



CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN / HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Halkyn Community Council, Held in the Halkyn Parish Hall, On Monday the 18th July, 2016, at 7.00pm.

1(A). 128/16 PRESENT

Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough (Vice Chair)
Councillor Colin Barker
Councillor Brian Coleclough
Councillor L. Howard Morris
Councillor Mrs. Delyth Jones - Taylor
Councillor G. T. Robinson
Councillor John Thomas

Councillor Colin Legg (Flintshire County Councillor)

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 129/16 APOLOGIES

Councillor Paul B. Davies - Cooke
Councillor David A. Hughes
Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson
Councillor Mrs. J. Wendy Sigsworth
Councillor Miss. C. Alex Wilcox

1(C). 130/16 ATTENDANCE AT MEETING BY AN OFFICER - FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION TEAM

The Clerk advised the Members that he had received an e-mail from Flintshire County Council Transportation Department earlier in the day, which confirmed the attendance of an Officer.

Following the non-attendance of an Officer from the Transportation Department, the Vice Chair Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough, continued with the meeting of the Community Council.

2. 131/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared.

3. 132/16

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH JUNE, 2016

The Minutes were proposed as correct by Councillor Brian Coleclough and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Delyth Jones-Taylor and formally agreed by the Members present.

4. 133/16

MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk referred to the following matters from the previous Minutes;

Minute no: 4. 115/16 sub minute no: 9. 94/16 (page 2), in relation to an application to the Land Registry, to register an area of land in The Nant. The Clerk advised the Members that he had received a 'Statement of Truth' and was awaiting a further Statement before completing an application to the Land Registry.

Minute no: 4. 115/16 sub minute no: 19(A). 109/16 (page 2), in relation to an overgrown hedge in Rhosesmor, and blocked gullies in Pentre Halkyn. The Clerk advised the Members that the Street Scene Supervisor had advised as follows: **(a)** the owner of the hedge in Rhosesmor had been contacted and requested to cut back the hedge **(b)** the gully emptier was scheduled to complete the work. **(It was confirmed that the gullies had been emptied).**

Minute no: 6. 118/16 (page 4), in relation to the Clerk contacting Flintshire County Council (FCC) – as follows: **(a)** library computer – which was to be returned following FCC's software being removed **(b)** FCC telephone landline is still connected. The Clerk advised that despite a letter being sent to Mr. Ian Bancroft (Chief Officer Organisational Change), there had been no reply.

The Members agreed the following: **(a)** the Clerk to further contact FCC **(b)** Councillor Colin Barker confirmed that he would make enquiries in relation to the laptop that was held in the Hall.

Minute no: 5(B). 117/16 (c) (page 3), in relation to requests from users of the Halkyn Library, for IT assistance. Councillor G. T. Robinson advised that he had received further requests. The Clerk suggested that he speak to an IT professional who advertises in the Halkyn Mountain News, to seek if this company were able to offer training.

The Members agreed the following: **(a)** the Clerk to contact the IT professional to ascertain if the company were able to offer training **(b)** the Members agreed to subsidise the training – following receipt and acceptance of a quotation.

5(A). 134/16

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received, that was required to be either advised to, or dealt with by the Members:

- (1)** The Clerk advised in relation to the Summer Play Scheme – which is to take place from Monday 25th July until the 12th August. The Clerk had displayed information posters received from the County Council on the notice boards.
- (2)** The Clerk advised in relation to a Cadwyn Clwyd Community Funding Workshop, to be held in Northop Hall Pavilion on 10th August from 3.00pm to 7.00pm. The Clerk advised that should any Councillor wish to attend then he would forward the details by e-mail.

- (3) The Clerk advised the Members in relation to a letter received from The Holywell Leisure Centre, Pool & Library Working Group. On the 1st January, 2017, the Leisure Centre will be transferred to the Group, under the Community Asset Transfer programme. An invitation was extended to a member of the Community Council to attend an information meeting at the Centre, on the 26th July at 6.00pm. **Councillor Colin Barker agreed to attend.**
- (4) The Clerk referred to his e-mail dated the 14th July, 2016, which forwarded information from the Welsh Assembly Government in relation to the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill.
- (5) Request from the National Library of Wales, in relation to the Library reproducing and archiving the Community Council's web site. **The Members agreed.**

The following correspondence was taken as received:

- ❖ Public Service Ombudsman for Wales – Annual Report 2015 / 2016

5(B). 135/16

CLERK'S REPORT

- (a) The Clerk advised in relation to an application by the Reverend Hugh Burgess, on behalf of a family who wished to pre-purchase a full burial plot for an interment of ashes. The plot requested was the first plot in row six.

The Members agreed the following: To grant the application. The Members in reaching their decision, took into consideration, that whilst the Cemetery Regulations were amended to cease the practice of pre-purchase of burial plots - this particular application was for an imminent interment, together with the installation of a memorial stone.

- (b) The Clerk advised that Councillor Mrs. Delyth Jones-Taylor, following complaints from residents in Rhosesmor, in relation to an abandoned car on grassland near to The Red Lion – had requested Flintshire County Council to take enforcement action. Councillor Mrs. Jones-Taylor provided the Members with a chronological sequence of her telephone calls and e-mails with the Enforcement Department since January, 2016. The car has not been removed.

The Members agreed the following: The Clerk to write to the Flintshire County Council Chief Executive – seeking an explanation as to the reasons for the continual delay in the removal of the abandoned vehicle – which is an eyesore to the area with grass encircling the bodywork.

- (c) The Clerk referred to the visit to Halkyn by a group of Japanese and Flintshire students, whereby Councillor John Thomas will be providing a guided tour of the Halkyn Lead Mines. The Clerk recollects to the Members, that they had previously agreed to provide refreshments to the visitors at the end of the tour. The Clerk was awaiting receipt of a quotation from a local confectioner, and together with tea and coffee being available in the Blue Bell.

The Members agreed the following: The Chair and Vice Chair to confirm, or other, the quotations in relation to refreshments.

- (d) The Clerk referred to the installation of a new bus shelter in The Windmill. The Clerk expressed his frustration with the bus shelter manufacture, who is based in St. Asaph, with the continuous delay with the completion of the order. The bus shelter was originally to be

installed in October, 2015, then agreed earlier in the year (2016) – and finally promised in June. The bus shelter has not been installed.

The Members agreed the following: The Clerk to advise the Manufacturing Company, that failure to install the bus shelter within 4 weeks – the Council will cancel the order.

5(C). 136/16

TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO THE 30TH JUNE, 2016

The Clerk and Financial Officer, provided the Members with a copy of the Quarterly Statement of Accounts, to the end of June, 2016. **The Members approved the Statement of Accounts, and the document was signed by the Vice Chair Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough.**

5(D). 137/16

COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR VACANCY (HALKYN WARD)

The Clerk advised that he had displayed a Public Notice on the Halkyn notice board, which advertised a vacancy in the Office of Councillor, for the Halkyn Ward of the Community Council of Halkyn, following the resignation of Mrs. Sharon Roberts. The Clerk further advised, that a copy of the Public Notice had been sent to the Electoral Registration Officer at County Hall, Mold. As there is no Community Council meeting held in August, the Clerk will advise the Members at the Council meeting in September, as to whether or not an election has been called for.

6. 138/16

REPRESENTATIVES / LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Councillor Colin Barker advised in relation to his attendance at a Police Consultative Meeting, which was held in Mold. Councillor Barker advised that a new Police Inspector had been appointed for the area. Concerns in relation to off-road bikers was one of the topics discussed at the meeting.
- (b) Councillor Brian Coleclough advised in relation to his attendance at a Joint Consultative Meeting. Councillor Coleclough advised in relation to signs being placed in the area of the Kilns, together with an interpretation board.

7(A). 139/16

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were dealt with by the Members at the meeting:

- (i) Application number: 055431, for the erection of two storey extension to side of dwelling at, Ty Newydd Farm, Berth Ddu, Rhosesmor.

Comment by Council: Providing that the application complies with planning policy, then no objections raised.

- (ii) Application number: 055486, for the erection of extension to rear of dwelling at, The Lodge, Halkyn Castle, Halkyn.

Comment by Council: Providing that the application complies with planning policy, then no objections raised.

- (iii) Application number: 055489, for Listed Building application (as above application number: 055486)

Comment by Council: Providing that the application complies with planning policy, then no objections raised.

- (iv) Application number: 055494, for the re-capping of exposed mine shaft with concrete plug and re-instatement of top soil and grass at Windmill Terrace, The Windmill.

Comment by Council: No objection.

- (v) Application number: 055565, for the demolition of existing converted garage and erection of two storey side extension at, 4, Buxton Lane, Pentre Halkyn.

Comment by Council: Providing that the application complies with planning policy, then no objections raised.

7(B). 140/16

PLANNING DECISIONS

The following planning decisions have been received from Flintshire County Council:

- (a) Application number: 055117, for the erection of agricultural building in Halkyn Old Hall. Approved.
- (b) Application number: 055260, for the erection of first floor extension, porch and re-roofing at, Copper View, Pentre Road, Pentre Halkyn. Approved.
- (c) Application number: 052300, for conservation of existing building to create 3 dwelling units at, Old Church School, Halkyn. Approved.
- (d) Application number: 052301, for Listed Building Consent for existing building to create 3 dwelling units at, Old Church School, Halkyn. Approved.
- (e) 055315, for the conservation of existing outbuildings to additional residential accommodation at Bryngwyn Farm, The Nant. Approved.
- (f) Application number: 055299, for an extension to and to change of use of outbuilding to dwelling at, Ael Y Bryn, Moel Y Crio. Refused.

8. 141/16

COMMUNITY LIGHTING

The Clerk advised that the following lamps were still out of order – which were awaiting cabling repairs by Scottish Power:

- (1) Lamp number: 2, Near The Village Green, Rhys y Cae.
- (2) Lamp number: 35, Near The Springfield Hotel, Pentre Halkyn.

9. 142/16

REVIEW OF CEMETERY CHARGES FOR 2016 / 2017

The Clerk provided the Members with a current list of fees in relation to the Council Cemetery, at St. Mary's Halkyn. The Clerk also produced copies of current fees from a number of other Burial Authorities.

The Members agreed the following: (a) The resident fees to remain as present (b) the non-resident fees to be increased by 40% - with the figure rounded off to the nearest £10.00.

10. 143/16

HALKYN PARISH HALL – TRUSTEE MEETING

Councillor G. T. Robinson recollected to the Members that all Councillors are Trustees of the Halkyn Parish Hall.

The Following was discussed:

- (1) Halkyn Parish Hall draft accounts for the year ending 2015/ 2016 were examined.
- (2) Halkyn Parish Hall Library.
- (3) Annual General Meeting of the Trustees to be held in November
- (4) Agenda items for the AGM – to be provided to the Clerk.

11. 144/16

CONCERNS IN RELATION TO CONDITION OF A5026 ROAD IN THE NANT (COUNCILLOR B. GLYN COLECLOUGH)

Councillor Glyn Coleclough brought to the attention of the Members, his concerns with the condition of the A5026 road – in The Nant. In particular, the area from the junction by the bridge to the turning to Cornist - especially near the Haven Garage whereby the road is deteriorating, quite significantly in places. Whilst some remedial work has been carried out by the County Council, the road is becoming dangerous.

The Members agreed the following: The Clerk to write to Flintshire County Council Highways, seeking an urgent inspection of the road - with a view to repairs being carried out as soon as possible.

12. 145/16

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
405	Scottish Power (June) - Street Lighting Electricity Account)	324.36	64.67	389.23
406	Blackwells Stonecraft Ltd (Cleaning, repainting of lead letters & additional inscription in Christchurch, Rhes Y Cae) NOTE: Above cheque cancelled – work has not been fully completed)	640.00	128.00	768.00
407	H. M. Revenue & Customs. Clerk’s PAYE & Clerk & Council NI -April, May & June 2016 - via The Post Office)	493.98		493.98

13. 146/16

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	Application for contribution towards the graveyard maintenance of the following Churches:	

408	St. Mary's Halkyn	270.00
409	St. Paul's Rhosesmor,	270.00
410	Christchurch, Rhes Y Cae	270.00
411	Capel Bethel Y Nant (Towards the 150 th Anniversary celebrations of the Chapel)	500.00
	Shelter (Wrexham)	No grant

14. 147/16

The Members agreed the payments of the above accounts and financial support as listed.

15(A). 148/16

Standing Orders were suspended:

Councillor Glyn Coleclough advised the Members, that whilst the Council's grass cutting contractor had cut the grass in the area of the Old Shop on Halkyn Village Green, the area near to the BT exchange looks unsightly with long grass. The Members agreed for Councillor Coleclough to arrange the grass cutting in the area of the BT exchange.

15(B). 149/16

Standing Orders were re-instated:

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

SIGNED BY THE

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE OF

APPROVAL.....