



# **CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN / HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Halkyn Community Council,  
Held in the Halkyn Parish Hall,  
On Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, at 7.30pm.**

**1(A). 139/18  
PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson (Chair)  
Councillor G. T. Robinson (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Colin Barker  
Councillor Brian Coleclough  
Councillor Colin R. D'Arcy  
Councillor L. Howard Morris  
Councillor David G. Roberts  
Councillor Dylan Roberts  
Councillor Mrs. J. Wendy Sigsworth  
Councillor Mrs. Delyth Taylor  
Councillor John Thomas

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

**1(B). 140/18  
APOLOGIES**

Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough  
Councillor Miss. Jean S. Davies (Community & County)  
Councillor Colin Legg (Flintshire County)

**1(C). 141/18  
SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE: COLIN R. D'ARCY  
(CO-OPTED COUNCIL MEMBER FOR PENTRE HALKYN WARD)**

Councillor Colin R. D'Arcy signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Clerk to the Council R. Phillip Parry, duly witnessed the signing of the above Declaration of Acceptance of Office – as the Proper Officer of the Community Council of Halkyn.

The Chair of Council – Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson, congratulated Councillor D'Arcy upon his appointment.

**2. 142/18  
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared.

### **3. 143 /18**

#### **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2018**

The Minutes were proposed as correct by Councillor Brian Coleclough and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wendy Sigsworth and formally agreed by the Members present.

### **4. 144/18**

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

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

**Minute no: 4. 125/18 sub minute no: 9.98/18 & 4.49/18 (page 2)** in relation to the installation of defibrillators within the Community area of Halkyn Council. The Clerk advised, that he had met with an Ambulance First Responder from the Charity who are arranging the purchase and installation of four defibrillators within the community. The following premises were visited: Halkyn Parish Hall, Pentre Halkyn Community Centre, Rhosesmor Village Hall and Rhes y Cae Village Hall. All the premises were identified by the First Responder, as being suitable to house a defibrillator and housing unit.

The Clerk advised, that the next stage was to seek the permission of the respective management committees of each premises, to agree the installation at the premises, and also to connect to the building's electricity supply.

**Members agreed the following:** (1) The Clerk to write to the Management Committees for the above Village premises, to seek their agreement to the installation of a defibrillator on the outside wall of the building – and to be connected to the premises electricity supply (2) The Clerk to advise, that the Community Council would be willing to re-imburse the yearly cost of electricity usage (3) Members confirmed the purchase of four defibrillator housing units in stainless steel – at a cost of £499.00 plus VAT – and to include an alarm system, at a cost of £20.00 plus VAT.

**Minute no: 4. 125/18 sub minute no: 9.98/18 & 4.49/18 etc., (page 2)** in relation to the installation of a bus shelter in the Windmill. The Clerk, using the audio visual equipment produced photographs of the newly installed bus shelter. The Clerk advised that following an inspection of the bus shelter by the Council's joiner, the following was identified: (1) Taking into consideration the area of the bus shelter – in open countryside, the shelter could be made more secure, by the installation of two diagonal braces at wall plate level from both sides and meeting in the centre (2) To consider the installation of safety glass to the open windows (3) to place an appropriate gate system to the front of the shelter.

**Members agreed the following:** (1) The Clerk to seek a quotation for the various works – as referred to above (2) The Clerk to send to Councillors' Glyn Coleclough an Howard Morris, the bus shelter specification, together with the base specification – as agreed with the manufacturer and Flintshire County Council.

**Minute no: 4. 125/18 sub minute no: 9.98/18 & 4.49/18 & 2.28/18 (page 3)** in relation to the installation of goal posts in Rhes y Cae. (1) The Clerk advised, that he had written further to Natural Resources Wales (2) The County Ecologist report will be available within the next two weeks – whereby the Clerk will complete the application for consent by Natural Resources Wales (3) To confirm the size of the goal posts. Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson – confirmed the size of the posts as 21ft by 7ft.

**Minute no: 4. 125/18 sub minute no: 9.98/18 & 5(B) 51/18 (page 3)** in relation to new signage in Halkyn Parish Hall and Pentre Halkyn Community Centre. The Clerk recollected to the Members, that two local signage companies, had basically let down the Community Council. The Clerk

advised, that a third Company had agreed to meet with the Clerk at the Halkyn Parish Hall and Pentre Halkyn Community Centre next week – whereby, in anticipation, a quotation will be available in due course. The Clerk further advised, that the quotation would be for over £500.00, therefore under the financial regulations, the quotation would have to be discussed in the September Council meeting.

**Minute no: 4. 125/18 sub minute no: 9.98/18 & 14(A). 63/18 (page 3)** in relation to the provision of a footpath from the junction of B5123 – bottom of Rhosesmor Hill and the junction with the A541 road in Rhydymwyn. The Clerk advised that County Councillor Colin Legg, had kindly spoken with the Chief Executive of Flintshire, together with the Head of Highways, in respect of the non-reply to a number of letters.

A reply had been received from Mr. Steve Jones (Chief officer – StreetScene and Transportation) – who firstly apologised for the delay in responding to the various letters. The letter stated the following: ‘the request for additional footpath provision, I have to inform you that unfortunately, the Council does not provide capital funding for highway improvements of this nature and we rely on any bids to Welsh Government for funding to improve road safety. I have asked the Council’s Highway Strategy Manager to include the location in next year’s bidding process. We will keep you informed of any progress, however, we are not normally notified of our success or otherwise in the bidding process until May each year’.

**Minute no: 5(A). 126/18 (4) (page 4)** in relation to speeding traffic concerns in the area of Berth Ddu. The Clerk advised that he had received from the North Wales Police, details in relation to a speed survey which had been carried out in the area – as follows:

*‘Speed survey data for the B5123, Berth Ddu. This data was collected between March 14<sup>th</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup>, and is as follows;*

*Average Speed: 32.7mph  
85<sup>th</sup>oile Speed: 38.8mph  
95<sup>th</sup>oile Speed: 43.7mph*

*I have attached the survey if you wish to review the data in full. When looking at Community Concern Sites, the criteria for a 30mph road would be an average speed and percentile of above 35mph. Due to there being an unusually large difference between the average speed and percentile speeds, I have assessed the road for risks to vulnerable road users, which also does not meet the deployment criteria.*

*Therefore, based on the above, we cannot create a new site along the road. As you may be aware, there is a live site further down the road which we will continue to enforce. I will also pass your concerns over to the Local Policing Team and Roads Policing Unit, who will be able to look into the complaints of speeding HGVs’.*

Councillor Mrs. Delyth Taylor advised, as to her personal experiences of speeding traffic through the Village of Rhosesmor, and wished to received information in relation to the number of speeding tickets issued in the area.

**Members agreed the following:** the Clerk to seek a Freedom of Information request to the North Wales Police, to receive the number of speeding vehicles detected, whereby either fixed penalty notices were issued, Court proceedings commenced – including the number of warning letters – sent from January 2018 to-date. The request relates to the B5123 road, between Halkyn and Rhosesmor (to include the area of Berth Ddu).

**5(A). 145/18**  
**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 following report which had been received from PCSO Connor Freel – to reported criminal offences within the Community: Halkyn: Further reports in relation to drink drivers leaving the Britannia Inn, under the influence of alcohol / Van broken into / people shooting from vehicles – possibly lamping / Arson – deliberate ignition on Halkyn Mountain: Pentre Halkyn: Burglary / Arson at Aberdo Quarry – deliberate ignition.
- (2) Flintshire County Council – Match funding scheme for improvements to Children’s play areas 2018 / 2019. The Clerk advised that the annual report from Flintshire County Council, advised that the Rhes y Cae play area has been identified as being most in need of investment. The maximum match funding is £10,000.00

**Members agreed the following:** To match fund the Rhes Y Cae area – to the maximum of £10,000.00

- (3) Flintshire County Council – Notification in relation to remind Town & Community Councils, that the meetings of the planning committee are available to view on webcast. **The Clerk to forward to Members the link details by e-mail.**
- (4) Grosvenor Estate: Notification in relation to increased patrols on Halkyn Mountain, to detect fires and pre-cursor activity.

**5(B).146 /18**  
**CLERK’S REPORT**

- ❖ The Clerk advised that the Independent Remuneration Panel’s annual return in relation to published allowances and expenses for Members for 2017 / 2018 had been submitted to the Panel.

**5(C). 147/18**  
**TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO THE 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018**

The Clerk, as Financial Officer, provided the Members with a copy of the Quarterly Statement of Accounts, to the end of June 2018, together with copies of the two Council Bank account statements. The Clerk further provided Members with a breakdown in relation to the budget headings, which included income and expenditure to-date. **The Members approved the Statement of Accounts, and the document was signed by the Chair, Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson.**

**5(D). 148/18**  
**REVIEW OF CEMETERY CHARGES – 2018 / 2019**

The Clerk provided Members with details of the present Community Council fees for Halkyn Council Cemetery – together with details of other Council administered Cemetery fees.

**Members agreed the following:** (1) Resident fees: Not to increase the resident fees (2) Non-residents: To increase the non-resident fees (3) The Clerk was asked to advise the local Funeral Directors in relation to the changes in fees, and to update the website accordingly.

## **5(E). 149/18**

### **ANNUAL CEMETERY INSPECTION**

The Clerk advised that the Annual Cemetery Inspection, had taken place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July. The following Councillors were in attendance: Colin Barker, Brian Coleclough, Mrs. Nicola Richardson – together with the Clerk. An apology had been received from Councillor Mrs. Wendy Sigsworth.

Two memorial headstones were found to require attention. The headstones were slightly loose and were not required to be pushed over.

The Clerk further advised, that the two memorial stones had been erected by the same Monumental Mason – whom the Clerk had notified of the concern – and had received an acknowledgement.

## **5(F). 150/18**

### **PROPOSED EXTENSION OF COUNCIL CEMETERY PATHWAY**

The Clerk advised, that during the above Annual Inspection of the Cemetery, the Council Members discussed on site, the possible extension to the current pathway, to the hedge at the bottom of the cemetery. Whilst one quotation had been received some months ago, at least two further quotations are required.

**Members agreed the following:** (1) The Clerk to place the item on the September agenda (2) The Clerk to forward to Councillors' Colin Barker and Brian Coleclough – the specifications for the extension of the pathway – whereby the two Councillors' will each obtain a further quotation.

## **6. 151/18**

### **REPRESENTATIVES / LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no representatives reports

## **7. 152/18**

### **COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS (COUNCILLOR MISS. JEAN S. DAVIES & COUNCILLOR COLIN LEGG)**

**The Clerk advised in relation to the following report, that had been received from Councillor Miss. Jean Davies:**

- ❖ Attended a meeting with residents from Hafod Park, regarding dog fouling and uncut grass. Dog fouling stickers have been circulated and the grass has now been cut.
- ❖ A petition is being organised in Pentre Halkyn, in relation to the quarry lorries and in particular, the recent accident.

The Clerk further advised, that the following concern had been brought to the attention of Councillor Miss. Jean Davies. Lack of a road name sign on Martin's Hill. It is thought that the name of Martin's Hill, is a local name and not the registered road name. The Councillors' suggested that the correct name of the road could possibly be Halkyn Hall Road.

**The Clerk advised in relation to the following report, that had been received from Councillor Colin Legg:**

- (a) Councillor Legg had visited the office of the Chief Executive and Chief of Highways, to complain in relation to the non-reply of letters – in particular, the request for a footpath on the A541 road.

- (b) Delay in speed limit restriction order on the B5123 road in Halkyn. The County have received an objection to the modification of the speed limit – which will result in the matter being held in the Magistrates Court.

#### **8(A). 153/18**

##### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**The following planning application had been received:**

- (a) Application number: 058510 – for single storey side extension to improve kitchen, dining and utility are, at Kelven, 10 Bryn Eithin Pentre Halkyn.

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

**(The above application was sent to the Chairman for consultation with the local Member(s) due to statutory time limits for observations).**

#### **8(B). 154/18**

**The Members agreed with the above decision.**

#### **8(C). 155/18**

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

- (1) Application number: 058527 – for addition of stone cladding and fibre cement board cladding to the external walls, at Swallowdale, The Nant.

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

- (2) Application number: 058631 – for change of use of former School into two self-catering holiday cottages, at the former Rhes Y Cae Primary School.

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

#### **8(D). 156/18**

##### **PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

- (a) Application number: 057311 – for proposed single storey side extension, at Ty Celyn, Rhes Y Cae. Approved.
- (b) Application number: 057312 – Listed building application – as per above application details at Ty Celyn. Approved.
- (c) Application number: 058490 – for approval of details reserved by condition 4 – planning ref: 057191, at Plas Yn Graig, Halkyn. Approved.
- (d) Application number: 057897 – for demolition of existing billiard and utility room / extension etc., at Maes Alyn, Rhosesmor. Approved.

#### **9(A). 157/18**

##### **COMMUNITY LIGHTING**

The Clerk advised, that a number of faulty street lights had been reported. As the Council have suspended replacing faulty bulbs, these lights will be functional following the change of lanterns to LED models.

**9(B). 158/18**

**TO CONSIDER: COLOUR OF LED NEW STREET LANTERNS**

The Clerk recollected to Members, a public notice placed in the last edition of the Halkyn Mountain News – which referred to the installation of four LED lights on the B5123 in Rhosesmor. Two lights were white in colour, with two having a light blue filter. The public notice sought the views of residents in relation to their preference, as to which model colour light. The Clerk advised, that unfortunately, there had been only limited observations received from residents – who had indicated their preference to the white LED model lantern.

**Members agreed the following:** The Clerk to advise the Electrical Contractor, that the replacement lanterns within the Community Council area of Halkyn – to be white LED models.

**10. 159/18**

**HALKYN PARISH HALL TRUST**

(a) The Clerk advised, that the Management Committee had held their regular meeting recently. The Minutes would be sent to the Clerk in due course.

(b) Councillor Mrs. Wendy Sigsworth advised, that the Management Committee were wishing to paint the interior of the Hall. The Committee are in the process of obtaining quotations.

**11. 160/18**

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Net £</b>	<b>Vat £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
555	Scottish Power (June - Street Lighting Electricity Supply)	325.85	65.17	391.02
556	Flintshire County Council (Play area match funding of £15,000 in Rhosesmor and Pentre Halkyn / New pedestrian gate in Rhosesmor play area £1,325.00)	16,325.00		16,325.00
557	Zoll Medical UK Ltd (Purchase of four defibrillator units for Halkyn, Pentre Halkyn, Rhes y Cae & Rhosesmor - £800.00 each plus VAT)	3,200.00	640.00	3,840.00
558	Halkyn Parish Hall Trust (Hire of Hall for Library & internet charge for 13 weeks)	397.50		397.50
559	CRS Haulage (Remove cattle grid and fill with stone and replace – as agreed quotation)	469.07	93.81	526.88
560	H. M. Revenue & Customs. Clerk's PAYE & Clerk & Council NI - April, May & June 2018	469.76		469.76
561	R. P. Parry – Clerk (Re-imburement of bulk purchase of stationery & ink – as per receipts)	60.76	12.15	72.91

**12. 161/18**

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Name of organisation</b>	<b>Amount granted £</b>
562	Rhosesmor Pensioners Fund (Application towards funding for 2018 Christmas party)	300.00
563	Halkyn & District Over 50's Club (Application for funding to purchase neighbourhood watch signage)	57.00

**13. 162/18**

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

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

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

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