



CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN / HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

1(A). 60/16 PRESENT

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

Councillor Colin Legg (Flintshire County Councillor)

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 61/16 APOLOGIES

Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough
Councillor Mrs. Sharon Davies
Councillor Paul B. Davies - Cooke
Councillor L. Howard Morris

1(C). 62/16 Standing Orders were suspended:

1(D). 63/16 ATTENDANCE AT MEETING BY MR. STEVE JONES (FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL)

The Chairman Councillor Mrs. Delyth Jones-Taylor welcomed Mr. Steve Jones to the meeting.

Mr. Jones thanked the Members for agreeing to his attendance at the evening's Council meeting, and advised in relation to the purpose of the visit; the withdrawal of bus subsidies within the County of Flintshire. Mr. Jones provided details in relation to the County budget, including where savings could be achieved, with the education and social care budgets restricted.

Mr. Jones referred to the reduction in rural bus service funding from the Welsh Assembly and the necessity for Flintshire County Council to review the bus subsidy throughout the County on all bus routes. The provision of bus services was not a statutory function of the County Council; but the County do not wish to stop the bus services subsidy immediately - they wished to support the Communities.

Mr. Jones provided the Members with copies of a Cabinet approved 'core network of bus services map' and stated that it was hoped that the areas affected by a reduction of services will be able to link in with the core services. Mr. Jones advised that the County wished to engage with the community and apart from visits to Town & Community Councils – a further Workshops will be held in Mold during April. Bus service operators and others will be in attendance at the workshops.

Mr. Jones advised as to the part withdrawal of bus service number 126 (Holywell, Milwr, Pentre Halkyn, Windmill, Rhosesmor and Mold – including the return journey). The withdrawal of the subsidy for the journey via Allt Y Plas, and The Windmill, Halkyn. The withdrawal of journeys at 17.10 from Holywell to Mold and at 17.45 from Mold to Holywell (Monday to Saturday). Mr. Jones advised that the Windmill and Allt Y Plas route was subsidised in the red key area – at a cost in excess of £5.00 per passenger. The two reductions in services were in the yellow medium key area – at a cost in-between £2.01 and £5.00 per passenger.

Mr. Jones referred to a number of community bus schemes that can be operate as a service to the community. There were a number of charity assisted car and mini bus services, such as Estuary Cars Near Holywell and Border Cars in Buckley. The County would wish to work with the Community Council and Community Transport providers to provide a link into the service centre / core bus routes. Grant funding was available from the Welsh Assembly Government and other streams, whereby funding could be provided for a mini bus. The County Council would facilitate any joint venture with Town and Community Councils, including providing an Officer to assist.

The Council Members raised the following:

Councillor Mrs. Wendy Sigsworth enquired in relation to bus passes. Mr. Jones advised that the passes are paid by the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG). The County are in discussion with WAG to ascertain if the passes will be acceptable on community run services. Councillor David Hughes referred to the subsidised cost of the services and enquired if the subsidy is reviewed each year. Mr. Jones advised that the routes are reviewed each year, whereby some subsidises are removed and transferred to another service. Following a number of other questions, including could the school bus service also provide a passenger service. Mr. Jones confirmed that this was possible, but only if there was no bus service on the route.

Speed Limits within the Community:

Mr. Jones referred to the various changes to speed limits within Flintshire and advised that the WAG asked all County Councils in Wales to review their speed limits. In Flintshire there were 36 proposals and 31 have been completed. Five areas where the original speed orders were not updated was due to a number of professional people who objected to the orders – one being in the Halkyn Community Council area. The issues have been addressed by the County Legal department, and the necessary newspaper advertisements will be made in the near future and the speed limits should be in place in approximately three weeks.

The Chair Councillor Mrs. Delyth Jones-Taylor thanked Mr. Jones for attending the meeting and for his informative report.

1(E). 64/16

Standing Orders were restored:

2. 65/16

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared.

3. 66/16

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH MARCH, 2016

The Minutes were proposed as correct by Councillor Brian Coleclough and seconded by Councillor Colin Barker and formally agreed by the Members present.

4. 67/16

MATTERS ARISING

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

Minute no: 4. 47/16 – Sub minute no. 4. 27/16 and 5(b) (page 2), in relation to an area of land in The Nant. The Clerk advised that a valuation completed by J. Bradburne Price & Co., in Mold, had been received. Whilst the report referred to the area of land in general, the valuation figure was £12,000.00.

The Members agreed the following: The Clerk to complete the required Land Registry application to register the land. The Clerk advised that he would also forward various supporting documents.

Minute no: 4. 47/16 – Sub minute no. 4. 27/16 and 12/20 (page 2), in relation to the repair of a notice board in Berth Ddu. Councillor G. T. Robinson asked that the Clerk contact the joiner, as there appeared to be a relatively small concern that could be simply rectified.

Minute no: 4. 47/16 – Sub minute no. 9(A). 36/16 (page 2), in relation to the Halkyn Library Service Level Agreement with Flintshire County Council. The Clerk advised that following the March Council meeting, the Council signed copy of the agreement had been sent to County Hall. An acknowledgement had been received and a signed copy by the Chief Officer would be received in due course.

Minute no: 5(A). 48/16 (2) (page 3), in relation to an exchange visit by a group of Japanese students. The Clerk advised that the offer by the Community Council, to host the students with an historical walk facilitated by Councillor John Thomas – had been agreed by the Exchange Committee. The Committee were extremely grateful to the Community Council. The date was confirmed as Friday 29th July, at 2.00pm.

Minute no: 12. 59/16 (page 7), in relation to pot hole concerns on the Pentre Halkyn to Rhes Y Cae Road, including opposite the play area in Rhes Y Cae. The Clerk advised that he had not received an update from the Street Scene Supervisor. However, the County Council were experiencing a number of pot hole issues across the County. Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson expressed her concerns with a number of pot holes that are full of water, which results in vehicle drivers not realising that there is a deep pot hole underneath the water. The Clerk advised that he would further contact the Supervisor.

5(A). 68/16

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 that PCSO Carol Richards was unable to attend the meeting, and had provided the following information: **(a)** Anti-social behaviour: Complaints in relation to off road bikes on the mountain in various locations **(b)** Operation Rogue Trader – during week 11th to 15th April. Cold calling packs will be delivered to areas designated as ‘No cold calling zones’
- (2) The Clerk referred to his e-mail which was cascaded to Members in relation to the Flintshire County Council - Flintshire Local Development Plan - Key Messages: Setting the future direction for the Plan. The Members agreed the replies to each question and asked that the Clerk submit to the County Council.
- (3) The Clerk referred the Members to an e-mail forwarded to all Councillors in relation to a Consultation on Waste Collection, Household Recycling Centre and Bring Site Policy – by Flintshire County Council. The e-mail provided details in relation to a number of questions that the County Council wished all Town and Community Councils in Flintshire to complete. The Members agreed the replies to each question and asked that the Clerk submit electronically to the County Council.
- (4) The Clerk advised that Flintshire County Council – Leisure Services Department, had confirmed the receipt of grant funding to enable the Summer Play Scheme 2016 to continue. Further details will be issued to Councils in due course.
- (5) The Clerk advised in relation to a number of e-mails received from residents in Rhes Y Cae and Halkyn, following their receipt of letters from the Land Registry – which referred to the Crown Estates Registration of Mining and Mineral Rights.

County Councillor Colin Legg advised the Members that he had spoken with the Office of the Crown Estate and was in possession of a map identifying the areas in relation to the mining and mineral rights. Councillor Legg advised that he would be pleased to provide residents with further information. Councillor G. T. Robinson advised, that if any resident was concerned with the completion of the form enclosed with letters received, they should consult with an appropriate professional.

5(B). 69/16

CLERK'S REPORT

- (i) The Clerk advised that following a request from a resident in Pentre Halkyn, he had written to the Flintshire Street Scene Supervisor, requesting attention to the following: **(a)** Grass cutting – along the road from Pentre Halkyn to Brynford. The grass on the embankment requires attention **(b)** The road gullies on the Brynford Road were full to the top. The Clerk further advised that the Supervisor had confirmed that the cutting of grass and emptying of the gullies had been listed and would be completed in a few days.
- (ii) The Clerk advised in relation to further complaints from a resident in Pentre Halkyn, in respect of white dust setting in their garden, window ledges and motor vehicle. The Clerk advised that he had provided the resident with the name and contact telephone number for the manager of a local quarry.
- (iii) The Clerk advised of his attendance at a meeting of the Society of Local Council Clerks. The Clerk further advised that a representative from the newly appointed External Auditor for Wales had provided a presentation in relation to the new Annual Return and Governance Statement – on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales.

- (iv) The Clerk referred to the request made to the Council's insurance company to increase the value of the Chair's Regalia on the policy. The Clerk advised that following two requests to AON Insurance, the Company had advised that the additional premium would be £38.43.

The Members agreed the following: Agreed the increased premium.

- (v) The Clerk advised that he had contacted the Company in St. Asaph, whose quotation had been agreed for the provision of a new bus shelter in the Windmill. The Company were apologising for the delivery and installation delay. The Shelter will be delivered and installed in early May

5(C). 70/16

TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS FOR 2015 / 2016

The Clerk provided the Members with a copy of the end of year Statement of Financial Accounts for the year 2015 / 2016. The Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer, advised the Members further in relation to the accounts and the end of year balance. **The Members agreed the end of year accounts for the financial year 2015 / 2016, with the financial spreadsheet signed by the Chair of the Council.**

6. 71/16

REPRESENTATIVES / LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no representatives reports.

7(A). 72/16

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications have been received:

- (a) Application number: 055101, for the Removal of condition No 4 attached to planning permission 048283, relating to holiday accommodation restriction, at Rose Mount, Halkyn.

Comment by Council: Providing it complies with relevant planning policies, then no objection to the proposal.

- (b) Application number: 055052, for the erection of two storey extension to side of dwelling, at Cupola Cottage, Halkyn.

Comment by Council: Providing it complies with relevant planning policies, then no objection to the proposal.

(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). 73/16

The Members agreed with the above decisions.

7(C). 74/16

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

- (1) Application number: 055194, for removal of existing side extension and erection of two-storey side extension at, 4 Crown Cottages, Halkyn

Comment by Council: Providing it complies with relevant planning policies, then no objection to the proposal.

- (2) Application number: 055218, for Creation of Overburden Storage Bund, at Pant Y Pwll Dwr Quarry, Pentre Halkyn.

Comment by Council: No objection to the application as long as the proposal is not detrimental to (neighbouring properties/highway/AONB/SSSI/etc), and planning policies are complied with.

7(D). 75/16

PLANNING DECISIONS

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

- ❖ Application number: 054940, for alterations to access / parking at plot 11 and addition of garage to dwelling at plot 10, at land to the rear of The Stores House, Rhes Y Cae.
Approved.

8(A). 76/16

COMMUNITY LIGHTING

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

- (a) Lamp number: 35 – just past the Springfield Hotel. The Clerk advised that this lamp has recently been repaired and would appear to be faulty again. The Clerk further advised that he would seek a report from Flintshire Lighting Department.
- (b) Lamp opposite the goods entrance to Tiger Tim in Rhosesmor was reported as still faulty. The Clerk advised the would also seek a report from Flintshire Lighting Department.

8(B). 77/16

Councillor Mrs. Delyth Jones-Taylor advised the Members, that she had been requested by a resident in Wern Y Gaer, if the Council could provide a street light near Hill Cottage. The Clerk advised that if there was an electricity pole in the area whereon a lamp could be installed, the Council could seek a quotation. The Clerk further advised, that should a new lighting column be required, the underground cabling cost would be prohibitive.

The Members agreed the following: Councillor Mrs. Delyth Jones-Taylor to contact the resident in Wern Y Gaer, to ascertain if an existing electricity pole could be utilised to install a new lamp.

8(C). 78/16

REVIEW OF CEMETERY FEES – 2016 / 2017

The Clerk advised that the review of Cemetery fees generally took place in April of each year. The Clerk suggested that the review date be amended to another month. This would provide the Clerk with time to collate the increases from the Flintshire County Council, together with other Council owned Cemeteries in the County – following their increases, which are not published until May or possibly June of each year.

The Members agreed the following: The review of Cemetery fees to be placed on the July agenda each year.

8(D). 79/16

Councillor Brian Coleclough advised that he had been approached by a member of the Halkyn St. Mary's Parochial Church Council, in relation to the refusal by Flintshire County Council to empty the two brown bins. Apparently the County Council are insisting that the two burial areas belong to the Church. The Clerk advised that he had also been contacted by St. Mary's Church Warden.

The Members agreed the following: The Clerk to write an appropriate letter to Flintshire County Council, providing evidence that the two burial areas are separate identities. To seek confirmation that the two brown bins will be emptied in the future.

9. 80/16

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – HALKYN PARISH HALL

Councillor G. T. Robinson referred to the Halkyn Parish Hall Trust Constitution, and in particular, to paragraph 10 – Meetings of the Trustees and paragraph 13 – Annual General Meeting.

The Clerk advised that paragraph 10 stated that the Trustees should hold at least two ordinary meetings in a year. Paragraph 13 stated that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held in the month of November in each year, or as soon as practicable thereafter. The Clerk further advised that the AGM was to be advertised by Public Notice at least fourteen days before such meeting is held.

Councillor Colin Barker referred to the calling of a Management Committee meeting, whereby only two members attended – himself and Councillor Mrs. Wendy Sigsworth. Councillor Barker further advised, that another public meeting would be called, which would be advertised in the Halkyn Mountain News.

The Members agreed the following: The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Hall Trustees to be held in November of each year – to commence 30 minutes prior to the November Community Council meeting. The Clerk to formally advertise the meeting. The six monthly ordinary meetings to be held during the months of March and July of each year

10. 81/16

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
386	Scottish Power (March Street Lighting Electricity Account)	335.02	67.00	402.02
387	Flintshire County Council (Maintenance & Street light repairs – January, February & March)	416.50		416.50
388	Gwyn R. Jones - Joiner (Refurbishment of notice board in Berth Ddu)	585.00		585.00
389	G. T. Robinson (Re-imburement of items for Halkyn Library – as per receipt)	78.95	15.79	94.74
390	R. P. Parry – Clerk (Re-imburement of stationery and ink £153.66 – one third share with Caerwys & Dyserth Councils = £51.22 as per receipts)	42.69	8.53	51.22
391	R. P. Parry – Clerk (Re-imburement of book of postal stamps – as per receipt)	64.00		64.00

**11. 82/16
APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	No applications received	

**12. 83/16
The Members agreed the payments of the above accounts as listed.**

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

**SIGNED BY THE
CHAIRMAN.....**

**DATE OF
APPROVAL.....**