



CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN / HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Halkyn Community Council, Held Virtually by Video and Telephone Conference, On Monday the 19th April, 2021, at 7.30pm.

1(A). 65/21 PRESENT

Councillor G. T. Robinson (Chair)
Councillor Brian Coleclough (Vice Chair)
Councillor Colin R. D'Arcy
Councillor Miss. Jean S. Davies (Community & County)
Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson
Councillor David G. Roberts
Councillor Dylan Roberts
Councillor Mrs. J. Wendy Sigsworth
Councillor Mrs. Delyth Taylor

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 66/21 APOLOGIES

Councillor Colin Barker
Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough
Councillor L. Howard Morris
Councillor John Thomas

1(C). 67/21 HRH PRINCE PHILIP DUKE OF EDINBURGH

The Chair of Council read out the following message: On behalf of Halkyn Community Council and the people of our community, I would like to share the sentiment of loss and sorrow which has been felt right across our nation in mourning the death of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh. Our thoughts are with Her Majesty the Queen and her family at this sad time.

2. 68/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared.

3. 69/21

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH MARCH, 2021

The Minutes were proposed as correct by Councillor Jean Davies and seconded by Councillor Wendy Sigsworth and formally agreed by the Members present.

4. 70/21

MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) Minute no: 4.52/21 (1) (page 2)** – in relation to vehicle activated signage in Pentre Halkyn. The Clerk advised, that the results from the speed monitoring tubes which had been installed in four areas had been received; these were shown virtually to Members. Councillor Colin D’Arcy provided a breakdown in relation to the number of vehicles traveling on each road, including speeds. The statistical information indicated a number of vehicles travelling above the speed limit.

Both Councillors’ Jean Davies and Colin D’Arcy provided information following a site meeting held recently in Pentre Halkyn with Lee Shone (Flintshire County Council Road Safety Officer). Whilst there was speeding traffic recorded in all roads in the area; the Milwr and Brynford Roads appeared to be the most concerning. It was emphasised that the majority of roads do not have pavements and is therefore more dangerous for pedestrians.

The Road Safety Officer will share the statistical information with the North Wales Go-safe Team; who will advise in relation to enforcement action.

Members agreed the following: Pending the decision by the Go-safe Team; the Clerk to contact the PCSO for the area; seeking that speeding checks are completed on the five roads which were subject to the recent survey.

- (2) Minute no: 4.52/21 (3) (page 2)** – in relation to the Clerk writing to the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner. The Clerk recollects to Members the reply received from the Commissioner; that had been forwarded by e-mail.

Members agreed the following: To await in anticipation, the resurrection of the Police & Town & Community Forum meetings; by the new Police Inspector in Mold.

- (3) Minute no: 5(B). 54/21 (d) (page 4)** – in relation to the re-roofing of the Old Bier House. The Clerk advised, that work had commenced today 19th April; whereby the Clerk was contacted by the contractor, who advised the following; during the removal of the old slates, it was identified that the roof timbers were rotten, including other concerns.

Councillor G. T. Robinson confirmed, that upon receiving a telephone call from the Clerk; he had visited the Bier House, whereby he was able to confirm the defects that had been identified by the contractor. The contractor had subsequently provided the Clerk with a further quotation of £500.00 to rectify the concerns, which would enable to work to continue.

Members agreed the following: Accepted that the further work was not visible until the re-roofing had commenced, including the condition of a number of slates that required replacing. Agreed the further fee of £500.00.

**5(A). 71/21
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, that the following criminal offences had been reported to the North Wales Police, that had occurred within the Halkyn Community Council area:

Berth Ddu: 1 x Burglary

Halkyn: 1 x Violence.

Pentre Halkyn: No reported crimes.

Rhes-Y-Cae: 2 x Anti-social behaviour / 1 x Public order.

Rhosesmor: 1 x Criminal damage

- (2) Request from PCSO Connor Freel; seeking if Councillors have any concerns that he can assist with (**Minute number: 4. 70/21 (1) on page 2 above**).
- (3) Holywell Juniors Golf Club. Receipt of a Junior Golfers report following the Annual General Meeting of the 2020 / 2021 season.
- (4) Flintshire County Council: Notification of a proposed extinguishment of a section of Public Footpath no 62 in the Community of Northop (Highways Act – Section 118) and a proposed landowner dedication of a route as a Public Footpath.

The application stated the following: The existing route has been unavailable for upward 40 years and a section of it has always been potentially included in error, as it does not appear on any historic maps in any format. The proposal is for the landowner to formally dedicate a route up to a point where the footpath meets an area of common land. Members perused the proposal plan virtually.

Members agreed the following: No objection to the above Order.

- (5) Flintshire County Council: Request from Street Scene to seek the views of the Community Council; to the transfer of asset in relation to the area known as the Football Field in Pentre Halkyn. The Clerk recollected the following to Members: In February, 2018, Halkyn Community Council were contacted by a County Legal Officer; seeking if the Community Council were willing to surrender the lease of the above land; whereafter to be transferred to the local Football Club. The Community Council agreed to this. In January of this year the Council were further contacted; seeking that a Deed of Surrender be signed. This was completed and sent to the County Legal department; under reference number: Your Ref: HT / FCC (ROT) 027583 (Ms. Helen Thelwell (Legal Officer)).
- (6) The Clerk advised Members, to the contents of an e-mail received from a resident of Halkyn, together with the Clerk's reply; in relation to a request for further play equipment in the Flintshire County Council's children's play area sited in Halkyn.

The Clerk further advised; that whilst the County Council have stated in a virtual meeting that match funding will be available during this new financial year; the annual report and match funding details have not been received.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk is authorised to complete the application for match-funding for the Halkyn Children's Play area - for the figure of £10,000.00; when received from the County Council (**Minute number 5(D). 74/21 (ii) on page 5 below**).

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

- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Summer Play Scheme update; including links to a recruitment process for the appointment of supervisors and team leaders.
- ❖ Welsh Government: Local Government and Election (Wales) Act 2021: Further update, including holding of future meetings.
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Vacancy information for an Independent Member of the Flintshire Standards Committee.

5(B). 72/21

CLERK'S REPORT

- (a) The Clerk advised, in relation to a complaint received from the Chair of Halkyn United Juniors Football Club; with concerns at the top football pitch, with people allowing their dogs to run free on the field and foul without cleaning up. Request from the football club for a gate to be installed. The Clerk advised; that the Community Council had ceased the lease with the County Council; and had advised the football club to contract both the Environmental Health and Street Scene of Flintshire County Council. A copy of the e-mail and Clerk's reply had been sent to County Councillor Jean Davies.
- (b) Request forwarded to the Community Council by Flintshire Street Scene; that had been received from a local family to place a memorial bench seat in the area of Halkyn; B5123 road between Tarmac Pant and the Blue Bell Inn. The Clerk further advised; that it was suggested that a current seat be removed and replaced with the memorial bench. The Halkyn Ranger had indicated that the current bench should possibly remain, with the new bench in the area of the large stone that an interpretation board is affixed to.

Members agreed the following: Whilst the Council have no objection to a memorial bench being placed in Halkyn; the ultimate agreement lies with Flintshire Street Scene / Highways, together with input from the Halkyn Ranger.

However, the suggestion from the Community Council, would be to place the seat in the area of the Interpretation Board (large stone) – in-between Halkyn and Berth Ddu. Members also suggested that possibly the applicant consider a more sustainable seat, given the adverse weather on the mountain.

5(C). 73/21

STREET LIGHTS

- (i) The Clerk advised; that there are currently no street lights out of order.
- (ii) The removal of the two street lights in Moel Y Crio and one in The Wern; are still pending.

(iii)The BS7671 Electrical Inspections contract awarded to Flintshire County Council; is pending.

5(D). 74/21

TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS FOR 2020 / 2021

The Clerk, as Financial Officer, had provided Members by e-mail prior to the meeting, with copies of the end of year Statement of Financial Accounts; for the year ending 2020 / 2021. The Clerk advised Members further, in relation to the budget analysis; together with the end of year balances, including a number of outstanding work orders that had not been completed to date; which total £5,908.00. The invoices, when received, for these work orders; will be payable from the 2021 / 2022 financial year.

- (i) **Members agreed the following:** Approved the end of year accounts for the financial year 2020 / 2021. As the Council meeting was held by video conference, the Clerk to obtain the signature of the Chair of Council on the Statement of Accounts in due course.
- (ii) **Members agreed the following:** Updated the Ear-marked reserves for 2021 / 2022; to also include £10,000.00 match funding with Flintshire County Council; for the upgrading of Halkyn Children's play area with new equipment. **(Minute number 5(a). 71/21 (6) on pages 3 & 4 above).**

5(E). 75/21

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF THE DATE FOR THE EXERCISE OF ELECTORS' RIGHTS

The Clerk advised, that the above Public Notice was displayed on the Council web site and one notice board within the Council area; on the 2nd April, 2021. The commencement date for inspection of accounts and documents; from 20th August, 2021 to 17th September, 2021.

5(F). 76/21

TO CONSIDER: (I) REPLACEMENT NOTICE BOARD ADJACENT TO HALKYN PARISH HALL (II) REPAIR TO RHES Y CAE NOTICE BOARD

- (i) The Clerk advised, that the Caretaker of Halkyn Parish Hall had sent photographs of the damaged and worn Council notice board; which is sited at the entrance to the Hall by the cattle grid. Members were shown virtually the photographs supplied; which included one door that had been completely blown off.
- (ii) Councillor Nicola Richardson advised, that the notice board in Rhes Y Cae required repairing.

Members also discussed the notice boards in Pentre Halkyn and Rhosesmor; which were reported as requiring some remedial work. The Clerk showed virtually a number of notice boards that were larger than the Halkyn board; which could accommodate three sections; one for the Community Council notices and two for the public.

Members agreed the following: (1) Halkyn Notice Board. The Clerk to obtain quotations for the following: new larger three section board, including a recycled model (2) To seek a quotation for the repair to the Rhes Y Cae notice board (3) Seek quotations for the following: Wood staining of the Pentre Halkyn & Rhosesmor notice boards.

5(G). 77/21

STREETSCENE SCHEDULE (FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL)

The Clerk referred to the following concerns reported to Street Scene over the past two months; whereby the following update had been received from Street Scene: (Street Scene comments in italics)

- (1) Fly tipping of garden waste on road between Halkyn to Rhes Y Cae (after the Windmill turning). This was reported direct to the County by a Councillor some weeks ago; but this items have not been removed. Allegedly, this waste is being dumped almost every weekend. *We are collecting fly tipping on a weekly basis from this area as well as Rhes y Cae up to Pant Pwll Dwr Cemex Quarry.*
- (2) The previously reported pot holes near the Cenotaph in Rhosesmor have not been filled in. *These potholes are listed for repair.*
- (3) Condition of the road in Ffordd Y Graig Rhes Y Cae (Also known as Ffordd Y Gefn); many pot holes and tarmac has disappeared. (Attached photograph identifies the road – as red line). *These pot holes listed for repair.*
- (4) Cattle grid near Black Lion Farm, Rhes Y Cae; also on Ffordd Y Graig. Apparently some repair work was commenced a long time ago; but was never completed (plan provided to identify the area of the cattle grid). *Cattle grid cleansing complete.*
- (5) Oxygenated cylinders have been deposited on the following road: Halkyn to Rhes Y Cae – near the Lime Kiln. *Rachael Watson (Halkyn Ranger) has raised an order with a specialised and licenced contractor to remove.*

Members brought the following concerns to the meeting:

- (1) Dog fouling in the area of Bryn Y Foel, Rhosesmor. Could signage be placed in the area.
- (2) Request for a Pentre Halkyn name sign with drive slowly; to be erected in the area of Buxton Lane, Pentre Halkyn
- (3) Cattle grid near Black Lion Farm, Rhes Y Cae. Whilst it is appreciated that the grid cleansing has been completed, the work each side is still outstanding. Are Street Scene able to please advise; as to when this will be completed.

6. 78/21

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. 79/21

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

Councillor Miss Jean S. Davies advised in relation to the following:

- (a) Cemex Quarry: Request for details of complaints received in relation to the quarry and quarry blasting over the past five years; have not been received. The following complaints have been made to Flintshire County Council over the past year: 17 blast complaints received from 25 residents.

- (b) Councillor Davies emphasised; that complaints should be made to the minerals e-mail address at Flintshire County Council. Councillor Davies will place this information on the various local Facebook pages for each village.
- (c) Litter Pick in Pentre Halkyn: Over 20 residents had expressed an interest in attending a litter pick; only 6 turned up together with Councillor Davies. The attendees were enthusiastic and collected 8 bags of litter from the areas of the Community Centre, Football field and Children's play area.
- (d) The local Scouts have arranged a litter pick on the 1st May.
- (e) Councillor Davies has set up a local Facebook page named: Pride in Pentre.

8(A). 80/21

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered by Members at the meeting:

- (a) Application number: 062685 – for the erection of a single storey side extension with pitched roof. Replace existing kitchen front facing window with new external doors, at Ty Onnen, Wern Y Gaer, to Moel Y Crio Road.

Comment by Council: No objection to the application, as long as planning policies and planning guidance notes are complied with.

- (b) Application number: 062719 – for retrospective application for stable block to replace and improve upon storm damage, at Bryn Haul, Moel y Crio.

Comment by Council: No observation.

- (c) Application number: 062543 – for construction of a steel portal framed garage building for car parking and general storage, at Terfyn, Moel y Crio.

Comment by Council: No objection to the application, as long as planning policies and planning guidance notes are complied with.

- (d) Application number: 062705 – for barn conversion to create two small holiday lets, at Quarry Farm, Northop.

Comment by Council: No objection to the application, as long as planning policies and planning guidance notes are complied with.

- (e) Application number: 062747 – for alterations and extensions to dwelling with external works, at Ty Newydd, Pant Y Gof, Halkyn.

Comment by Council: No objection to the application, as long as planning policies and planning guidance notes are complied with.

8(B). 81/21

PLANNING DECISIONS

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

- (a) Application number: 062283 – for new horse exercise arena, at Ael Y Bryn, Pant Y Gof, Halkyn. Approved.
- (b) Application number: 062601 – for approval of details reserved by condition number 7 (contamination) attached to planning permission reference number: 051487, at Land side of The Bungalow, Rhosesmor. Partially discharged.

9. 82/21

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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 March) (Quarterly payment for Cemetery administration) Payments dated: 01/04/2021			
	Direct Debit: Scottish Power (March - Street Lighting Electricity Account payment dated: 19/04/2021)	124.92	6.25	131.17
	<u>Payments for consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u>			
	Target Pest (Mole removal at Council Cemetery adjacent to St. Mary’s Church, Halkyn)	39.00		39.00

10. 83/21

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	No applications received	

11. 84/21

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.....