



CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN / HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Halkyn Community Council,
Held Virtually by Video and Telephone Conference,
On Monday the 15th June, 2020, at 7.30pm.**

1(A). 76/20

PRESENT

Councillor G. T. Robinson (Chair)
Councillor Brian Coleclough (Vice Chair)
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 Mrs. Delyth Taylor

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 77/20

APOLOGIES

Councillor Colin Barker
Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough
Councillor Dylan Roberts
Councillor John Thomas

Councillor Colin Legg (Flintshire County)

2. 78/20

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declaration of Interest were Declared: Councillor G. T. Robinson, in relation to the annual payment of retiring Chair of Council allowance (**Minute no: 9. 90/20 on page 6 below**).

3. 79/20

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 18TH MAY 2020

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

4. 80/20

MATTERS ARISING

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

Minute no: 9. 55/20 (i) (page 3) in relation to Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS) in Pentre Halkyn. The Clerk advised that the request to Flintshire County Council, in relation to the installation of ‘monitoring tubes’ in various areas of Pentre Halkyn, to be completed following the lockdown, had been agreed by the County.

Councillor Colin D’Arcy advised Members, that he had been in further contact with Street Scene, who had confirmed the cost of solar powered signage would be £2,350.00 each plus £735.00 for the solar connection. Discussion by Members in relation to the priority installation in each identified area, including the current traffic situation through the village. Councillor D’Arcy referred to other areas whereby residents had been trained in the use of speed monitoring equipment.

Members agreed the following: (1) To await the speed data results from the highway monitoring tubes, which will identify the top two areas of concern. (The monitoring tubes will not be placed until the lockdown restrictions have been relaxed, to ensure that the information collected is accurate and provides a fair reading of normal traffic usage) **(2)** The Clerk to contact Flintshire County Council Road Safety Team, to enquire in relation to any current ‘Community Speed Watch’ project within the County.

Minute no: 9. 55/20 (ii) (page 3) in relation to Lottery funding - bilingual concert in Halkyn Parish Hall. The Clerk advised, that as the funding was to be utilised by the end of this year, he had contacted Wales Lottery seeking advice, should the concert not take place later this year, could the funding be carried over to 2021. The Clerk further advised, that the Wales Lottery had written stating; that a decision will be made before the end of June in this regard.

Minute no: 9. 55/20 (iii) (page 3) in relation to a new plaque and maintenance work on the existing plaques sited on Rhosesmor Cenotaph. The Clerk advised, that he had been in further contact with Delyn Memorials to seek a completion date. As there had been no reply from the Holywell Office, the Clerk will endeavour to make further contact.

The Clerk referred to the following matter that remain pending:

- Commencement of work to level the first two rows in the Council Cemetery at St. Mary’s Church, Halkyn.

5(A). 81/20

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 Freal, in relation to reported criminal offences within the Community:

Halkyn: 1 x Arson - Two teenage males seen to be setting fire to a tree stump near to disused quarry in Milwr area / 1 x Dangerous Dog - Suspected dog attack on sheep resulting in death of a sheep / 7 x Dangerous Driving - Reports that a car had been driving at local walkers/ families whilst they were walking around the Halkyn area. Vehicle registration details were provided / 1 x Anti-Social Behaviour - Group of youths reported to have been seen going into the Old Milwr Quarry.

Pentre Halkyn: 1 x Drink/ Drug Driver - Male stopped on A55 near to Springfield Hotel and provided positive drug swipe. Male arrested and taken to custody / 1 x Anti-Social Behaviour - 6/7 males on scrambler bikes on grazing land / 1 x Anti-Social Behaviour - Group of people swimming in Pant Quarry. Offenders were moved on by security / 1 x Suspicious Circumstances - 3 males suspected to be breaking into Pant Quarry / 1 x Anti-Social Behaviour – Pant Quarry. 5 vehicles and 10 males swimming in quarry pond. Police patrols increased in area.

Rhes-Y-Cae: No offences reported.

Rhosesmor: No offences reported.

Matter reported to Police by Community Council: A number of people camping on Halkyn Mountain. Report and photographs were featured in the Daily Post Newspaper. Police visited, illegal campers cleared all the rubbish from around campsite area and left.

The following correspondence was forwarded by e-mail to Members:

- ❖ Hannah Blythyn AM – Coronavirus update from Welsh Assembly.
- ❖ Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Supplementary report for 2020.
- ❖ Rob Roberts MP – Information in relation to National Lottery grants; which provides organisations with financial assistance that support people at high risk from the Coronavirus.
- ❖ Flintshire County Council – Frequently asked questions; covering all departments of the County Council.
- ❖ Welsh Assembly: Update in relation to changes to coronavirus restrictions in Wales – effective from Monday 1st June.

5(B). 82/20

CLERK'S REPORT

(a) Wales Audit – Annual Return for the Year Ended 31st March 2020:

- Following approval of the above annual return at the May Council meeting, the return was subsequently signed by the Chair of Council. The annual return, together with requested documents were thereafter sent to BDO the approved External Auditor for Wales.
- The Clerk confirmed, that the following documents have been displayed on the Council's web site **(a)** Accounting Statements for 2019 – 2020 **(b)** Notice of date appointed for the exercise of elector's rights – under the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004: Date of announcement 28th May, 2020.

(b) The Clerk recollected to Members the change of Council e-mail address to:

clerk@halkyn.org.uk A global e-mail has been sent to advise in relation to the change.

(c) Grosvenor Estate: The Clerk advised that the Estate had planted a number of replacement trees in the area of Halkyn Village. The trees will be guarded with parkland guards, similar to other trees in the area. The Clerk recollected to Members, that the Estate had previously enquired with the Council seeking identification as to the areas of planting; whereby the Council had agreed to leave this to the discretion of the Arboricultural Officer.

- (d) Funding for Village Halls and other buildings. The Clerk advised in relation to a financial grant available from the Welsh Assembly, which is administered by Flintshire County Council. The grant is available to Community / Village Halls, including other buildings which are subject to the non-domestic rate relief. The Clerk further advised; the link to the application form had been sent to the following Committees & Trustees of: Halkyn Parish Hall, Pentre Halkyn Community Centre, Rhosesmor Village Hall and Rhes Y Cae Village Hall.

Street lighting:

- (e) The Clerk advised that the Council's street lighting contractor has re-commenced operations recently, whereby the Clerk has reminded that the following lamps still require changing from SOX to LED models:
- Moel Y Crio: The three remaining LED lamps sited off the roadside – on map number 11: 3 of the lamps numbered between 6 to 9.
 - Wern Y Gaer: One remaining LED lamp to be fitted on pole sited on grass verge on corner to the Council adopted red phone box (photograph supplied to contractor).

5(C). 83/20

STREETSCENE SCHEDULE (FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL)

The Clerk advised in relation to the following matter that had been reported to StreetScene, since the last Council meeting:

- Cattle grid on B5123 road – St. Mary's Church Hill, Halkyn. Catch on gate is apparently defective and is allowing sheep to gain egress from the mountain area.

Members brought the following concerns to the meeting:

- (i) Willowfield Road area in Pentre Halkyn. A number of potholes.
- (ii) Request for a red dog bin in the Willowfield area of Pentre Halkyn.
- (iii) Speed signage on B5123 road – top of hill near to the Red Lion, Rhosesmor. The sign is not clearly visible due to foliage growing around it.

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

6. 84/20

REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (COMMITTEES, LIAISON & MEETINGS ATTENDED)

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. 85/20

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

- (i) Councillor Miss Jean S. Davies advised that there was no current report.

- (ii) Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson advised Members, that County Councillor Colin Legg was recovering well and would return home once adaptations had been completed.

8(A). 86/20

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following out of hours working had been received:

- (a) Tarmac – Pant Asphalt. Application for out of hours working on Sunday 31st May.

Comment by Council: No objection

- (b) Tarmac – Pant Asphalt. Application for out of hours working on Saturday 6th June.

Comment by Council: No objection

(The above two applications were agreed in between meetings, due to statutory time limits for observations).

8(B). 87/20

Members formally confirmed the above decisions.

8(C). 88/20

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

- ❖ Application number: 061342 – for erection of two storey side extension, at 10 Cae'r Onnen, Pentre Halkyn.

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

8(D). 89/20

PLANNING DECISIONS

- No planning decisions have been received from Flintshire County Council:

9. 90/20

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Councillor Brian Coleclough, as Vice Chair, took the Chair for the approval of accounts for payment, due to the Declaration of Interest.

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
	<u>Payments made – to be confirmed:</u>			
	Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for May) Payments dated: 01/06/2020			
	Direct Debit: Scottish Power (May - Street Lighting Electricity Account payment due: 18/06/2020)	124.56	6.23	130.79

	<u>Payments for consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u>			
	Information Commissioners Office (Renewal of Data Protection Certificate)	40.00		40.00
	Cllr G T Robinson – Retiring Chair of Council allowance for year 2019 to 2020	400.00		400.00
	Note: Councillor Robinson Declared an Interest (Minute no: 2. 78/20 on page 1 above)			
	Parish Online (Geosphere Ltd (Annual renewal of mapping system)	45.00	9.00	54.00

**10. 91/20
APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	No applications received from within the Community Council area	

**11. 92/20
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.....**