



# **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 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, at 7.30pm.**

**1(A). 87/19  
PRESENT**

Councillor G. T. Robinson (Chair)  
Councillor Brian Coleclough (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Colin Barker  
Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough  
Councillor Colin R. D'Arcy  
Councillor Miss. Jean S. Davies (Community & County)  
Councillor L. Howard Morris  
Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson  
Councillor David G. Roberts  
Councillor Mrs. J. Wendy Sigsworth  
Councillor John Thomas

Councillor Colin Legg (Flintshire County)

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

**1(B). 88/19  
APOLOGIES**

Councillor Dylan Roberts  
Councillor Mrs. Delyth Taylor

**2. 89/19  
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**The following Declarations of Interest were Declared:** Councillors' Brian Coleclough and Brian Glyn Coleclough, in relation to planning application number: 059992 – for change of use of agricultural land to commercial use (B8) (Storage), at Pistyll Farm, The Nant (**See Minute number: 8(C). 99/19 (3) on page 5 below**).

**3. 90/19  
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2019**

The Minutes were proposed as correct by Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson and seconded by Councillor Miss. Jean Davies and formally agreed by the Members present.

#### **4. 91/19**

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

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

**Minute no: 9.72/19 sub minute numbers: 4.48/19 & 4.28/19 & 4.05/19 (page 4)** in relation to additional inscriptions on Rhosesmor Cenotaph. The Clerk advised that despite a number of e-mail's sent to the Monumental Mason, there had been no reply.

**Members agreed the following:** Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson to endeavour to obtain a telephone contact number for Mr. Simon Winter and to provide to the Clerk.

**Minute no: 9.72/19 sub minute numbers: 4.48/19 & 4.48/19 & 4.28/19 & 5(A).06/10 (page 4)** in relation to Rhes Y Cae Play area new equipment. The Clerk advised that a second draft play area equipment scheme had been provided by Aura Leisure. Councillor Mrs. Richardson advised, that this scheme, whilst one piece of equipment was suitable, the children's parents in Rhes Y Cae would prefer an item similar to an item in the Rhosesmor play area.

**Members agreed the following:** Councillor David Roberts to kindly take a photograph of the proposed play equipment in Rhosesmor and send to the Clerk. The Clerk to confirm with Councillor Mrs. Richardson the suitability of the play item - and to advise Aura Leisure should the item be acceptable – seeking to be included in a further draft. Members further agreed, to Councillor Mrs. Richardson accepting, or other, the new draft proposal for the play area equipment.

**Minute no: 9.72/19 sub minute numbers: 4.48/19 & 6.33/19(b) (page 4)** in relation to a longer lantern arm – on a lamp sited on Brynford Road, Pentre Halkyn. Councillor Colin D'Arcy advised that the new lantern arm has been erected.

**Minute no: 9.72/19 sub minute number: 5(A).49/19 (2) (i) (page 4)** in relation to a new central heating system in Halkyn Parish Hall. The Clerk advised that the Parish Hall Committee had received two quotations for a new heating system – at a cost of £5,109.60 and £5,050.00 (both include VAT).

**Members agreed the following:** Accepted the quotation from Denman & Wilkinson for the sum of £5,109.60.

**Minute no: 9.72/19 sub minute numbers: 5(B). 50/19 (d) (page 4)** in relation to a letter sent to the Headteacher of Ysgol Rhos Helyg, Berth Ddu. The Clerk advised that he had requested from Flintshire Education Department, an update in relation to the appointment of a School Crossing Patrol Officer at Ysgol Rhos Helyg. The Clerk further advised, that whilst the request had been acknowledged, there had been no further reply, despite a reminder.

#### **5(A). 92/19**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- (1) The following report had been received from PCSO Connor Freel, in relation to reported criminal offences within the Community:

**Halkyn:** 1 x Road related offence outside Blue Bell Pub – anonymous phone call that male was slumped in his car in the pub car park with headlights on. Officers attended and male was asleep in

car. Breath sample was taken it was found that he was over 3 times the legal limit for alcohol. Arrested and taken to custody.

**Pentre Halkyn:** 1 x Suspicious Circumstances on Springfield Hill. Caller thought they saw someone potentially trying to get into their neighbor's car. Male was described as tall wearing a big, dark jacket / 1 x Anti-Social Behavior Environment – Cemex Quarry. Off road bikes in the area for 20 minutes.

**Rhes-Y-Cae: 1 x Suspicious Circumstances.** Caller reporting suspicious vehicle green Peugeot 206 in the area – VRM given. Local residents in Nannerch apparently saw the same vehicle around 02:00hrs that morning. Registered keeper's house was checked overnight and car was not there, negative area sightings however the car details have been passed to Roads Policing for observations and intel / 1 x ASB Environment - 2/4 off road bikes with 4/5 males with no helmets doing circuits in the quarry. Caller noticed vehicles with the bikes, however did not give the details to NWP. Negative sightings when officers attended.

**Rhosesmor:** 1 x ASB Nuisance – 4 x trial bikes riding around the mountain. No further details.

- (2) Invitation from Hannah Blythyn AM – to attend an evening event named: '20:20 Your Voice. Your Vision Event'. To be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm in Flint Town Hall. The Clerk advised, that he would forward by e-mail the invitation to Members, who could respond directly to the AM's Office.
- (3) Flintshire County Council – Environmental and parking enforcement scheme. The County were wishing to seek the views of Town & Community Councils in Flintshire, to the feasibility of allowing Town & Community Councils to fund additional Enforcement Officers in their area. The duties undertaken would cover: (1) Enhanced litter enforcement patrols (2) Enhanced dog fouling enforcement patrols (3) Enhanced fly tipping investigations (4) Enhanced car parking infringement patrols. The cost of an enforcement officer would be £195.00 per day, with funds generated from fixed penalty tickets, would be retained by the County Council.

**Members agreed the following:** (1) Whilst Members were extremely interested in the scheme, it was felt that the scheme would not really benefit the Community Council area, except for the dog fouling aspect (2) The Clerk to make a Freedom of Information request in relation to the following:

Details in relation to the number of visits made to the Halkyn Community Council area by Enforcement Officers – during the last three years – in relation to litter, dog fouling and fly tipping.

- (4) Flintshire County Council – County Forum Meetings. Information forwarded to the Council's representative – Councillor Colin D'Arcy. Councillor D'Arcy advised, that he was unable to attend, whereby Councillor David Roberts would kindly attend in his place.
- (5) Flintshire County Council – Feedback from further visits carried out to Town & Community Councils, by Independent Members of the Standards Committee.
- (6) Citizens Advice – Notification of the following event in Halkyn Parish Hall 'Digital Advice in your Rural Community' The Clerk advised, that the information leaflet had been sent to the Parish Hall Caretaker, seeking that copies are made available to the Librarian. Members asked that the Clerk send to Ysgol Rhos Helyg, Berth Ddu – and to also forward to Council Members by e-mail.

**5(B). 93/19**  
**CLERK'S REPORT**

- (i) The Clerk advised, that the sum of £7,540.45, had been paid direct into the Council's bank account – from HM Revenue & Customs – following the claim made by the Clerk for the refund of VAT paid during the 2018 / 2019 financial year.
- (ii) The Clerk advised that the following Wales Audit Public Notice had been displayed: Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Elector' Rights – Halkyn Community Council – Financial year ending 31 March 2019. The notice was displayed on the 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2019, whereby the accounts of the Council are available for inspection between the 1<sup>st</sup> July to the 26<sup>th</sup> July.
- (iii) The Clerk sought the approval of Members to set up a direct debit order for the payment of the monthly Scottish Power street lighting electricity energy charges. The Clerk advised, that the payment would still be entered on the monthly accounts payment information sheet provided to Members, but would be paid atomically to Scottish Power.

**Members agreed the following:** The Clerk to set up a direct debit order to Scottish Power, in relation to the monthly payment of street lighting energy charges.

- (iv) The Clerk advised in relation to the following two complaints received:
  - Cycle event in the Halkyn area on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May. It was alleged that the event had not received the approval of the North Wales Police.
  - Netting on the football posts in Rhes Y Cae – whereby a lamb had got entangled. The Clerk had reported the concerns to the Halkyn Ranger.

#### **5(C). 94/19**

#### **TO RECEIVE REPORT: ANNUAL CEMETERY INSPECTION**

- (a) The Clerk advised that the Annual Cemetery Inspection, had taken place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June. The following Councillors' were in attendance: Colin Barker, Brian Coleclough, Mrs. Nicola Richardson and Mrs. Wendy Sigsworth - together with the Clerk.

One recently erected memorial headstone was found to slightly loose but was not required to be laid flat to make safe. The Clerk confirmed, that he had contacted the Monumental Mason, who had confirmed, that an inspection will take place.

- (b) During the inspection, it was noted that there were a number of molehills in the cemetery area. Members discussed ways to eradicate the concern.

**Members agreed the following:** The Clerk to seek information in relation to the effectiveness of a solar mole repellent equipment.

#### **6. 95/19**

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

There were no reports specific to the Local Committees and Outside Bodies schedule, or Council Members who had attended meetings on behalf of the Council.

#### **7. 96/19**

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

Councillor Miss Jean S. Davies advised, that whilst there was no County Council report, concern was expressed in relation to cold-callers.

Councillor Colin Legg advised, that he had no report to bring to the attention of Council.

#### **8(A). 97/19**

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

- Application number: 059906 – for a double garage, at Glasdir View, The Nant.

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

**(The above application was sent to Members for consultation in-between meetings, due to statutory time limits for observations from County Planning).**

#### **8(B). 98/19**

**Members formally agreed the above decision.**

#### **8(C). 99/19**

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

- (1) Application number: 059997 – for the retention of 2 x 2000 litre LPG containers – 3040 x 1450 x 1450mm, on access road to Little Chef, Halkyn.

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

- (2) Application number: 060004 – for retrospective application for the change of use of agricultural land to touring caravan storage, at Fron Farm, Hendre.

**Comment by Council:** No Comment.

- (3) Application number: 059992 – for change of use of agricultural land to commercial use (B8) (Storage), at Pistyll Farm, The Nant.

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

**NOTE:** Declaration of Interest declared by Councillors' Brian Coleclough and Brian Glyn Coleclough (**See Minute number: 2. 89/19 on page 1 above**)

#### **8(D). 100/19**

#### **PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

- (a) Application number:059790 – for the erection of car port & store, at Gwern Y Gaer, Rhosesmor. Approved.
- (b) Application number: 059741 – for single storey rear extension, at Holly Bach, Rhes Y Cae. Approved.
- (c) Application number: 059738 – for approval of details reserved by condition no. 3 (materials) attached to planning permission no. 058815. Approved

**9. 101/19**

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Net £</b>	<b>Vat £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
619	Scottish Power (May - Street Lighting Electricity Supply)	124.92	6.25	131.17
620	Deeco Lighting (Street light callout to Rhes Y Cae)	55.00	11.00	66.00
621	GeoXphere Ltd (Parish on-line) Annual renewal of mapping software	45.00	9.00	54.00
622	Information Commissioner (Renewal of certificate)	40.00		40.00

**10. 102/19**

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Name of organisation</b>	<b>Amount granted £</b>
623	Rhes Y Cae Village Hall Committee (Application for release of cheque for £1,000.00 – as previously granted by Council – subject to receipt of invoice confirming work completed) ( <b>Section 19 LGA 1976</b> )	£1,000.00
624	St Kentigern Hospice, St. Asaph (Application for annual grant) ( <b>Section 137 LGA 1972</b> )	100.00
	Halkyn Bell Ringers (Tower Captain) Application for funding towards purchase and installation of a Simulator)	Application withdrawn

**11. 103/19**

**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.....**