**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CILCAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT CAPEL GAD CILCAIN ON 19 OCTOBER 2026**

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

Present: Chairperson: J V Worthington

Councillors: J Emyr Davies, Pauline Douglas, Malcolm Down, John Doyle, Gwen Hardman, Gareth W Hughes, Ian Hughes, Karen Parker, Michael Parr, Tim Mitchell, Christine Vaughan

The Clerk was also in attendance

1. **CHAIRPERSON'S OPENING REMARKS**

The Chairperson welcomed Members to the October Meeting (Croeso i bawb i Gyngor Mis Hydref). The Chair also welcomed Cilcain resident Mr D Facer and County Councillor Andrew Parkhurst to the meeting. The Chair extended the Council's condolences to Cllr Ian Hughes who had recently lost his aunt, a lifelong Cilcain resident.

2. **APOLOGIES** - No apologies. All twelve Members in attendance.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** -

(i) Cllr M Parr indicated possible declaration of interest in relation to the Cilcain Village Hall items.

(ii) Cllr Malcolm Down, Cllr Pauline Douglas, Cllr Gareth W Hughes, Cllr Karen Parker, and Cllr Tim Mitchell declared an interest in the items relating to the RWMI, and the Rhydymwyn and Hendre Village Group.

(iii) Cllr John Doyle declared an interest in the items relating to the RWMI.

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

Cllr Gwen Hardman proposed, Cllr Gareth W Hughes seconded and all Members present agreed to approve the 21 Sept 2026 Minutes.

5. **MATTERS ARISING – HIGHWAY MATTERS**

(i) Cllr Michael Parr expressed concern that the outstanding items from Neil Hickie's list had not been included in the new spreadsheet prepared by Streetscene's Mr Ben Corran.

(ii) Request Streetscene's Mr Corran to reduce the width of the columns where possible.

(iii) Cllr Parr expressed concern regarding the depression repair near the Pantymwyn Road / Bottom Road junction. The depression had been patched over, but the underlying problem, believed to be the result of a suspected water leak, had not been addressed.

Members' concerns regarding the need for repeated repairs under such circumstances were to be reported again to FCC and discussed further with Mr Corran at the next drive-around meeting.

(iv) New reporting system – Some Members reported success in reporting defects via the website, but further information was required to indicate when feedback from the new system was likely to become available.

Cllr John Doyle had enquired with Mr Corran at the drive-around meeting about the nature of the feedback system. Mr Corran had indicated that there was currently no mechanism in place for providing progress reports on individual repairs.

The Clerk to check with Mr Corran whether there had been any subsequent progress in this aspect of the online reporting system.

(v) Cllr Karen Parker had reported a clacking manhole cover at the lower end of Hendre village via the online system. Cllr Parker indicated that she had been given a reference number for the report submitted. The Clerk to make enquiries with Streetscene's Mr Ben Corran.

(vi) Nant Road / A541 junction – Cllr Parker reported that the white lines needed repainting. Members felt it would be useful if Mr Corran were invited to the next Tarmac quarry liaison meeting.

(vii) Members who had participated in the recent drive-around session in Rhydymwyn and Cilcain agreed that the meeting had been beneficial and that the arrangement should be repeated every few months.

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

p38 Ruby Brickworks retrospective planning application - Cllr Gwen Hardman noted that there had been no information recently received from the Flintshire Planning Section regarding the current application.

Cllr Andrew Parkhurst reported:

(i) That he had been invited to attend a site meeting with the site owner and the owner's agent.
(ii) The list of all the contentious issues appertaining to the site meeting had been drawn up.
(iii) The owner's agents' comments on the issues raised and the subsequent observations received from a Ruby Houses resident will become useful in any planning application consultation.
(iv) A flood consequence assessment will now be carried out by the developer.
(v) The initial planning application has been removed from the Planning Portal.
(vi) The revised planning application has not yet been validated and will appear on the Flintshire Planning Portal in due course.

p38 Nant Alyn Road, Rhydymwyn – missing white line on edge of road. Members noted that a response had now been received from Flintshire CC. Clerk to forward the response to the Rhydymwyn resident who had raised the concern in July 2026.

p38 Llys Alyn Play Area, site meeting with Mr Richard Roberts held on 28 July 2026 / Minerals Grant

(i) The contact details for the six Senedd Members have now been established to enable enquiries about the Minerals Grant.

(ii) Extracts are available (including dates and responses from the former First Minister) of the questions raised by the former Senedd Member (Carolyn Thomas) in 2025.

(iii) Clerk to write to the current Senedd Members to seek an update on the resurrection of the Minerals Grant scheme.

(v) Members noted that the levy is still being charged, but the impression given by the questions raised in the Senedd in 2025 is that the funds are still being held by the UK Government.

p39 A541 Rhydymwyn meeting with Lee Shone re. road safety issues. Members noted that an item had recently been posted on Facebook regarding a proposal to modify the entrance alignment on the Denbigh side of the garage.

7.0 **PLANNING MATTERS - MATERION CYNLLUNIO** - None received

8.0 **GOHEBIAETH – CORRESPONDENCE**

1) 21/09 Rhydymwyn Community Flood Plan (v12) - Response sent to Alison Jones at NRW's Flood Risk and Water Management Section in the Bangor Office.

A Rhydymwyn Community Flood Group meeting to be arranged for early November.

Hendre flooding / warning system. Cllr Karen Parker reported on the options recently discussed at a meeting held at the Rhydymwyn Institute:

(i) The provision and siting of rain gauges was discussed.

(ii) The option of a weather station was considered as an alternative to the rain gauges.

(iii) Attendees noted that the Fechlas Brook had been relatively dry this summer, which was the first time in living memory for long-term Hendre residents. Meeting attendees questioned whether there was a connection with the Cilcain reservoirs being emptied this year.

(iv) Dŵr Cymru is supposed to be arranging for a survey to be undertaken to establish the extent of surface water in the combined system entering the Lloyds Terrace pumping station.

2) 22/09 Rhosesmor Junction - Concerns raised by Cllr John Doyle and Cllr Gareth W Hughes regarding:

(i) Travelling from Rhydymwyn towards Mold, there is a distinct 'hump' in the road which should have been planed off.

(ii) A Stop sign and bold, solid white line and, perhaps, rumble strips are required on the approach to the stop line on the Rhosesmor leg of the junction.

(iii) Cllr Parkhurst reported that a safety audit will take place before the work is signed off.

3) 23/09 Codi Trust - Information regarding funding sources for community groups and charities. Copy sent to all Members. Cllr Gwen Hardman reported that, on this occasion, the time period allowed before the application deadline was extremely short. Position noted.

4) 23/09 Rhosesmor Junction - Item discussed earlier.

5) 24/09 Defra trap - Photo from Cllr Gareth W Hughes of the full grit trap by the Defra bridge in Rhydymwyn. Report sent to Mr Timothy Owens at NRW's Hydrology Section in Bangor. Reply received from Mr Owens (on 25 September 2026) giving an update on the proposed cleaning arrangement. Clerk to pursue further with Mr Owens.

6) 24/09 Damaged Bus Shelter, Rhydymwyn. Photo of recent damage to the bus shelter from Cllr Gareth W Hughes. The damage had occurred overnight, but enquiries made with Flintshire CC's Street Works White Line Contractor did not reveal any information regarding the works-type vehicle that may have caused the damage. Clerk to claim from the Council's Insurance Company.

7) 24/09 Defra catch pit between the Defra bridge and the Defra sluice gate, Rhydymwyn. Email sent to NRW (Bangor Office) requesting an update regarding the clearing of the catch pit. Item discussed earlier.

8) 25/09 Defra catch pit between the Defra bridge and the Defra sluice gate, Rhydymwyn. Reply from Mr Timothy Owens (Bangor Office of NRW) giving an update on the current position. Item discussed earlier.

9) 25/09 Grant from Cilcain Community Council. Thank-you note from the RWMI Chairman for the £1,600 donation to the Rhydymwyn War Memorial Institute.

10) 25/09 Village Hall Lease / Licence / Agreement. Request for an update from the Village Hall Ctee Chair. Item discussed in the Payment of Accounts section of the Council Meeting.

11) 27/09 Cilcain VHMC, Charitable Status. Information from Cilcain Village Hall Ctee Chairperson. A copy of the correspondence received had been forwarded to all Council Members. Position noted.

12) 28/09 Biodiversity posting Rhydymwyn Facebook. Information from Cllr John Doyle.

Cllr Karen Parker reported:

(i) An oval shape wild seed area had been selected for Rhydymwyn cemetery.
(ii) The wild seed area was rotovated by Flintshire CC.
(iii) Eight adults and five children planted daffodil bulbs, snowdrops and bluebells
(iv) Photos have been taken with a view to posting the information on the local Facebook page and the Council's website.
(v) Arrangement being made for the Chairman to pick up a supply of bulbs from Cllr Parker's house for the scheduled Cilcain planting session.

13) 29/09 Reply to Vill Hall Ctee Chair to indicate that the agreement will be discussed at a continuation meeting to be held well in advance of the October Council meeting. Position noted.

14) 29/09 County Forum Meeting - Tuesday 29th September 2026 held at Ty Dewi Sant, Ewloe - Chair and Cllr Gwen Hardman attended. Cllr Hardman's written report to be attached to the 19 Nov correspondence pack. Cllr Hardman reported:

(i) Flintshire CC is aiming to hold two meetings per year, with the next meeting planned for March 2027.
(ii) Information was shared with attendees regarding the May 2027 elections, FCC's budget, and the revised Community Charter.
(iii) The overall financial position of FCC is quite bleak, and providing the required services will be challenging. Negotiations will continue with the Senedd regarding the funding allocated to Flintshire County Council.
(iv) Staff shortages in critical service areas are becoming a cause for concern within FCC.
(v) Future Forum meetings should, where possible, be attended by one Member and the Clerk.

15) 30/09 Drive around meeting with Ben Corran at Rhydymwyn and Cilcain. Cllr John Doyle and Cllr Gareth W Hughes met Mr Corran at 11.00 am for a walk around Rhydymwyn. Cllr Hughes had prepared a 16 item list of items to be covered in the meeting.

The Chair, Cllr J Emyr Davies and Cllr Gwen Hardman had a drive around Cilcain meeting with Mr Corran in the afternoon. The Cilcain Members drive around covered the 11 item list which Cllr Emyr Davies had raised in the August recess period as well as the road condition in Loggerheads Road as far as the County Boundary near Bryn Teg. Another item covered was the deteriorating condition of the tarmac surfacing in the area of The Square in Cilcain.

Cllr J Emyr Davies maintained that the Community Council should have a regular drive around on a regular basis. Members agreed that every three months would be an appropraite frequency.

Cllr J Emyr Davies maintained there was a need for Mr Corran to investigate the presence of gulleys along the section of road by the parking areas at Pedair y Groesffordd.

If the gulleys are not currently functioning at this section of road, the highway storm water will discharge down Mountain Road. The storm water will eventually put more pressure on the undersized surface water sewer crossing under the Village Hall garden. The highway surface water eventually finds its way to the sewer that runs at the back of Capel Gad.

15B) 02/10 Private Thomas Owen Jones, 3593 Welsh Guards - Cilcain family and memorial enquiry from Mr Tudor Jones. The Chairman indicated that he had passed the enquiry on to a local resident who had knowledge about such historical issues.

Cllr Malcolm Down had also referred the enquiry to a connection he had with a person who was a representative on the Commonwealth Graves Commission. A host of information relating to the enquiry had been supplied to Mr Tudor Jones. Mr Tudor Jones was extremely grateful for the information provided.

16) 07/10 Cilcain Bowling Club - Enquiry regarding the Bowling Club Management Agreement. Members noted the following:

(i) Electrical certificate had been checked out.
(ii) Cllr Gwen Hardman to collate the Land Registry documents in the Council's possession.
(iii) Supply the information to a Solicitor, including a copy of the previous management agreement, so that a quotation can be obtained for the cost of preparing a lease.
(iv) Cost of the lease preparation can then be included in the Precept for 2027/2028.

17) 02/10 Gwysaney Arms Hotel - Update information from Cllr Andrew Parkhurst.
Cllr Parkhurst reported on the meeting recently held between the owner, the owner's agent and FCC's planning assistant.
(i) Revised plot assessment required.
(ii) Affordable houses development now being proposed.
(iii) The site will still require to pass a flood risk assessment.

17B) 07/10 Agenda for the continuation of the Council meeting (21 Sept 2026).
Information to all Council Members. Position noted.

18) 05/10 Reminder - training dates - (Oct - Dec 2026). Information from One Voice Wales. Position noted.

19) 06/10 Rhydymwyn Community Flood Plan (v12). Latest revised version of the Flood Plan received from Alison Jones. Digital copy sent to all Rhydymwyn participants. Hard copies of the Flood Plan will be made available at the next Flood Group meeting. Item discussed earlier.

20) 08/10 Child Burial Grant - (1st Apr - 30th Sept) - Request for information from FCC. Clerk had responded to the enquiry. Position noted.

21) 09/10 Trespassing at Trim Rock Quarry - Meeting held at Cilcain Church arranged by Cllr Andrew Parkhurst. Cllr Parkhurst reported:

(i) North Wales Police not in attendance, which was disappointing.
(ii) Mr Gerald Taylor attended to represent the landowner.
(iii) Introducing dye to the pool is now becoming a favourable option.
(iv) No more heard from the scuba divers, who the owner had at one stage been in talks with.

Cllr Pauline Douglas maintained that adding dye to the water certainly worked when dye was last introduced when Hansons owned the Quarry.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Parkhurst for all the work he had done in bringing the stakeholders together to discuss the Trespassing issue.

22) 09/10 Rhydymwyn Cemetery - Grassland Management and Biodiversity Enhancements - Information from Cllr Andrew Parkhurst. Position noted.

23) 11/10 Permission to hold the Summer Fete on the Rhydymwyn Donkey Field. Response sent to the Chair of the Rhydymwyn and Hendre Community Group. Council permission given to hold the Summer Fate. Permission in principle was also given for the siting of a 20 ft container in the Donkey field, subject to agreement being reached with the Community Council regarding the actual siting of the container.

24) 12/10 Hendre defib battery - Request for donation to fund the Hendre defib replacement battery. Members noted that the replacement batteries had been paid for by Cilcain CC in the past for the three defib units in the Council's area. Members agreed the payment.

24) 12/10 Trespassing at Trim Rock Quarry. Update information from Cllr Andrew Parkhurst following the 12 Oct 2026 meeting held at the North Aisle of St Mary's Church, Cilcain. Item discussed earlier.

25) 13/10 Summary of draft licence with CCSL - context & history. Information from Cllr Gwen Hardman for Members information. Position noted.

26) 14/10 Update on proposed Glyndŵr National Park - Information regarding the Glyndŵr National Park designation order engagement period. Members agreed for the Clerk to modify the submission made on the 7 Dec 2025 and re-submit.

27) 15/10 Nant Alyn Road, Rhydymwyn - Update information from Cllr Andrew Parkhurst regarding:

(i) The problem related to HGV's coming down Nant Alyn Road from the former Trimm Rock quarry direction and damaging the wall by the Caravan Park.

(ii) A site visit had taken place with FCC's Claire Parry regarding the proposal to introduce width restriction signs to deter HGV's using this section of Nant Alyn Road.

(iii) However, the Head of the Section maintained that the width restriction signs are not appropriate.

(iv) The residents who have suffered in the past from HGV damaging boundary walls have been reporting damage by HGV's to the North Wales Police, but these damage reporting procedures do not prevent repeated damage occurring.

(v) Members agreed for Cllr Parkhurst to request a site visit with FCC's Mr Darrell Jones so that Mr Jones can be made fully aware of the issue.

Cllr Tim Mitchell maintained it was the combination of 'the width' and 'the length' of most HGV's negotiating the bend that was the problem.

**10. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS -** The accounts scheduled in the Appendix were approved.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING -** The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for the 16 November 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** - (October 2026)

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| (i) | A E (sal + fixed exp) for September 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) | 113.45 |
| (iv) | AE - web fee | 18.00 |
| (v) | Scottish Power - monthly charge for period (1st Sept 2026 to 30 Sept 2026). | 338.12 |
| (vi) | Bloomin Gardens - grass cutting in Cilc and Rhyd cems - Grass cut in Cilc cem on 10 Sept | 288.00 |
| (vii) | AE - Cemetery materials (top soil) | 11.98 |
| (viii) | RWMI - Room Hire 18th August- meeting to discuss planning submission. | 28.00 |
| (ix) | Capel Gad - room hire for Council - 05 Oct £16 (extended Sept meeting) + 19 Oct Council Meeting £35. | 51.00 |
| (x) | Scottish Power underpayment of monthly payment for energy charging period (1st Apr 2026 to 31 Aug 2026) - Total of the five months underpayments. | 454.95 |
| (xi) | Battery for Hendre Defib | 294.00 |
| (xii) | Canon UK printer lease - missed quarterly payment for (01/11/2025 to 31/01/2026) | 117.18 |
| (xiii) | O Roberts Cilcain Seats - 7 No | 245.00 |
| (xiv) | Llew - Jones (Solicitors ) Mold | 450.00 |

Chairman ..... Vice Chair (or 2nd Councillor) .....

2. **Current Council Bank Balance.**
Members noted that the closing balances in the Council's Bank Accounts on 16 Sept 2026:
Current Account: £41.66
Deposit Account: £45,826

3. **Council's Xmas dinner** - Venue - Cherry Pie - Friday 11 Dec 2026
Members and Cllr Andrew Parkhurst noted that the Council Xmas Dinner has been booked for Friday 11 December 2026.

4. **Cilcain Village Hall - Agreement document between the Village Hall Mang Ctee and the Shop Ctee**

(i) In the October 2026 Council Meeting authority had been given for Cllr Gareth W Hughes and Cllr Karen Parker to seek legal advice on aspects of the Lease in relation to the electricity supply.

(ii) A copy of the legal advice obtained was circulated at the meeting.

(iii) Cllr Michael Parr declared an interest, and following taking part in the early discussion, left the meeting.

(iv) Further discussion took place regarding the lease.

(v) Members agreed to accept the Solicitor's advice, but took the view that any negotiations regarding the electricity supply is a matter between the Village Hall Ctee and the Village Shop Committee.

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