



CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN / HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Halkyn Community Council,
Held in the Halkyn Parish Hall,
On Monday the 15th February, 2016, at 7.30pm.**

**1(A). 23/16
PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs. Delyth Jones - Taylor (Chair)
Councillor David A. Hughes (Vice Chair)
Councillor Colin Barker
Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough
Councillor Brian Coleclough
Councillor L. Howard Morris
Councillor G. T. Robinson
Councillor Mrs. J. Wendy Sigsworth
Councillor John Thomas
Councillor Miss. C. Alex Wilcox

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

**1(B). 24/16
APOLOGIES**

Councillor Mrs. Sharon Davies
Councillor Paul B. Davies – Cooke
Councillor Colin Legg (County)
Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson

**2. 25/16
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared.

**3. 26/16
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 18TH JANUARY, 2016**

The Minutes were proposed as correct by Councillor Mrs. J. Wendy Sigsworth and seconded by Councillor Colin Barker and formally agreed by the Members present.

4. 27/16

MATTERS ARISING

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

Minute no: 4. 06/16 Sub minute no: 412. 215/15 4 / 189/15 etc., (page 2), in relation to the Clerk and Councillor David Hughes visiting the County Archives Office in Hawarden. The Clerk advised that the Chair Councillor Mrs. Delyth Jones-Taylor had signed the required authorisation letter to enable the items to be released from the County Archives.

Minute no: 4. 06/16 Sub minute no: 412. 215/15 / 9. 202/15 (page 2), in relation to the public appeal to seek resident's views in respect of the retention of the Halkyn Library. The Clerk referred to the global e-mail from Councillor G. T. Robison, who advised in respect of the present position – which was sent to all Councillors, including residents who had attended the public meeting. The Clerk further advised that two of the resident's e-mail addresses were incorrect and the mail had been returned. Three residents had replied to confirm their willingness to assist. **(See minute number: 9(A). 36/16 on page 5 below) for update.**

Minute no: 4. 06/16 Sub minute no: 8(A). 218/15 (page 3), in relation to the non-receipt of street lighting repairs and lack of communication from the Flintshire County Council street lighting department. The Clerk confirmed that Councillor Colin Legg had been provided with copies of all letters and e-mails since May, 2015. Councillor Legg had visited the Chief Executive, who indicated that he was perturbed by the lack of response by his staff. The Clerk further advised that within a week he had received invoices for payment including an update to outstanding faults.

Minute no: 5(B). 08/16 (c) (pages 4 and 5), in relation to an area of land in The Nant. The Clerk advised that he had made enquiries with the Land Registry in relation to the registration aspect. However, before the Clerk could proceed with an application to register, the land would require to be valued.

The Members agreed the following: The Clerk to instruct J. Bradburne Price & Co., in Mold, asking them to provide a valuation of the land. The Clerk to ask the Company to contact Councillor Brian Coleclough, who will arrange to meet their representative on site.

Minute no: 12.20/16 (1) (page 8), in relation to the provision of a new notice board in Berth Ddu. The Clerk advised that whist Councillor G. T. Robinson had met with a local joiner on site, to date, no quotation had been received.

The Members agreed the following: The Clerk to further contact the joiner, and the Chair and Vice Chair to make a financial decision in-between meetings to either accept the quotation or other.

5(A). 28/16

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- (1) Notification from Flintshire County Council Library Service, advising that from week commencing 29th February, 2016, the mobile library service will visit the various Communities on a three weekly cycle.
- (2) The Clerk advised in relation to a request from a resident in the Top y Wern area, for financial assistance from the Council to provide materials for track repairs. The Council reiterated their decision that they were unable to assist financially to repair tracts – taking

into consideration that the Council did not own any tracks / lanes within the Community. Councillor Colin Barker advised that he would enquire at the next meeting of the Tarmac Quarry Liaison, if the Quarry were able to supply materials to the residents.

- (3) The Clerk advised in relation to the Section 137 Expenditure limit for financial year 2016 / 2017, which had been received from the Welsh Assembly Government. The appropriate sum under Section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972, has been increased from £7.36 to £7.42 per elector. The Clerk further advised that there were 2,283 residents listed on the Register of Electors for 2016, within the Halkyn Community Council area. ($£7.42 \times 2,283 = £16,939.86$).
- (4) Information in relation to an application for European funding for Pan Wales Community Transport Project – which was e-mailed to all Councillors on the 5th February.
- (5) The Clerk advised that Councillor Colin Barker had provided himself with a letter received from Flintshire County Council Business Rates Department, which advised that the discretionary rate relief was to be reviewed, and any changes to commence from April 2017.

The following correspondence was taken as received:

- (i) Agenda for the Halkyn Mountain Common JCB meeting, to be held on 16th February, 2016.
- (ii) Flintshire County Council – Stakeholder Consultation in relation to Pan Wales Community Transport; application for European funding.
- (iii) Anonymous letter.

5(B). 29/16

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk advised in relation to his attendance at a Welsh Government Engagement event on the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill, in Llandudno on 4th February. Topics brought to the attention of the delegates and discussed, were as follows: amalgamation of Local Authorities followed by requirement for community councils to meet the criteria of; (a) that at least two-thirds of councillors on a community council must be elected (whether at an ordinary election or a by-election); (b) the council has received an unqualified auditor's opinion in respect of its accounts for 2 consecutive years, with the latest opinion having been received within the last 12 months, in order to be classed as a community council with competence.

Community councils will be required to assess and resolve whether they have 'competence' at each annual meeting held in the year of an ordinary election. This will remain 'with competence' until the next annual general meeting following an ordinary election. There will be mandatory training of community councillors dealing with planning and code of conduct.

Statutory Community Area Committees in each community area will be created and comprise all the county councillors in the community area and representation from community councils, other public bodies and voluntary bodies. Community Area Committees are intended to give councillors and community representatives direct influence over local spending by making an annual statement about local priorities and objectives.

The Boundary Commission for Wales will have a duty to conduct a community council review in each of the new counties formed as a result of changes to LA boundaries.

Elections to all community councils will be held in May 2017 and term of office will be for 6 years until 2023. From 2023 ordinary elections will then be every 5 years, which will align with the ordinary elections to the County Councils in which the communities are located.

The Members agreed the following: The Clerk to complete the consultation paper on behalf of the Halkyn Community Council, and to insert the comments agreed by the Members.

6. 30/16

REPRESENTATIVES / LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Representatives Reports

7(A). 31/16

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications had been received:

- (a) Application number: Tarmac - for out of hours working from Pant Quarry, between the hours of 1800 to 0200, on Thursday 28th January.

Comments by Council: No objection (this application was subsequently withdrawn).

- (b) Application number: 054777, for the erection of a garage at, 1 Halkyn Hall Estate, Pentre Halkyn.

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

(The above two applications were sent to the Chairman for consultation with the local Member(s) due to statutory time limits for observations).

7(B). 32/16

The Members agreed with the above decisions.

7(C). 33/16

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

- ❖ Application number: 054768, for variation of condition number 17, attached to planning permission Ref: 00/20/570, to increase production, at Cemex, Pant Y Pwll Dwr Quarry, Pentre Halkyn.

Comment by Council: To support the application. Providing the applicant agrees and takes necessary precautions to mitigate environmental damage and impact in the locality, including the transportation aspect.

7(D). 34/16

PLANNING DECISIONS

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

- (a) Application number: 054667, for alterations and extension at Fron Oleu, Rhes Y Cae. Approved.
- (b) Application number: 054551, for listed building work etc., at The Old Hall, Pentre Road, Halkyn. Approved.

- (c) Application number: 054777, for erection of single story extension and erection of a garage at, 1 Halkyn Hall Estate, Pentre Halkyn. Approved.

8. 35/16

COMMUNITY LIGHTING

The following lamps have been reported out of order since the last meeting:

- (a) Lamp number: 2, Near Cartref, Pant Y Gof, Halkyn.
- (b) Lamp number: 7, Near Ivy Cottage, Rhos Y Cae.

The following lamps were reported out of order at the meeting:

- (i) Lamp number: 27, Near The Old Vicarage in Berth Ddu.
- (j) On B5123, Near Tiger Tim in Rhosesmor. (Cllr Mrs. Delyth Jones-Taylor to advise the Clerk of location of lamp).

9(A). 36/16

HALKYN PARISH HALL LIBRARY (CLLR G. T. ROBINSON)

Councillor G. T. Robinson reported on a favourable meeting with the Flintshire Library Service, whereby the Community Council could retain the services of the present librarian, with the County Council invoicing the Community Council for this service. During the negotiations with the County Council, the County had agreed that the Halkyn library would be able to borrow 100 books a quarter, which appears to be in excess of the present position.

Councillor Robinson advised the Members in relation to various funding outlets, including the Grosvenor Foundation and Cadwyn Clwyd. Councillor Robinson further advised that possibly the library could be registered as a new charity. It was hoped that a new agreement could be in place by 1st April, 2016. Councillor Robinson referred to various IT start- up costs.

The Members agreed the following: (a) Councillor Robinson to set up a new Halkyn Library Charity (b) The Community Council agree, in principle, to finance the IT start- up costs (c) to provide Councillor G. T. Robinson with £100.00, toward his various expenses.

9(B). 37/16

TO REVIEW THE CONSTITUTION OF HALKYN PARISH HALL TRUST (CLLR G. T. ROBINSON)

Councillor G. T. Robinson referred to the Halkyn Parish Hall Trust that was set up 16 years ago – whereby all Councillors’ are Trustees of the Parish Hall. As Trustees the Council under the constitution are required to ensure that they hold a yearly meeting and receive financial feedback from the Parish Hall Management Committee. Councillor Robinson suggested that the Trustees meeting could be an agenda item at a future Council meeting.

The Members agreed the following: The Clerk to place the following agenda item on the April Council Agenda ‘Annual General Meeting of the Halkyn Parish Hall Trustees’

10. 38/16

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £

372	Scottish Power (January - Street Lighting Electricity Account)	335.02	67.00	402.02
373	Flintshire County Council (Street lighting repairs and maintenance inspections – May to August, 2015)	927.50		927.50
374	Flintshire County Council (Street lighting repairs and maintenance inspections – September to December 2015)	751.50		751.50
376	G. T. Robinson (Expenses payment in relation to Halkyn Parish Hall Library - Service Level Agreement)	100.00		100.00

11. 39/16

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
375	Caerwys Agricultural Show	100.00
376	This cheque was issued in above approval of accounts for payment	

12. 40/16

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

13(A). 41/16

Standing Orders Were Suspended

- (1) Councillor Miss. Alex Wilcox advised the Members, in respect to complaints received in relation to fly tipping and burning of items on common land in The Windmill area. The Clerk was asked to contact the Grosvenor Estate seeking an inspection of the area.
- (2) Councillor Miss. Alex Wilson advised the Members, in respect to complaints received in relation to the riding of motor bikes on common land in The Windmill area. The Clerk advised that a number of similar complaints had been received in the Rhes Y Cae area last year, and the advice received from the North Wales Police, was to immediately dial 101 to report the incident.

13(B). 42/16

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.....**