

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE
RHYDYMWYN WAR MEMORIAL INSTITUTE ON 20 JULY 2026**

(Please Note: Cilcain Community Council covers Cilcain, Rhydymwyn and Hendre)

Present: Chairperson: John Doyle (in the absence of J V Worthington)
Councillors: J Emyr Davies Pauline Douglas
Malcolm Down Gwen Hardman
Ian Hughes Tim Mitchell
Karen Parker Michael Parr

The Clerk was also in attendance

1. **CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS**

The Chairperson welcomed Members to the July meeting (Croeso i bawb i Gyngor Mis Mehefin). The Chair also welcomed Cilcain residents SJ, and noted that County Councillor Andrew Parkhurst had apologised that he would not be able to attend.

2. **APOLOGIES** - Gareth W Hughes, Christine Vaughan and J V Worthington

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Cllr M Parr indicated possible declaration of interest in relation to Cilcain Village Hall.

4. **MINUTES OF LAST COUNCIL MEETING** -

Cllr Michael Parr proposed, Cllr Gwen Hardman seconded and all Members present agreed to approve the 20 June 2026 Minutes.

5. **MATTERS ARISING - HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

Members noted that, due to Neil's absence from work there was no amended list available for consideration at this July 2026 Council Meeting.

- (i) **Recent re-surfacing.** The Chair reported that he had seen a number of roads in the area having been surface dressed in the last few weeks, which was good news.
- (ii) **Rhosesmor Junction scheme delay.** Cllr J Emyr Davies expressed concern regarding the time it had taken to do the Rhosesmor Junction and the probable increase in expenditure as a result of the extended time.

Cllr Karen Parker referred to one of the questions she had raised with Mr Wilkinson at the June 2026 Council meeting. Mr Wilkinson maintained that each part of the overall Senedd grant was separately priced and any overspend on one part would not result in curtailing another part of the overall scheme.

- (iii) **New reporting system.** Cllr Malcolm Down had seen a pothole recently. Cllr Down had gone on Flintshire CC Website, as suggested by Mr Wilkinson in the June Council meeting, and reported the pothole on the interactive map. Cllr Down felt the reporting process very straightforward and easy to understand. One simply pointed an arrow at the pothole location and confirmation that the pothole report had been "logged" appeared on the map.

The Chair felt that this new reporting system was the way forward, and the Community Council should make more use of the system, as opposed to the spread sheet type Action Plan that Neil was using.

- (iv) **Pantymwyn Road / Bottom Road junction.** Cllr Michel Parr referred to the circular depression which had re-appeared at the junction of Pantymwyn Road and Bottom Road in Cilcain. Members noted that this was the third occasion the depression has occurred. Members agreed that simply patching over the depression each time it re-appeared without tackling the underlying cause of the depression was wasteful. Cllr Parr indicated he would submit a report.
- (v) **Recent surface dressing work in Pantymwyn.** Cllr Ian Hughes referred to the road through Pantymwyn being recently surface dressed. Cllr Hughes and Cllr Parr were of the opinion that the section of road in Pantymwyn was in a much better condition than the road from Bont Newydd to the village and continuing from the village down the Loggerheads Road.
- (vi) **Nant Alyn Road - change in weight restriction** - Now that the June Minutes have been approved, Cilcain CC's support / views regarding the change in weight limit can be forwarded to Flintshire CC.

6. **MATTERS ARISING (NON HIGHWAY MATTERS)**

- p16 Hendre Mine Site. The Chair reported on the drop-in-style meeting with Hogan's recently held at the Rhydymwyn Institute. Four representatives from the site developer were in attendance including Mr Kevin Hogan.

Cllr Gwen Hardman had the impression that the reasons for Hogan's selecting the Rhydymwyn site appeared to be mainly business related. Community engagement did not seem to feature highly in the developer's consideration for site selection.

Cllr John Doyle had emphasised the importance for the developer to use all the latest, highest-standard equipment in the proposed design to control emissions.

Cllr Parker referred to Mr Hogan maintaining that all the road-planing material coming into the site would be coming from the Flintshire CC's area. Cllr Parker suspected that, in the future, the supply could very well be coming from a wider area.

Cllr Tim Mitchell stated that even if a supply area restriction was included in a planning condition, it would be very difficult for Flintshire to monitor the source of the input materials.

Mr Hogan had given the impression that he had a licence in place from Flintshire CC to bring materials (essentially classified as a waste material) into the site. Cllr Parker felt that it would be NRW that would need to give permission for the movement of waste as opposed to Flintshire CC.

Mr Hogan had indicated in the exhibition meeting that he had part ownership of the access road, as opposed to having a right of way to use the road. This position appeared to be at odds with the understanding recently provided by Tarmac.

a Members referred to a recent email from Hannah Parish, in which she indicated that she was in position to make an enquiry with the Land Registry regarding the road ownership.

Previous planning applications for the site. Cllr Parker expressed concern regarding the surprising observations made by Flintshire Highways - that they had no concerns about highway issues pertaining to the site.

p20 Confirming the names to be added to May 2026 AGM nomination list.

- (i) Internal Biodiversity Working Group - Members confirmed the three Council Members on the working group: Cllr Karen Parker, Cllr Malcolm Down and Cllr J V Worthington.
- (ii) Governance Working Party. Members confirmed the four Members on the working group: Cllr Karen Parker, Cllr John Doyle, Cllr Gwen Hardman, and Cllr Michael Parr.
- (iii) Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Landscape Forum (formerly known as AONB).

Members confirmed that Cllr J V Worthington and Cllr J Emyr Davies be nominated.

p21 Llys Alyn Play area, Rhydymwyn. A site meeting had been arranged for 28 July 2026 to agree on a proposed match funding scheme for the next financial year.

p21 Lime tree to be felled in the semi-circle, Cilcain - The Clerk reported having received notification from Flintshire CC - Contract in place for dead tree removal. Also, the Sycamore tree in Llys Alyn, Rhydymwyn is being pursued.

p21 Nant Alyn Road between the former Trimm Rock Quarry, Cilcain, and Leete Valley Caravan Park. A resolution was passed by the Community Council in June 2026 to confirm that Cilcain CC was in favour of introducing a reduced weight limit on Nant Alyn Road. The information is to be forwarded to FCC.

- p21 Planning application, for agricultural building at Fron Farm, Hendre - Cllr Karen Parker expressed her concern that the planning application had subsequently been approved by Flintshire CC.

The Community Council's observations regarding the dimensions of a previous planning application not being adhered to, had been sent to the Planning Officer following the June 2026 Council meeting.

Members agreed that any infringements regarding the first building should now be taken up separately with the Enforcement Officer.

- p23 Rhydymwyn Service station - Chair reported that Mr Lee Shone had not turned up to the arranged meeting. The site meeting is therefore being re-scheduled.

- p23 Concern regarding discarded cans of Nitrous Oxide.
Cllr Pauline Douglas reported attending a meeting arranged by Cllr Andrew Parkhurst to discuss anti social behaviour issues.
Unfortunately the North Wales Police Officer had not turned up for the arranged meeting. Another meeting was now being arranged by Cllr Andrew Parkhurst.

7. **PLANNING MATTERS - MATERION CYNLLUNIO -**

- (i) Ref No: FUL/000550/26
Proposal: Proposed extension and alterations, including replacement detached garage
Location: Bryn Alyn Cottage, Rhydymwyn, Mold, CH7 5HE

The Community Council has no objection to the application

- (ii) Ref No: FUL/000605/26
Proposal: Proposed retrospective application for the forming of concrete hard standing to facilitate level storage of equipment ancillary to the use of the business; relocation of existing metal welfare facility and all other associated works relating to.
Location: Deco Lighting Yard, Rhydymwyn, Flintshire, CH7 5HE

The Community Council has **no objection** to the application, **subject to** the Planning Officer being satisfied that:

- (i) The views of the Surface Water Drainage Authority have been taken into account regarding the concrete hard standing.
- (ii) The views of the neighbouring residents of Leete Avenue being given due consideration.

8. **2025/2026 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT -**

- (i) The detailed report detailed the work undertaken by the Community Council during the twelve months

- (ii) A copy of the report had been circulated to all Council Members.
- (iii) The report would be posted on the Council Website.

9. GOHEBIAETH – CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) 26/05 Mold Food Festival - Request for donation - Funding for a £200 donation can be accommodated in the Council's budget. A £200 donation was approved by a majority vote.
- 2) 23/06 Cilcain Show - Email from Cllr Ian Hughes regarding the arrangements in place for closing a short section of Mountain Road on the day of Cilcain Show. An email had been received from the Show Committee giving the necessary assurances to cover the concerns raised.
- 3) 26/06 Information from Dwr Cymru - Proposal to divert the discharge from the Cilcain Wastewater Treatment Works at Hesp Alyn to the Maes y Groes Treatment Works (off Loggerheads Road, Cilcain). Dwr Cymru needs to be reminded that both the Treatment Works are located in Flintshire's Cilcain Ward as opposed to the Flintshire's Pantymwyn Ward.
- 4) 30/06 Rhydymwyn War Memorial Institute's Wi-Fi. Information received regarding the recently installed Wi-Fi facility and a request for a donation. Funding for a £250 to £300 donation can be accommodated in the Council's budget.

Members consider it appropriate to note that from July 2026 onwards Council Meetings will take place in alternative months between RWMI and Capel Gad, Cilcain.

The Community Council is obliged to provide external sound access to meetings. Capel Gad has an adequate signal in the Main Hall area, but a Wi-Fi booster will be needed to extend the signal to the Committee Room.

Members therefore considered it appropriate to donate an equal amount to Capel Gad. Members agreed to make a £300 donation to RWMI and Capel Gad.

- 5) 01/07 Pre-Planning Application for Hendre Mine, Rhydymwyn. An email had been sent to Hannah Parish regarding planning conditions applicable to the site. Cllr Karen Parker reported on the current correspondence with Hannah Parish. A response had been received on the 07 July 2026. Another email is to be sent to Hannah Parish.
- 6) 07/07 Meeting with Lee Shone regarding Road Safety. Meeting arranged by Cllr Andrew Parkhurst to discuss the A541 safety issue by the Rhydymwyn Service Station. Position noted.
- 7) 07/07 Pre-Planning Application for Hendre Mine, Rhydymwyn - response from Hannah Parish regarding planning conditions. Item discussed earlier.

- 8) 07/07 Flintshire CC's Highway Maintenance Manual. A digital copy of the Manual was received from Mr Andrew Lightfoot. Members recalled Mr Neil Hickie briefly explaining the implications of the new pothole inspection policy at the Mountain Road site meeting earlier this year. Position noted.
- 9) 09/07 Presentation meeting scheduled at the RWMI for Wed, 15 July 2026 (5.00 pm to 8.00 pm). Item discussed earlier.
- 10) 10/07 Biodiversity application. The following details were discussed.
- (i) Confirmation - £7 payment had been made to the Land Registry to provide evidence to OVW that Cilcain CC owns Cilcain Village Hall.
 - (ii) Proof of land ownership was also requested from One Voice Wales for both the Rhydymwyn and Cilcain cemeteries.
 - (iii) Cllr Gwen Hardman and the Clerk had retrieved the Conveyance for Cilcain Cemetery (dated 30 July 1987).
 - (iv) One Voice Wales eventually accepted the conveyances for both cemeteries in lieu of the Land Registry Titles originally requested.
- Members noted that daffodil bulb planting is included in the grant scheme proposal for the top seat area in Cilcain cemetery, and that was the reason why proof of land ownership was required.
- (v) Members noted that a copy of the Land Registry Title for the Village Hall had now been received.
 - (vi) A site visit with Sam Langdon will occur before the work begins.
 - (vii) Flintshire CC will be involved in grass cutting around the wild flower area proposed for Rhydymwyn cemetery. Consultation with the Flintshire CC's Scene Supervisor prior to the seeding will therefore be needed, to agree on the 'area shape' and 'clearances' involved.
 - (viii) Members will need to consider, in due course, the need to have both cemeteries registered with the Land Registry.
- 11) 13/07 Hendre Mine - Cilcain CC's response to the pre-application proposal. Item discussed earlier.
- 12) 13/07 Proposed meeting with Richard Roberts at Llys Alyn Play Area - Clerk reported on the recent correspondence / discussion with Mr Roberts regarding a potential match funding scheme for upgrading / replacing existing play items. Item discussed earlier. (Site meeting now scheduled for 2.00 pm Tuesday 28 July 2026).

- 13) 13/07 Reports of pot-holes between Rhydymwyn and Cilcain. Request made to Ben Corran to inspect section of road recently reported for repairs. Position noted.
- 14) 13/07 New venue for OVW Area Committee scheduled for 22 July 2026. Cllr Gwen Hardman and Cllr Karen Parker to attend.
- 15) 14/07 Proposed asphalt plant, RAP processing at Hendre Mine, Rhydymwyn. - Photo from Cllr John Doyle showing similar plant at Bangor. Item discussed earlier.
- 16) 14/07 Footpath between the Rhydymwyn Football Ground and the Llys yr Haul Housing Estate. Report of an overhanging hedge obstructing use of the footpath. Report forwarded to Mr John Hill in Flintshire CC's Footpath Section.

Members noted that the fence between the football ground and the public footpath is currently acting as a retaining wall. Position needs to be brought to Jon Hill's attention.

- 10. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS** - The accounts scheduled in the Appendix were approved.
- 11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting of the Council will be held at Capel Gad, Cilcain and is scheduled for the 21 September 2026.

However, the Chair and Vice Chair reserve the right to change the date, having regard to the three clear working days statutory notice being given for any new date.

Appendix - Payment section not for publication until approved at the Council Meeting

1. Payment of Accounts - (June 2026)

(i)	A E (sal + fixed exp) for June 2026	785.85
(ii)	HMRC - PAYE (L.G.A.1972 S112) confirmation of the BACS payment made	128.45
(iii)	Office equipment and stationery - (L.G.A.1972 S111)	162.31
(iv)	AE - web fee	18.00
(v)	Scottish Power Street Lighting energy - estimated additional standing charge of £32/ month is now being made by Scottish Power.	132.11
(vi)	Bloomin Gardens - grass cutting in Cilc and Rhyd Cems	288.00
(vii)	I Smith - Defib pads and Prep Kit for Rhydymwyn Defib	100.80
(viii)	Canon UK - photocopying - invoice is being disputed - normal payment is £65	-- --
(ix)	Ysgol y Foel, Cilcain - annual donation for school leavers	70.00
(x)	RWMI - room hire for July Council meeting	31.25
(xi)	Mold food Festival - donation	200.00
(xii)	RWMI donation to assist with Wi-Fi cost (£250 or £300)	300.00
(xiii)	Capel Gad - to assist with Wi-Fi booster (£250 or £300)	300.00
(xiv)	K Parker - cost of Land Registry Title for Cilc Vill Hall	7.00

Please Note: Payment for the above items being made by BACS - authorised by the following two signatories.

Chairman Vice Chair (or 2nd Councillor)

2. Current Council Bank Balance. Please note that the closing balances in the Council's

Please note that the closing balances in the Council's Bank Accounts on 13 July 2026 were:

Current Account: £351

Deposit Account: £43,246

3. Sound issue at public meeting held at RWMI on 20 July 2026.

A concern was raised by a Rhydymwyn resident regarding the absence of a microphone system at the meeting. Members were sorry to hear of the difficulty the resident had experienced in hearing all of the presentations made during the meeting.

The Council agreed to consider a solution to address the sound issue should another public meeting be held.

The War Memorial Institute has a hard-wired microphone, amplifier and speaker system available for use. To make use of these facilities, the Council would appreciate it if anyone attending a future meeting who requires the use of a microphone system could notify the Council prior to the meeting or at the start of the meeting.

The Clerk is to respond appropriately to the Rhydymwyn resident and thank the resident for bringing this matter to the Council's attention.

Chairman _____ Clerk _____ Date _____