Argued sports ground in Mynydd Isa. Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported things had improved since the recent larger sign had been erected on the entrance gate. Clerk had made enquiries regarding the timescale for Flintshire to introduce the new enforcement procedures. Adoption of the procedures was still 3 to 4 months away.
- p19 **Kiosk door** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported - paint purchased and repair in hand.

p19 **Village Hall conveyance plan** - Cllr Derek May enquired if there had been any progress in finding the Village Hall conveyance plan. Clerk outlined the current enquiries being made:

- (i) Reminder letter sent (copy supplied to Chair and Vice Chair) to Barclays Bank (first letter sent in June 2015) to enquire if there was a record of the Council depositing documents for safe keeping at the Barclays Bank.
- (ii) Flintshire County Council's Legal section reminded to look through their legal records records.
- (iii) Mrs Gwen Hardman had been through the old Council Minutes at the Hawarden Records Office and checked for any reference to the deeds. Mrs Harman had checked the Minutes up to April 1979. A set of old Council Minutes had been made available to the Clerk from Mrs Julian Hughes. The Clerk was currently checking though the post April 1979 Council Minutes.

Cllr May commented - 'so there had been no real progress made then'. Cllr Gareth W Hughes maintained the Village Hall Committee should be informed of the steps currently being pursued as opposed to saying that 'no progress' has been made.

The Clerk reminded the Council that it had taken three years to recover £500 for the repair of the street lamp opposite the school. The investigation required the Council's perseverance in writing to numerous firms during the 3 year period, with one particular firm having to be chased for a reply on six separate occasions.

p19 **Cilcain seat** - Cllr Hughes reported the wording for the cemetery seat had now been approved. Clerk authorised to purchase new seat from P and A in Mold. Seat to be delivered to Mr Les Williams.

p21 **Gate at Trimm Rock Quarry** - Cllr John S Douglas reported having spoken to the Quarry Manager. The Quarry Manager was not aware of a lock having been put on the gate.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

Community Council observations requested on:

- (i) Proposal: Application to vary condition 4 attached to planning permission ref: 043879 relating to hours of working.
Location: Unit 8a-8b, Antelope Industrial Estate, Rhydymwyn
Ref No: 053957
Decision: The Community Council is impressed with the recent improved management of the site. However, the Council has to **object** to the proposed extension of hours, especially the Sunday extension. Granting an extension of hours at this stage may harm the recent improved relationship between the operating Company and the village community.
- (ii) Proposal: Application to vary condition 3 and 4 following grant of planning permission 048179 to extend operational hours.
Location: Unit 8a-8b, Antelope Industrial Estate, Rhydymwyn
Ref No: 053957

Decision: The Community Council is impressed with the recent improved management of the site. However, the Council has to **object** to the proposed extension of hours, especially the Sunday extension. Granting an extension of hours at this stage may harm the recent improved relationship between the operating Company and the village community.

(iii) Proposal: Installation of additional air source heat pump
Location: Cilcain Village Hall, The Square, Cilcain
Ref No: 054145

Please Note: The Chairperson, Vice Chairman and Cilcain Ward Members had been consulted on this application in the August recess, and the 'fully support' observations of the Council were submitted to Flintshire on the 24 August 2015.

(iv) Proposal: Erection of extension to provide living room and additional bedrooms
Location: Swn yr Awel, Loggerheads Road, Cilcain
Ref No: 054036
Decision: The Community Council **fully supports** the development

Planning Decisions made by Flintshire County Council: None received

7. CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS - Position noted on the following items:

- 1)27/07 Welsh Assembly Minerals Grant - reminder regarding offer acceptance deadline deadline.
- 2)28/08 Flintshire match funding nomination for the Rhydymwyn play area refurbishment scheme. Flintshire's response was expected by the end of August, but has not yet been received. Item discussed earlier.
- 3)14/08 Rhydymwyn Football Club - request for donation to assist with refurbishment of kitchen. Members were referred to a note in the Appendix regarding the donation request.
- 4)20/08 Accident outside Cilcain School on 15 April 2013 - compensation received from Anchor Group Services' Insurance Company.
- 5)21/08 St John's Church Rhydymwyn - proposed internal refurbishment of Church - request for support. Item to be discussed under Financial Matters in the Appendix.
- 6)27/08 Flintshire County Council - attendance of a Transportation Team member to the Community Council Meeting postponed for a few months.
- 7)07/09 Eisteddfod yr Urdd, Flint 2016 - Proclamation ceremony scheduled at Flint for Saturday 3 October 2015.
- 8)08/09 Funding Update - Information from Natural Resources Wales regarding the availability of various grants in Wales
- 9)10/09 Cilcain WI's Heritage Lottery Funding - External plaque to show timeline of WI over the past century. Request for permission to site the plaque outside the Village Hall and a request for a donation. Display item to be sited in the shrubbery area near the kissing gate. A path would be needed on one side of the display item. Donation to be discussed under Financial Matters at the end of the Council Meeting.
- 10)11/09 Funding update from Flintshire County Council – information regarding grants.

- 11)17/09 Cilcain Water Treatment Works - information from Welsh Water regarding re-painting. Photograph available at Council Meeting. Members note the e-mail and photograph had been received from the Asbestos Section of Welsh Water. Cllr W Owen Thomas had mentioned in a previous meeting the likelihood of there being asbestos present.
- 12)--/-- Urdd Eisteddfod 2016 - Proclamation ceremony scheduled for Saturday 3rd October - invitation to join Mayor of Flint for light refreshment at Flint Town Hall.
- 13)19/09 Rhydymwyn Football Club - Thank you note from Rhydymwyn Football Club for recent donation.

8. MATTERS RAISED / ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE LAST MEETING:

- (i) **Repair of top gate at Cilcain cemetery** - Cllr W Owen Thomas reported that several telephone calls had been received from members of the public to report that the gate locking mechanism had broken, the gate was considered dangerous, and the badgers could gain access without the lock being in place. Fortunately, Cllr Thomas had been able to undertake the repair works himself. The combination lock which was securing the gate had started to rust and was becoming difficult to open without lubrication. A new lock had been purchased. Members agreed to use the same 4 digit combination as the old lock.
- (ii) **Nant Alyn Road, Rhydymwyn, blocked gulley** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (7 Sept) the gulley near the Graig being blocked. Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported at the meeting that the gulley had been cleaned out.
- (iii) **Street Lighting A541 Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported a lamp day burning near the Rhydymwyn village sign. Item discussed earlier
- (iv) **Dolfechlas Road Rhydymwyn blocked gulley near Berllan** (Village side of Bryn Gollen junction). Item discussed earlier.
- (v) **Yew tree failure, Rhydymwyn cemetery** - Cllr Mrs Janet M Butlin had reported that the yew tree on one side of the entrance gate had failed again. Members agreed to replace the failed tree with yew of a similar size to the one remaining yew tree. Clerk to instruct Bloomin Gardens to provide and plant a new Yew tree. Coiled plastic protection to be provided at base of tree to prevent rabbit and strimming damage.
- (vi) **Defra stakeholders meeting** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes and the Clerk attended a stakeholders meeting at the Defra site on Thursday 9 Sept 2015. Item discussed earlier.
- (vii) **Star Crossing Road, untidy verge at the Quarry Road junction** - Cllr J Emyr Davies had reported (17 Sept) the highway verges in Cilcain had recently been cut, but the verge grass cutting of the former layby (behind the bollards) had been missed. Item had been reported to Mr Ian Williams. Mr Williams to pursue.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS / REPORTS -

- (i) **Street Lighting cutbacks** - Cllr W Owen Thomas reported some of the street lamp in Church Meadow would be going out between 12 pm and 5 am to save energy.
- (ii) **Janet Howarth, assembly Member** had made Cllr W Owen Thomas aware of a £19 million wind farm grant available for community facilities. Cllr Thomas to forward information to Clerk.
- (iii) **Rhosesmor junction, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr W Owen Thomas reported he had received concern from Mr Jones, Gwysaney Farm regarding the lack of a footway and 40 mph repeater signs. Clerk to check Community Council's boundary and pursue.
- (iv) **Bus Service, Is y Mynydd** - Cllr Derek May wondered if the bus service could get closer to Is Y Mynydd. Cllr W Owen Thomas maintained that a bus is not allowed to reverse. In addition, a bus would not be able to turn left at the corner by the Square.
- (v) **Planning Meeting** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reminded the Council about the need to arrange the planning meeting.
- (vi) **Urdd Fund raising meeting** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had tickets available for a talk by Mr Brian Bennett at the Football Club on 2nd October – 'History of the Rhydymwyn area'.

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

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING -

The next meeting of the Council will be held at 7.30 pm in Cilcain Village Hall on Monday 19 October 2015.

SignedChair Date Clerk

APPENDIX - MATTER OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE - NOT FOR PUBLICATION

1.0 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

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

(i) *	Rhydymwyn Football Club - donation to assist with kitchen refurbishment	400.00
(ii)	Bloomin Gardens - grass cutting in Cilcain cemetery (2 nd cut this year)	150.00
(iii)	Scottish Power - street lighting energy charges	248.72
(iv)	A Evans (sal + exp) for July	501.25
(v)	HMRC - PAYE for July 2015	72.00
(vi)	A Evans (office stationery)	221.72

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

(i)	A Evans (sal + exp) for August (sal = £360 /m)	501.25
(ii)	P May - staining two Cilcain seats (Mountain Rd and Pentre Rd)	60.00
(iii)	A Evans office stationery (Amazon)	146.35
(iv)	Rhydymwyn Football Club (Hire of Hall for five Council Meetings) (5x£20)	100.00
(v)	A Evans - office stationery (Asda)	76.20
(vi)	Bloomin Gardens cut around seats + Rhyd cem	185.00
(vii)	A Evans - new lock for top gate in Cilcain cemetery	23.94
(viii) **	Urdd Eisteddfod Flint 2016	200.00
(ix) ***	Cilcain Women's Institute - donation towards WI centenary plaque	300.00
(x)	Cilcain Village Hall Management Ctee - roof repairs agreed in the July Council Meeting	350.00
(xi)	HMRC - PAYE for August 2015	72.00

N B * At the Jan 2015 Precept Meeting, the Council had agreed to include £400 in this year's budget to assist the Rhydymwyn Football Club. In accordance with authority given in the 20th July Council, the Chair, Vice Chair and the Rhydymwyn Ward Members approved a £400 donation.

** At the 19 Jan 2015 Precept Meeting, the Community Council had agreed to include £400 in this year's budget towards the Flint Urdd Eisteddfod scheduled for May 2016. However, Councillor Gareth W Hughes reported at the Council Meeting that the fund raising activities had recently been going very well, and there was a good chance of the local £8,000 target being reached earlier than originally thought. Cllr Gareth Hughes therefore recommended making a donation of £200 instead of the £400 item included in the Council's budget. Members agreed.

*** The letter received from the WI had suggested a donation of £400 would be required from the prospective sponsors of the historical display board. Cllr J Emyr Davies proposed, seconded by Cllr Gareth W Hughes, and unanimously agreed, a £300 donation at this stage and arrangements to be made to hold a Saturday afternoon refreshment historical event in the Village Hall, with the proceeds going towards the WI historical display board.

2. **REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR RHYDYMWYN CHURCH** - Since the Urdd donation (which had been included in the Council budget) had been reduced by £200, Cllr Gareth Hughes proposed a donation of £200 now, with consideration for further support being considered in the January 2016 Budget Meeting. Cllr J Emyr Davies seconded and Members unanimously agreed.

3. **XMAS DINNER AND CAROL SINGING** -

Regarding the dates and venues for these two functions, Members noted that the carol singing evening at the Royal Oak went reasonably well last year. Consideration needed to be given to having the same organist this year. Members agreed.

Last year's Xmas Dinner at the Cherry Pie was a success, but the limited space can give rise to problems. It is customary to invite past Councillors to the dinner. When the Xmas Dinners were held at the Pwll Gwyn and the Cross Foxes at Nannerch, there was not a problem with accommodating numbers.

At the Cherry Pie, the numbers that can be accommodated in the bar area is 26. Last year we were told 23. Usually, the number of existing Councillors and partners that are able to attend cannot be identified until the last week, so problems can then arise if one has to choose which past Councillors / guests are to be invited.