



p47 **Coed Du to Plas Wilkin** - build-up of leaves problem. Mr Williams reported that a bobcat was being arranged for the first week in January 2016. A different type of machine was also going to be trialled - a tele loader with a brush. Flintshire will have to concentrate first on leaves and debris clearance where there are drainage implications involved.

p47 **Seepage by Bryn Teg (between Coed Du Hall entrance and the Caravan Site)**  
Mr Ian Williams reported he had not yet received a reply from NRW.

p47 **Cilcain Toilets** A note had been received from Clean and Lock regarding difficulties with locking the Ladies and Gents door. Flintshire Streetscene contacted. Initially, Flintshire Streetscene was reluctant to attend to the lock problem on the basis that all the work included on the snagging list at the end of the contract had been seen to. Clerk had checked the date when the Council accepted the completion of work - 18 February 2015. On the basis a customer would expect a facility to carry a 12 month warranty, Flintshire accepted responsibility for repairs. Several local Ward Members met Mr Ian Williams on site at 2.30pm on the 15 Dec 2016 to identify the repair works required. Work was carried out by Flintshire's contractor on 17 Dec 2016. Re staining of the two doors to be done by Flintshire Streetscene.

Mrs Sue Jones from Clean & Lock had received three offers from local volunteers to repair the door, including Cllr W Owen Thomas and Mr M Simpkins.

Several items regarding the repairs to the Village Hall area were also discussed at the site meeting:

- (i) Entrance to car park - Streetscene agreed to look at the possibility of raising the kerb line (or introducing a tarmac hump) to prevent highway water from entering the car park, and eventually ending up at the Village Hall entrance door. The lower entrance also needs the kerb lifting, Mr Williams indicated he was anticipating the work being done before the end of January 2016.
- (ii) Dwarf stone wall outside the Village Hall entrance door. One of the coping stones had come loose and needed re-fixing. Cllr W Owen Thomas volunteered to re-fix the coping stone.
- (iii) Gate post at lower entrance - One of tantalised wood post was rotten at ground level. Cllr W Owen Thomas volunteered to obtain a tantalised post of a similar dimension. Mr Ian Williams agreed that Flintshire would erect the new post. Purchase cost authorised.
- (iv) Dwarf wall between the car park and the Village Hall. A photograph was available at the Council Meeting showing the loose nature of the cement coping on the wall. Members agreed a new cement coping was required.

The Clerk referred to the stone boundary to the Rhydymwyn Playing Field having been repaired by Flintshire a few years ago. Mr Williams was requested to check Flintshire's records to establish if the boundary to the Cilcain Playing Field, falls into the same category of maintenance obligations. Mr Ian Williams was given a photograph showing the loose cement coping. Members agreed that the wall was not considered dangerous,

but renewing the coping would prevent surface water ingress into the wall, resulting in eventual deterioration of the stone wall.

- p47 **Street Lighting, A541, Rhydymwyn** - Flintshire Streetscene to pursue.
- p47 **Street Lighting, Parc y Llan, Cilcain** - Cllr Ian Hughes had checked the lamps in Park y Llan. All the lamps were working. Item can now be deleted.
- p47 **Repair to boundary wall, Donkey Field** - Further monitoring of surface water not now required. Item to be deleted.
- p47 **Potholes, Ffordd y Llan, Cilcain** - The pothole repair by Crown Farm had been done, but the repair has failed. Cllr J Emyr Davies reported that the tarmac around the grid opposite Tyn Y Caeau entrance will also need to be redone.
- p47 **Mountain Road, Cilcain, ice across carriageway** - Mr Ian Williams had met Cllr J Emyr Davies on site. Excavation around gulley proposed by Flintshire in the new year. Members agreed that with less gritting proposed for this Winter, it is important to tackle this potential ice hazard. Mr Williams indicated his intention of tackling the work in the new year.
- p47 **Overhanging trees Ffordd y Llan / Trial Hill** - Mr Ian Williams had met Cllr J Emyr Davies at the bottom of Berth Lane. Mr Williams reported the tree had urgent highway safety implications and was also causing cracking of the stone boundary wall. Mr Williams to meet Mr Dewi Ellis to discuss the position. Clerk reported having been informed by Mr Stuart Body (Flintshire Tree Officer) that generally, there would not be TPO's on trees located in Council owned or highway verges. Cllr Davies reported that a good job had been done with cutting back of the trees at Trial Hill. More cutting back of overhanging trees still to take place at Ffordd y Llan.
- p47 **Water ponding near top of Trial Hill** - Mr Ian Williams confirmed a grip in the verge was required. Work scheduled to take place in the next few weeks.
- p48 **Dog bin, entrance to millennium wood** - Item can now be deleted.
- p48 **Coed Du to the Caravan Park** - Mr Ian Williams to arrange for the longitudinal cracks in carriageway to be sealed to prevent further deterioration of the road surface.
- p48 **Star Crossing / A541 junction** - Members noted that the visibility was now much better. However, Members noted that the visibility could be further improved by one of the signs being moved by 6 to 9 inches, without having to move the vertical supporting poles. Mr Ian Williams was requested to have another look.
- p48 **Gritting routes cut backs** - No problems experienced so far this Winter. Mr Williams reported a cold spell was likely in early January 2016.

Cllr Mrs Janet Butlin reported having been informed that a pre-gritting sign on the Pantymwyn side of Trial Hill had been removed. Was the County inspecting the signs to make sure some of them are not disappearing? Mr Williams to pursue.

Clerk to contact the Manager at Coed Du Hospital to request he makes representations to Flintshire regarding the absence of pre-gritting on the section of Nant Alyn between Rhydymwyn and the Hall entrance.

p48 **Noisy Manhole cover by the Antelope** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes felt the repair to the 'clacking' manhole was now becoming urgent. Mr Williams reported that limestone aggregate had been used in the reinstatement of the broadband trench. The whole trench surfacing material from the Flintshire boundary would require changing. Granite aggregate would be required in the wearing course to comply with Flintshire's reinstatement specifications. Flintshire was applying pressure on the Broadband contractor to repair the clacking manhole.

p48 **General tidying of grass verges in Rhydymwyn** - Mr Ian Williams indicated the visibility splay by Welsh Water's Treatment Plant entrance would be cleared in due course.

p48 **White posts to indicate SSSI** - Item can now be deleted.

p48 **Rhosesmor Junction Rhydymwyn** - Cllr W Owen Thomas had reported in the November Council Meeting having met Mr Ian Williams to discuss the possibility of having additional repeater 40 mph signs on the Mold side of the Rhosesmor Junction. Mr Williams confirmed the 40 mph repeater signs had to be at a prescribed distance apart, so introducing an additional sign could not be accommodated. However, the provision of a 'concealed junction' sign on the Mold side of the Rhosesmor Junction was an appropriate solution. Mr Williams reported having requested an Officer (Mr Anthony Stamford) from the Highway Safety section to confirm the feasibility / suitability of the option suggested.

Cllr Thomas had reported that he had also visited the Tarmac Junction with Mr Ian Williams. The possibility of widening the quarry exit road at the junction had been discussed. Members felt that widening the road at this location, involving extending the culvert would be fairly expensive. Cllr Thomas to comment in the January 2016 Council Meeting regarding the possibility of the quarry assisting Flintshire County Council in an improvement scheme.

p49 **Village Walkabout meeting for Cilcain and Rhydymwyn** - Members agreed that a village walkabout would be more appropriate in the Spring of 2016.

p49 **Cemetery / Playing Field boundary hedge, Rhydymwyn** - Item can now be deleted.

p49 **Trelan highway culvert** - Mr Ian Williams to meet Cllr J Emyr Davies on site in due course.

p49 **Nant Alyn, pot-holes** - deteriorating of pothole resulting in highway water discharging into Cae'r Eithin. Item not discussed.

p49 **Accumulation of weed and muddy leaves** - Trial Hill and Coed Du to the Bath House. Mr Williams to schedule the work.

p50 **Link path bin Rhydymwyn** - Mr Ian Williams confirmed - bin now on emptying schedule.

p50 **Dog bin in Church lane** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported bin had been emptied. Mr Ian Williams confirmed - bin is now on the current emptying schedule.

- p50 **School bus drop off point, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr John White had expressed concern in the November Council meeting regarding the school bus from Mold to Rhydymwyn dropping the school children off at a point where there is a continuous white line (no overtaking). Mr Ian Williams confirmed having passed the concern on to Flintshire's Transportation Section.
- /-- **Loose metal rail, Trial Hill, Cilcain** - Cllr W Owen Thomas had reported prior to the Council Meeting - the railing had slipped down, each rail having slipped approximately 15 inches. Cllr J Emyr Davies maintained the railing at the bottom will become dangerous if more rail slippage occurs. The rails at the bottom of Trial Hill will eventually protrude into the highway. Mr Williams to pursue.
- /-- **Refuse collection vehicle** - Cllr Derek May had reported (23 Nov) - Litter collection vehicle leaving a trail of paper behind, as a result of a side door on the collecting machine being left open. Cllr May reported item to Mr Ian Williams. Mr Ian Williams had reported the concern on to the Refuse Collection Officer. Mr Williams confirmed that similar complaints had been received from other Community Councils. Cllr May to inform Mr Williams if the problem occurs again. Members conclude the problem was a combination of three things - unsuitable vehicle design, bad practice and windy conditions.
- /-- **Cilcain Church Wall, ivy removal** Mr Ian Williams reported ivy removal had been undertaken on the Church wall in Cilcain. Mr Williams maintained ivy removal was justified on highway visibility / safety grounds.

The Chairman thanked Mr Williams for attending the Meeting. Mr Williams left the Council meeting at this point

### **MATTERS ARISING (CONTINUED)**

- p50 **Gas Proposals Rhydymwyn** - Item not discussed.
- p50 **Defra site, Rhydymwyn** - Item to be discussed under No 15 in the Correspondence.
- p50 **Bath House, Coed Du Hall, Rhydymwyn** - No change in position. Clerk reported having left messages with two Officers in the Conservation Section. Clerk to pursue.
- p50 **Rhydymwyn Flood Committee** - Meeting now arranged for Wednesday 2.00 pm 6 January 2016 at the DEFRA Reception Office. Chairman reported having received a letter from NRW regarding a possible training meeting for Senior Flood Wardens, to be arranged in Llandudno on 28 January 2016. Cllr Hughes and Clerk to arrange for representatives to attend.
- p50 **Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd, Flint, 2016, fund raising** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that £300 had been raised in the Chapel concert mentioned in the November Council. Cllr J Emyr Davies suggested the Clerk writes to Edward Williams to express appreciation for the fund raising efforts made towards the Eisteddfod. The £8,000 target for the two villages had been a high target. but the objective had been well exceeded, with several months to spare. The efforts in some villages had only just got going. Cllr J Emyr Davies, on behalf of the Council also thanked Cllr Gareth Hughes for participating in the local fund raising committee, and for keeping the Community Council fully informed on progress and events.

- p50 **Cilcain Play areas, refurbishment** - The plans would be considered in the January 2016 Council Meeting.
- p50 **Rhydymwyn play areas, refurbishment** Clerk reported - equipment ordered for January start on contract work.
- p50 **Rhydymwyn Football Club, dog fouling** - Clerk to pursue with Flintshire.  
Cllr Mrs Janet Butlin enquired if the new large signs had been erected? Cllr Gareth W Hughes indicated the Flintshire had supplied two reasonably sized signs earlier this year. Cllr Hughes recalled fixing the signs by the entrance.
- p51 **Kiosk door** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes to pursue with Mr David Morris.
- p51 **Village Hall conveyance plan** - A new plan showing the current footprint of the Village Hall (based on the Ordnance Survey) had been obtained from Flintshire Mapping and forwarded to Mrs Gwen Hardman. Cllr Derek May reported on the Village Hall Management Committee Meeting held in late November. The Ordnance survey based plan had been discussed. Cllr May felt the general opinion received was that the Ctee still requires a new management agreement.

Community Council Members felt the existing Management Agreement had served the Community well in the past and the agreement had approximately 13 years left to run. It should be fairly straight forward to:

- (i) Add a paragraph to the Agreement to accommodate the toilet block.
- (ii) Add an up to date plan to the Agreement to show the current footprint of the Village Hall and Toilet Block.

If the Hall Committee have a difficulty with this proposal / request, the Council needs a letter from the Committee to identify what the problem is.

- p51 **Cilcain seat** - Clerk confirmed a new seat had been erected in Cilcain cemetery by L and D Williams. A commemoration plaque to be provided in the new year.
- p51 **Antelope Industrial Estate, recycling plant** - Clerk had requested Flintshire Planners to arrange a Liaison Meeting with the recycling firm. Members expressed concern regarding the amount of external storage of materials. Cllr W Owen Thomas arranging to meet the NRW regarding enforcement notices.
- p51 **Request for support for Rhydymwyn Church refurbishment scheme** - Donation approved. Payment item included in the Appendix.
- p51 **Waen Field bonfire** - Cllr Derek May requested the Clerk to write to the Cilcain Young Farmers to congratulate them on the way the site had been cleared after the bonfire. However, the Clerk had received a subsequent e-mail from Cllr Mrs Johanna Hobson on 04 Dec 2015. (See Correspondence Item 9 - 04). Young Farmers contacted. Clearing work undertaken and completed on Sat 5 Dec 2015. Photograph taken by Mrs Sue Jones showing the barbed wire and the extent of the bonfire remains on 5 Dec was available at the Council Meeting.

Next year, Members agreed the Council will need to remind the Young Farmers of what happened this year, and impress upon them again of the importance of strictly complying with the set conditions.

p51 **Meeting the Financial Challenges in Flintshire** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that Cllr John Douglas and himself had attend the meeting on 23 Nov 2015 at Bryn Coch C P School Mold at 6.30 pm. In addition, Mrs Sue Jones had attended the meeting.

Presentations were made by the Chief Executive, Cllr Aaron Shotton, and Mr Steve Jones. A question and answers session followed the Officers presentations.

Expenditure cuts to grass cutting had not been mentioned. Clerk referred to a Flintshire Forum Meeting he had recently attended when the possibility of having a 50/50 involvement with the Community Councils had been discussed. The Community Council would need to know Flintshire's formal position on grass cutting before the January Precept Meeting. Clerk reported on his understanding that the firm who had given the Community Council a budget price prior to last year's precept meeting had ceased trading two months ago.

p51 **Parking problems in Cilcain** - Clerk to write to the local organiser of this event. Cllr Derek May or Mrs Sue Jones to obtain name and address of the local contact.

Members agreed that parking in a field at this time of the year was completely out of the question. Parking in Waen Field would not be allowed for this event at any time of the year.

The organisers should consider:

Either: (i) having participants bussed up from the Shire Hall car parking in Mold  
Or (ii) move the whole event to Ty Fy Nain side of Moel Famau.

Cllr J Emyr Davies maintained they have good parking and toilets facilities at Ty Fy Nain.

p52 **Electoral Register** - Clerk reported that the current Electoral Register (dated October 2015) would now be available to the Community Council in early January 2016.

p52 **One Voice Wales** - Next Area Committee - Cllr J Emyr Davies gave notice of his intention to come off the One Voice Wales Area Committee. Member agreed it was probably beneficial for there to be a move around amongst representatives on the various Committees at the next AGM in May.

## 6. **PLANNING MATTERS**

**Community Council observations requested on:** None received

1. Location: Plas Teg, Cilcain  
Proposal: Construction of ménage and erection of stable block and barn  
Ref No: 054510  
Decision: **No objection** to the development.

2. Location: Swn yr Awel, Loggerheads Road, Cilcain  
 Proposal: Proposed extension to provide garden room and 3 bedrooms including change of use of agricultural land to domestic use.  
 Ref No: 054036  
 Decision: **No objection** to the development.
3. Location: The Vardo, Garreg Boeth, Rhydymwyn  
 Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling  
 Ref No: 054555  
 Decision: **No objection** to the development.

**Planning Decisions made by Flintshire County Council:**

Location: Yr Hen Ysgubor, Mountain Road, Cilcain  
 Proposal: Erection of porch to existing conservatory  
 Ref No: 054237  
 Decision: Approved .

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

- 1) 16/11 Rhydymwyn Village Orchard - Request for donation to assist with orchard interpretation board. Item discussed under financial matters in the Appendix. £200 donation approved.
- 2) 16/11 Community Council Precepts 2016-2017 - Information from Flintshire regarding the Council Tax Base for 2016-17. Members will note the deadline date of 29 January 2016 for informing Flintshire of the Community Council's precept requirements. The precept will therefore need to be evaluated in the Council Meeting scheduled for 18 January 2016. Item discussed further under Financial Matters in the Appendix. Members felt it was important for the Clerk to be given an indication on the Council's intentions so that a draft budget could be formulated by the January 2016 Council Meeting.
- 3) 04/12 Cilcain Village Hall - 1 in 500 scale map of Village Hall from Flintshire mapping section. Copy of plan given to Mrs Gwen Hardman (Village Hall Management Ctee Secretary)
- 4) 04/12 Waen Field - Report received from Cllr Mrs Joanna Hobson regarding remnants of the bonfire needing clearing.
- 5) 05/12 Nature Reserve Rhydymwyn - Information from Friends of the Valley. Item discussed in conjunction with the letter below from David Hanson MP.
- 6) 05/12 Cilcain Young Farmers Club - Thank you letter for the Council's recent donation.
- 7) 05/12 Cilcain Chapel - Request for donation for internal decorating works. Item discussed under Financial Matter in the Appendix. £400 donation approved. Cllr J Emyr Davies left the room whilst this item was being discussed. A note had been included in the Appendix regarding the Council's budget.
- 8) 10/12 Cilcain Toilet doors - Difficulty locking the doors - Report from Mrs Sue Jones, Cilcain Clean and Lock regarding the temperamental problem of locking the ladies toilet door. Repairs arranged. See note in Appendix regarding Flintshire Streetscene's position. Item discussed earlier.

- 9) 11/12 Cilcain Community Council website - continued registration fee for a two year period. Expenditure approved. Clerk to arrange.
- 10) 11/12 Rhydymwyn Bonfire Committee - note of thanks for recent donation + a copy of the Insurance Schedule. Members noted the significant insurance cost for this 1 night event.
- 11) 12/12 Cilcain Village Hall Management Committee - information regarding services and insurance costs - Services cost approved. Item discussed under Financial Matters in the Appendix.
- 12) 12/12 Cilcain WI - letter of thanks for the recent donation towards the centenary plaque.
- 13) 16/12 Xmas Greetings from Cllr Aaron Shotton, Leader of Flintshire Council.
- 14) 09/11 Play area Community Grant Scheme - Information from Flintshire Leisure.
- 15) 11/12 Rhydymwyn Valley - Proposed meeting of Stakeholders arranged by David Hanson. Clerk to respond indicating two or three representatives would be attending.

**8. MATTERS RAISED SINCE LAST MEETING**

- (i) **Loose slates, Plas yn Llan, Cilcain** - A Cilcain resident had reported (17 Nov 2015) dangerous loose slates to Cllr Derek May. Cllr May and Clerk passed item on to Mr John Wilkins in Flintshire’s Building Control Office. Item inspected by Flintshire within a couple of hours of report being submitted. Item can now be deleted.
- (ii) **A541, Street Lamp out, near Tarmac entrance** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported (22 Nov 2015) the street lamp not working on the Rhydymwyn side of the Tarmac entrance. Lamp is on the left hand side of the road when travelling from Hendre towards Rhydymwyn. Item reported to Mr Ian Williams. Item noted,
- (iii) **Refuse collection vehicle** - Cllr Derek May had reported (23 Nov) - Litter collection vehicle leaving a trail of paper behind, as a result of a side door on the collecting machine being left open. Item discussed earlier.
- (iv) **A541 Street Lighting** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had reported a street lamp not working adjoining the first left turning from Hendre to Rhydymwyn (Nature Area sign at access). Item discussed earlier.
- (v) **Cilcain Village Hall external toilets** - Mrs Sue Jones ( Cilcain Clean and Lock ) reported the Ladies and Gents toilet door had been fixed by Flintshire on Thursday 17 Dec 2015. Item discussed earlier.

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS / REPORTS** - No matters raised under this item.

**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 18 January 2016.

Signed .....Chair                      Date .....                      Clerk .....

**APPENDIX - MATTERA OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE - NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

**1.0 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:**

(i)	A Evans - sal + exp for November	501.25
(ii)	Bloomin Gardens Cilcain cem and (Rhydymwyn cem)	--
(iii)	Flintshire County Council summer playscheme 2015	1,800.00
(iv)	A Evans - Renewal of Council's internet registration for 2 years Approx. £83.70	83.70
(v)	A Evans - Office stationery and equipment (Amazon)	186.58
(vi) *1	Cilcain Village Hall - services cost for toilet block	166.59
(vii)	HMRC - PAYE for November 2015	72.00
(viii) *2	Cilcain Village Hall - donation towards annual contents insurance	250.00
(ix)	A Evans - office stationary (ASDA )	38.72
(x) *3	Cilcain Chapel - donation to assist with internal decoration works.	400.00
(xi)	JDH internal audit for 2014 / 2015 accounts	134.40
(xii) *4	Friends of Rhydymwyn Valley - assistance with interpretation board,	200.00
(xiii)	Mr Les Williams for staining and fixing new cemetery seat (seat delivered in a flat pack)	92.22

Note \*1 The Community Council and Flintshire County Council make a donation to Cilcain Clean and Lock of £500 every year. Until Clean and Lock is taken under the umbrella of the Village Hall Committee, the services changes will need to be paid for by the Community Council, and this amount can then be deducted from the Community Council's £500 donation to Cilcain Clean and Lock.

The above was the arrangement for the payments made in March 2014.

Note \*2 In previous years, The Community Council has paid approximately £220 towards the Village Hall contents insurance. Members agreed it was be appropriate for the Council to request a copy of the Village Hall insurance policy for last year and this year. Perusing the two documents will allow the Community Council to establish why the premium has increased by 70 %. Members considered it appropriate for the Council to pay £250 now, and to consider the increased donation in the January 2016 precept meeting. By the January 2016 precept Meeting, the Council will have worked out the projected balance for the end of March 2016.

Note \*3 Members noted that £400 had been included in this year's budget (approved in the 19 January 2015 Council Meeting) for Cilcain Chapel. The budget included for £1,200 (3 x £400) in total towards the three community facilities of Rhydymwyn FC, Rhydymwyn Institute, and Cilcain Chapel.

Note \*4 Friends of Rhydymwyn Valley - Clerk reported at Council Meeting to explain how £200 could be accommodated from the budget agreed in the 19 January 2015 Council Meeting.

2. **CILCAIN TOILET, REPAIR TO TOILET DOORS.** Initially, Flintshire Streetscene was reluctant to attend to the lock problem on the bases that all the work included on the snagging list at the end of the contract had been seen to. Clerk checked the date when the Council accepted the completion of work - 18 February 2015. On the basis that any customer would expect a facility to carry a 12 month warranty, Flintshire eventually accepted responsibility for the repairs.

3. **COUNCIL BALANCE AT 9 MONTHS THROUGH THE 2015/2016 BUDGET YEAR** - Members considered and approved the Council's financial position at the end of 9 months by referring to the details attached to the Agenda. This balance statement will enable the Council to assess its precept requirements for 2016/2017 in the January 2016 Council Meeting.

4. **COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2015**

The Council's Accounts were returned from the Internal Audit on Monday 7 Dec 2015. Members were given a copy of the observations made by the Internal Auditor. Chair and Clerk had signed the draft Annual Return and submitted to the External Auditor on 7 December 2015.

5. **NEXT YEAR'S PRECEPT** -

Councillor Gareth W Hughes stressed the need to advice the Clerk regarding the Council's aspirations for next year's budget. Councillor Hughes maintained there was a need for payments made towards Cilcain Village Hall to be balanced with expenditure made in Rhydymwyn.

The total donation made to the Village Hall this year had been £2,850, whereas the donation towards the community facility in Rhydymwyn was £400 for the Football Clun and £400 for the Institute. Therefore, there was a discrepancy of approximately £2,000 between the community facility for the two villages.

Cllr Hughes was aware of a requirement to re-render the external fabric of the Institute. The cost would be approximately £3,000. The other major refurbishment recently discussed by the Council was at the Church.

The Clerk outlined an initial possible scenario the Council may wish to consider:

- (i) Increasing the regular donations to Cilcain Chapel, Football Club and The Institute to £500 each instead of the existing £400.
- (ii) Include £1,000 in next year budget for the Institute, with a £1,000 in the following year if necessary.
- (iii) With regard to Rhydymwyn Church, the total cost requirement is significant, and a scheme is unlikely to proceed unless grants becomes available. Grant applications invariably require the organisations to commit some of its own funding. The Council could therefore make a £500 'commitment' to pay the Church, if it is successful with its grant applications. A £500 commitment could also be made for the

year after, bringing equality to the two villages. This arrangement would be similar to the commitment of £500 the Community Council made to the Village Hall earlier this year.

Cllr Hughes reported on his understanding that the Church was likely scheduled for closure unless refurbishment takes place. The Community Council could not therefore be seen not to be supporting the refurbishment scheme.

Cllr Hughes requested Members who have any further aspirations to inform the Clerk before the January Meeting. Cllr Mrs Janet Butlin referred to the possibility of renovating the metal fencing between The Graig and Coed Du Hall. The Clerk felt the fence was private and it would be difficult, if not impossible, to justify incurring public expenditure on a private boundary fence.

Cllr Mrs Andrea Davies enquired about the possibility of the Community Council being more involved in organising / sponsoring performances and community social events. Cllr Hughes maintained it was probably more appropriate for the Rhydymwyn and Hendre Village group to arrange community events. Cllr Hughes was aware of the WI being set up in the Village early next year. The newly formed group might be in a position to consider this idea as part of their remit.

5. **XMAS CAROL SINGING, ROYAL OAK, HENDRE** - The Chairperson and Vice Chairman invited Members and their partners to the Royal Oak, Hendre for light refreshments after the meeting. Target start - 9.30 pm. Organist arranged.