



CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN / HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Halkyn Community Council,
Held in the Halkyn Parish Hall,
On Monday the 17th February, 2020, at 7.00pm**

**1(A). 23/20
PRESENT**

Councillor G. T. Robinson (Chair)
Councillor Brian Coleclough (Vice Chair)
Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough
Councillor Colin R. D'Arcy
Councillor Mrs. J. Wendy Sigsworth
Councillor John Thomas

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

**1(B). 24/20
APOLOGIES**

Councillor Colin Barker
Councillor Miss. Jean S. Davies (Community & County)
Councillor L. Howard Morris
Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson
Councillor David G. Roberts
Councillor Dylan Roberts
Councillor Mrs. Delyth Taylor

**1(C). 25/20
Standing Orders were suspended:**

**1(D). 26/20
PRESENTATION BY FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (MICRO-CARE)**

The Chair of Council Councillor G. T. Robinson, welcomed Ms. Marianne Lewis to the meeting.

Ms. Lewis advised as to her role as Planning & Development Officer at Flintshire County Council, with a specific remit in developing a 'Flintshire Micro-care Pilot Project. The project was jointly funded until June 2021 by Cadwyn Clwyd, Welsh Assembly Government and Flintshire County Council. Flintshire are the first County in Wales to pilot the scheme. Two Officers have been appointed to the project. The scheme offers up to £1,000.00 for interested persons to set up a business, including IT equipment and or be trained to provide social care to older people in rural Flintshire. Ms. Lewis provided Members with further information, which included the choice of

care, Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks, advertising the project in newspapers and social media.

The Chair of Council, Councillor G. T. Robinson, thanked Ms. Lewis for attending the meeting.

1(E). 27/20

Standing Orders were restored:

2. 28/20

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared.

3. 29/20

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH JANUARY, 2020

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. 30/20

MATTERS ARISING

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

Minute no: 4. 05/20 sub minute numbers: 4.173.19 & 9.162/19 (page 2) in relation to obtaining three estimates to level the first two rows of interment plots at the Council Cemetery adjacent to St. Mary's Parish Church, Halkyn. The Clerk advised that a quotation had been received from Ieuan Parry Ltd., for the sum of £800.00 plus VAT to level the first two rows of interment plots and to reseed. A further quotation for £250.00 was received from I Parry Ltd., for the removal of the present mound of soil adjacent to the Cemetery. The Clerk advised that there had been no response from two other contractors who had been asked to quote.

Members agreed the following: (a) Accepted the quotation for £800.00 plus VAT to level the first two rows of interment plots. The Council acknowledged that only one quotation had been received, and were aware of a limited number of contractors available to complete the work required. The Council further agreed the one quotation received was reasonable (b) Agreed not to accept the further quotation of £250.00 to remove soil.

Minute no: 5(A). 06/20 (5) (page 4) in relation to Flintshire County Council Summer Play Scheme 2020. The Clerk advised that the subsidised funding for the play scheme of £900.00 had been confirmed to the County Council by the Welsh Assembly.

Minute no: 5(B). 07/20 (iii) (page 4) in relation to a request from a resident of Och'r Y Bryn, Halkyn, seeking that the Grosvenor Estate prune a number of tree branches. The Clerk advised that he had attended a site meeting with the Grosvenor Estate Arboricultural Officer. Following the site meeting, whereby the resident was also in attendance, the Grosvenor Estate confirmed the following: 'The Estate will not be undertaking any tree work, due to the aforementioned points: ongoing management, effects on vitality and landscape aspect'.

Minute no: 5(D). 09/20 (page 4) – in relation to the budget for the financial year 2020 / 2021. The Clerk advised, that following the agreed increase in precept for the above financial year – the accounts spreadsheet and ear-marked reserves information had been updated. Members were provided with a copy of the updated document.

Minute no: 9. 19/20 (page 7) in relation to vehicle activated speed signage in four areas of Pentre Halkyn. Councillor Colin D’Arcy advised, that he had been in further contact with the Highways Department, who had provided the following information: ‘Various models of speed activated equipment are available costing from approximately £2,400.00 to £2,600.00 plus cost of installation. Signage could be fixed to an existing lamppost or solar’.

Members agreed the following: Councillor D’Arcy to obtain a specific cost for suitable signage, including cost of installation – for further discussion at the March Council meeting.

5(A). 31/20

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 Drink/ Drug Driving – Male tested positive for cocaine and cannabis at the roadside / 1 x Criminal Damage – BT telephone exchange by kicking the door panels / 1 x Interference with Motor Vehicle – Pant Y Gof area - dents on both sliding doors.

Pentre Halkyn - 1 x Wounding – road rage incident involving two vehicles on A55 near Pentre Halkyn – male used a hammer to assault the other vehicle driver / 1 x Suspicious Circumstances – 3 x males viewed on CCTV by owners of building from their home address - two were arrested and taken to custody / 1 x Criminal Damage in Allt Y Plas - car had been scratched 3 times since November / 1 x Theft From Motor Vehicle – Back door of work’s van forced open and £700 worth of tools stolen from work van in Springfield Hotel car park.

- (2) Flintshire Citizens Advice – Annual Report 2018 / 2019

- (3) **The following information had been forwarded to Members by e-mail:**

- Flintshire County Council – Environmental Enforcement Policy
- Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Draft Report for 2019.

5(B). 32/20

CLERK’S REPORT

- (i) The Clerk advised, in relation to a complaint received that was forwarded to Flintshire County Council Planning Enforcement – concerning an alleged unauthorised development in the area of The Nant. The County Enforcement Officer had subsequently advised the Clerk, that a planning application is pending.
- (ii) Notification from the Council’s joiner that the renovated bench seat has been repaired and re-located to the Rhes Y Cae children’s play area.
- (iii) Damage to Pentre Halkyn notice board had been reported to the Council’s joiner, with a request to repair the locking mechanism.
- (iv) The Clerk advised, that an application to the Lottery under their ‘Celebrate National Lottery 25’ had been successful. The funding of £950.00 had been granted towards a bilingual evening with musical entertainment in the Halkyn Parish Hall. The Clerk provided full details to the Members. The Clerk sought Members to advise him of contact

details for local performers. The Clerk would also arrange to meet with the Parish Hall Management Committee.

- (v) **Street Lighting:** The Clerk advised that Councillor Glyn Coleclough had reported a number of lights in Moel Y Crio, that were faulty and had not been changed to LED models. Following the Clerk contacting the Council's street lighting contractor, who advised that the four lights could not be changed during the changeover, as they are sited off the roadside. The contractor confirmed, that the lights would be changed when the ground was in a dryer and more secure position.

5(C). 33/20

STREETSCENE SCHEDULE (FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL)

The Clerk provided the following update from Mr. Neil Hickie (StreetScene) Officer

- (a) Pant Y Gof – Blue Bell to Middle Road area. The Road markings on the junction are not clear. The Clerk advised, that Councillor Mrs. Wendy Sigsworth will be discussing the concerns with Mr. Neil Hickie.
- (b) Flooding on Northop Road – below Pen y Parc Farm. The Clerk advised that the gullies had now been cleared by Street Scene.

Members brought the following concerns to the meeting:

- (1) B5123 Road - travelling from St. Mary's Church Halkyn to area of the former Central Stores. Could the pavements be swept due to leaves which has made the hill pavement slippery
- (2) Road from Blue Bell to Middle Mill – missing grid by Old Chapel, which is causing water to cross the road
- (3) Road from Blue Bell to Middle Mill – water on road near Plas Y Parc
- (4) Road from Blue Bell to Middle Mill – Pot holes in a number of places
- (5) Rhosesmor to Groes Road – Pot holes
- (6) Complaint received by Council: Signage on Martin's Hill. The road is named Allt Y Plas, not Martin's Hill. Can the sign be changed
- (7) Vehicle activated speed indication sign – travelling from Halkyn to Rhosesmor – is Faulty
- (8) Shone's Lane, Berth Ddu - Pot holes
- (9) Shone's Lane, Berth Ddu – Gullies require cleaning

The Clerk advised that the above concerns would be brought to the attention of StreetScene.

6. 34/20

REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (COMMITTEES, LIAISON & MEETINGS ATTENDED)

- ❖ Councillor Colin D'Arcy provided a report of his attendance along with the Clerk at the County Forum meeting held on the 13th February at County Hall. Matters covered at that meeting related to FCC's budget for 2020-2021, the Local Government (Wales) Bill, which is likely to be enacted in Sept/Oct with little change, the Local Development Plan, the recent Waste Consultation (of which the outcome was to maintain the status quo) and FCC's Welsh Education Strategic Plan.

7. 35/20

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

In the absence of both Councillors, there were no reports.

8(A). 36/20

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following application had been received:

- Tarmac, Pant Quarry, Halkyn – for out of hours working on the following dates: Saturday 7th Sunday 8th, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th March.

Comment by Council: No objection.

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

8(B). 37/20

Members formally confirmed the above decision.

8(C). 38/20

The following planning application was dealt with by the Members at the meeting:

- ❖ Planning Application number: 060909 – for a replacement dwelling beyond settlement boundary, at The Shack, Windmill, Pentre Halkyn.

Comment by Council: Subject to compliance with relevant policies and planning guidance notes, then no objections raised.

8(D). 39/20

PLANNING DECISIONS

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

- (a) Application number: 060749 – for single storey rear extension, at Noddfa, Wern Road, Rhosesmor. Approved.
- (b) Application number: 060353 – for approval of details reserved by condition number 8 (Great Crested Newts – handler details) (No 8 Great Crested Newts) attached to planning application number: 050710, at The Bungalow, Rhosesmor. Refused.

9. 40/20

TO DISCUSS: PLASTIC FREE – HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA (CLLR DAVID ROBERTS)

The Clerk advised that as Councillor David Roberts was not able to attend the meeting, he had requested that the agenda item be adjourned to March.

Members agreed the following: To adjourn the above agenda item to the March Council meeting.

10. 41/20

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

| Cheque Number | Payee | Net £ | Vat £ | Total £ |
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| | <u>Payments made – to be confirmed:</u> | | | |
| | Direct Debit: Scottish Power (January - Street Lighting Electricity Account payment dated 17/02/2020) | 124.56 | 6.23 | 130.79 |
| | Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for January) Payments dated 03/02/2020 | | | |
| | <u>Payments for consideration at meeting:</u> | | | |
| 656 | Gwyn R. Jones (Joiner) Repairs to bench seat in Rhes & Cae £325.00 / Removal and re-fixing of bench seat £125.00 (as per accepted quotations) | 450.00 | | 450.00 |
| 657 | Caerwys Town Council – Quarter share of photocopier hire and copies – with other Councils (VAT paid by Caerwys) | 69.00 | | 69.00 |
| 658 | R. P. Parry – Clerk (Re-imburement of book of 100 postal stamps – as per receipt) | 70.00 | | 70.00 |

11. 42/20

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

| Cheque Number | Name of organisation | Amount granted £ |
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| 659 | Rhes Y Cae Village Hall Committee (Provisional agreement by Council to part fund the sum of £1,500.00, towards the installation of a new central heating boiler. Funds to be released upon production of paid invoice) (Clerk confirmed, that copy of invoice for the sum of £3,264.00 had been received) (Section 19 LGA 1976) | 1,500.00 |
| 660 | Halkyn Parish Hall Management Committee (Application for funding towards annual running costs) (Section 19 LGA 1976) | 1,500.00 |

12. 43/20

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.....