



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

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## **Minutes of the Meeting of Halkyn Community Council, Held Virtually by Video and Telephone Conference, On Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2020, at 7.30pm.**

**No Council meeting was held in August**

### **1(A). 111/20**

#### **PRESENT**

Councillor G. T. Robinson (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. Delyth Taylor

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

### **1(B). 112/20**

#### **APOLOGIES**

Councillor Colin Barker  
Councillor Brian Coleclough  
Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough  
Councillor Dylan Roberts  
Councillor Mrs. J. Wendy Sigsworth  
Councillor John Thomas

Councillor Colin Legg (Flintshire County)

### **2. 113/20**

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared.

### **3. 114/20**

#### **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2020**

The Minutes were proposed as correct by Councillor David Roberts and seconded by Councillor Colin D'Arcy and formally agreed by the Members present.

#### **4. 115/20**

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

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

**Minute number: 4. 97/20 sub minute numbers 4. 80/20 & 9.55/20 (i) (page 2)** in relation to Vehicle Activated Signage in Pentre Halkyn. The Clerk advised, that there had been no confirmation received from Highways, as to when the traffic counters will be placed in the Pentre Halkyn area roads.

**Members agreed the following:** Appreciated that the County were awaiting the current restrictions to relax prior to placing the wires. The Clerk to seek a further update from the Street Scene Officer for the area.

**Minute number: 4. 97/20 sub minute numbers 4. 80/20 & 9.55/20 (ii) (page 2)** in relation to Lottery funding for a bilingual concert to be held in Halkyn Parish Hall. The Clerk advised, that there had been no further communication received, whereby the Lottery web site had been perused, which also provided no information.

**Members agreed the following:** To leave the matter in the pending file.

**Minute number: 4. 97/20 sub minute numbers 4. 80/20 & 9.55/20 (iii) (page 2)** in relation to new plaques and maintenance work on the Rhosesmor Cenotaph. The Clerk advised, that the spelling on the plaques had been rectified, which had been confirmed by Councillor Mrs. Delyth Taylor, as now being correct.

A quotation had been received from a Rhosesmor painting company for the sum of £450.00, to repair and repaint the railings that surround the cenotaph.

**Members agreed the following:** To accept the quotation for the sum of £450.00 from Mr. Graham Harrison; to sand down the metal railings, fill in the holes, undercoat and final painting.

**Minute number: 5(E). 102/20 (4) (page 4),** in relation to Community Speed Watch in the Pentre Halkyn area. The Clerk advised, that he has consulted with the Street Scene Officer seeking further information in relation to the scheme; who had advised, that whilst he was aware of the scheme a number of years ago, it was thought that it was not current presently.

The Clerk advised, that he would make further enquiries with the Office of The Chief Executive.

**Minute number: 9. 107/20 (page 6)** in relation to the hedge / bushes within the grounds of the Parish Hall which are restricting the visibility aspect at the junction to the Rhes Y Cae Road – the junction to the left hand side of the cattle grid entrance to the Hall – from the B5123 road travelling past the Bier House. The Clerk advised, that upon contacting the Parish Hall Management Committee, the hedge / bushes were cut back the following day.

**Pending matter:** in relation to the commencement of work to level the first two rows in the Council Cemetery at St. Mary's Church in Halkyn. The Clerk advised, that despite further contact with the contractor, no commencement date had been provided.

**Members agreed the following:** Councillor Howard Morris to endeavour to contact Ieuan Parry Ltd., to seek a date for the commencement of the work.

**5(A). 116/20**  
**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:** No offences reported.

**Pentre Halkyn:** 1 x ASB Environment – People camping on Aberdo Quarry – Officers spoke with campers and moved them on / 1 x Drug Drive – Male driver had tyre blow out on A55. Traffic officers drug swiped and male was arrested for drug driving.

**Rhes-Y-Cae:** No offences reported.

**Rhosesmor:** No offences reported.

- (1) Attendance at Meetings by Council Members under Section 85 Local Government Act, 1972 (Six Month Rule). Confirmation from County Solicitor, that the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020 – only temporarily suspended non-attendance during the commencement of the current pandemic. The non-attendance six month rule applies from the first remote / virtually held meeting of the Council. The Clerk advised, that in the case of this Council, the re-commencement date in relation to Section 85 LGA 1972 was May, 2020.
- (2) Flintshire County Council – Provision of snacks / lunches for children attending the Summer Play Scheme.
- (3) Flintshire County Council – Amendments to the Flintshire LDP Delivery Agreement and availability of Deposit LDP Representations.

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

- (i) Tarmac – Project update on Hendre Quarry. Virtual exhibition to be held between 24<sup>th</sup> August to 13<sup>th</sup> September. Link to exhibition provided.
- (ii) Flintshire County Council – Notification of Summer Play Scheme, which commenced on 17<sup>th</sup> August to 28<sup>th</sup> August.
- (iii) Flintshire County Council – Consultation in relation to an extension of the current ‘Dog Control Public Space Protection Order’ within the County. (Councillors’ to complete on a personal basis).
- (iv) Flintshire County Council – Consultation in relation to an extension of the current ‘Alcohol Control Public Space Protection Order’ within the County. (Councillors’ to complete on a personal basis).
- (v) Welsh Assembly Government – Information in relation to re-opening of Village Halls. Information forwarded to the Management Committee of Halkyn Parish Hall and Pentre Halkyn Community Centre.
- (vi) Welsh Assembly Government – Consultation of reducing single use plastic. Members to complete on a personal basis.
- (vii) Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2020 - As amended on the 11th September.

**5(B). 117/20**  
**CLERK'S REPORT**

- (a) The Clerk advised Members in relation to the following deposit to the Council's bank account:
- £16,666.67 - Flintshire County Council: Second precept payment for financial year 2020 / 2021
- (b) The Clerk recollects Members, to previous discussions in relation to concerns expressed by the Halkyn Parish Hall Management Committee, to sheep being able to gain access to the grounds of the Hall over the cattle grid. The concern still continues, whereby, the Committee have sought a quotation for the supply of a metal gate that could be positioned across the main entrance to the Hall. The Management Committee have indicated their willingness to fit the gate into position. The gate would be opened prior to each booking and closed following the exit of vehicles. The cost of the gate is £149.94 VAT £29.99 – Total £179.93. As this addition would be part of the fabric of the Hall, the Management Committee are seeking the thoughts of the Council in purchasing the gate, which would assist to alleviate the sheep gaining access to the Hall grounds.

**Members agreed the following:** Accepted the above quotation for the sum of £149.94 VAT £29.99 – Total £179.93.

- (c) The Clerk advised that he had attended in August, a virtual meeting of the Halkyn Hall Management Committee.
- (d) The Clerk advised in relation to discussions with Aura Libraries, who provide the service at the Halkyn Parish Hall. Whilst the Library at the Hall has been temporarily suspended due to the current pandemic, the main Town Libraries are now open. There are a number of safeguards in place in Holywell Library, for instance: staff to ensure social-distancing, cleaning of returned books which are quarantined for three days upon return, including the use of IT equipment to record book usage. These extra safe-guarding procedures would not be available in the Halkyn Library; which is staffed by one assistant. Aura Library Services will review the temporary closure of the Halkyn Library regularly. The Community Council would not be invoiced for any costs during the closure.
- The Clerk further advised, that he had informed the Parish Hall Management Committee in relation to the above.
- (e) Fly tipping in an alleyway at Llys Enfys, Rhosesmor. The concern had been reported locally to Flintshire Environmental Department.
- (f) E-mail received from Councillor Mrs. Wendy Sigsworth, who wished to thank Councillor Glyn Coleclough and others, for arranging the recent successful scarecrow competition, which was enjoyed by the residents of the community and beyond.

**5(C). 118/20**  
**COUNCIL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 'THE FORMER BIER HOUSE, HALKYN: ROOF REPAIR**

The Clerk advised Members, that Councillor Colin Barker had been informed by a resident who resided in the vicinity of the Council property, known locally as 'The Old Bier House', whereby a

number of slates had dislodged. The Clerk further advised, that he asked a local roofing contractor that the Council had previously engaged for the repair to the Parish Hall, to inspect the roof. Following inspection a report had been received, which advised that a new roof was required.

**Members agreed the following:** The Clerk to obtain three quotations for a replacement roof, to be considered at the October meeting.

#### **5(D). 119/20**

##### **Street Lighting:**

- (i) Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson advised, in relation to a number of lights in the Moel Y Crio area, that were orange in colour when illuminated. The Clerk advised, that in January of this year Councillor Glyn Coleclough noticed these lights. The Clerk further advised, that upon contacting the Council's street lighting contractor, it appeared that when the installation of the new LED lights, these three lanterns are sited in a field, whereby the ground was apparently unstable for the cherry picker to be utilised. The contractor stated: that the bulbs would be replaced as soon as the dryer weather appeared.

**Members agreed the following:** The Clerk to write to the street lighting contractor, to express their concern, that the changeover of the lights occurred a substantial period ago, whereby the remaining LED bulbs could have been completed during the summer of 2019.

- (ii) The Clerk advised, that apart from the three above lanterns awaiting the changeover to LED bulbs in Moel Y Crio; during a recent inspection that the Clerk had undertaken of the Council's street lighting stock, there was another lantern identified in the Wern Y Gaer area, that also required an LED bulb. The Clerk had advised the contractor in relation to this in August.

#### **5(E). 120/20**

##### **STREETSCENE SCHEDULE (FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL)**

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

- (1) Use of weed killer in the area of Berth Ddu. Resident was concerned with the effects of the substance being used in area of a public footpath, which was frequented by dog walkers.
- (2) B5122 Road – travelling from St. Mary's Church towards Halkyn Village. Tree branches are being knocked by high sided vehicles, which could fall into the road and cause an accident.

**The following update report has been received from Street Scene:**

- The Clerk advised, that there had been no update received.

**Members brought the following concern to the meeting:**

- There were no concerns raised.

#### **6. 121/20**

##### **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. 122/20**

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

- Councillor Miss. Jean S. Davies advised, that she had no report to bring to the attention of Council.

## **8(A). 123/20**

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

- (1) Application number: 061587 – for a single storey extension to rear of dwelling, at Sonoma, 4 Willowfield Estate, Pentre Halkyn.

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

- (2) Application number: 061646 – for Demolition of existing side extension, erection of a new, removal of flat roof and replacement with a pitched roof and alterations, at Catch Farm, Lleprog Lane, Pentre Halkyn

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

- (3) Application number: 060547 – for amendment to planning approval 051487 to allow the re-alignment of Plot 2, at Land side of The Bungalow, Rhosesmor

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

- (4) Pre Application Consultation on behalf of Tarmac – to the Hendre Quarry eastern extension and consolidation.

**Comment by Council:** No adverse objections to the proposal

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

## **8(B). 124/20**

**Members formally confirmed the above decisions.**

## **8(C). 125/20**

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

- (1) Application number: 060974 – for replacement of timber fence with a brickwall, at Brook Cottage, The Nant.

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

- (2) Consultation on behalf of British Telecom – for the installation of telecommunications equipment at BT pole WNHAL-1-01, in grass field near Och'r Y Bryn, Halkyn.

**Comment by Council:** Council appreciate the requirement for the installation of the telecommunications equipment; and have no objection.

**8(D). 126/20**

**PLANNING DECISIONS**

**The following planning decision has been received from Flintshire County Council:**

- Application number: 061227 – for extensions to roof space and side of dwelling, at Ty Groes Faen, Moel Y Crio. Approved.

**Planning Concern**

- ❖ Concern expressed in relation to a previously granted planning application number: 058631 – for two self-catering holiday cottages at the former Rhes Y Cae School. Apparently, the premises are being advertised for sale as two residential properties. Flintshire Planning have been asked to confirm, if this change of use requires a formal planning application. To date, there has been no reply.

**9. 127/20**

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
	<b><u>Payments made – to be confirmed:</u></b>			
	<b>Standing Order:</b> R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for July) Payments dated: 03/08/2020			
	<b>Direct Debit:</b> Scottish Power (July - Street Lighting Electricity Account payment due: 17/08/2020)	124.56	6.23	130.79
	<b>BACS:</b> AURA Leisure & Libraries (Salary contribution for Library Assistant at Halkyn Parish Hall Library – April 2019 to March 2020)	4,014.80		4,015.80
	<b>BACS:</b> Delyn Memorials (New plaques at Rhosesmor Cenotaph – as previously agreed quotation)	2,060.00	412.00	2,472.00
	<b>BACS:</b> R. Williams (Cemetery grass cutting to-date, including Village Green and Rhes Y Cae children’s football pitch area)	495.00		495.00
	<b><u>The above payments were authorised by the Chair and Deputy Chair of Council – as Bank Signatories in between meetings</u></b>			
	<b><u>Payments for consideration at meeting</u></b>			
	<b><u>Payments made – to be confirmed at meeting</u></b>			

	<b>Standing Order:</b> R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for August) Payments dated: 01/09/2020			
	<b>Direct Debit:</b> Scottish Power (August - Street Lighting Electricity Account payment dated: 18/09/2020)	124.56	6.23	130.79

**10. 128/20**

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Name of organisation</b>	<b>Amount granted £</b>
	No applications received	

**11. 129/20**

**Members agreed the payments of the above accounts as listed.**

**12(A). 130/20**

**Standing Orders were suspended**

- (1) Councillor Mrs. Delyth Taylor advised Members in relation to a recent incident in the Rhosesmor area, whereby a silver coloured van with two occupants who were acting suspiciously. The vehicle registration number had been noted.
- (2) Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson reported in relation to a number of street lamps in Moel Y Crio. **(Minute number: 5(D). 119/20 (i) on page 5 above).**
- (3) Councillor Colin D’Arcy advised, in relation to the installation of electrical overhead wires work in the area of Pentre Halkyn and Rhes y Cae. The Clerk advised, that if the work was replacing existing cables, then no permission was required. Permission for new overhead cables would require a planning application, whereby the Community Council would receive a copy seeking their observation.

**12(B). 131/20**

**Standing Orders were restored**

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

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

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