



# **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> June, 2021, at 7.30pm.**

### **1(A). 108/21 PRESENT**

Councillor Brian Coleclough (Chair)  
Councillor Colin R. D'Arcy (Vice Chair)  
Councillor L. Howard Morris  
Councillor David G. Roberts  
Councillor G. T. Robinson

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

### **1(B). 109/21 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Colin Barker  
Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough  
Councillor Miss. Jean S. Davies (Community & County)  
Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson  
Councillor Dylan Roberts  
Councillor Mrs. J. Wendy Sigsworth  
Councillor Mrs. Delyth Taylor  
Councillor John Thomas

### **1(C). 110/21 CONDOLENCES**

The Chair of Council Councillor Brian Coleclough, expressed the condolences of himself and the Council to Councillor Howard Morris, following the sad loss of his father Mr. Roy Morris, Central Stores, Halkyn.

### **2. 111/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared.

### **3. 112/21 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2021**

The Minutes were proposed as correct by Councillor G. T. Robinson and seconded by Councillor David Roberts and formally agreed by the Members present.

#### **4. 113/21**

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) Minute no: 9. 95/21 (1) (page 3)** – in relation to vehicle activated signage in Pentre Halkyn. The Clerk advised the following: **(1)** The County had agreed that this Council could pay the yearly inspection fee of £119.00, with an upfront payment for five years at £1,190.00 **(2)** In return, the County would cover the cost of the normal call out fee of £50.00 for five years **(3)** The County would enter the signage on their asset register.

The Clerk further advised, that despite reminders, the Highway Technical Officer had still not provided an updated manufacturers cost for the signage purchase.

**Members agreed the following:** **(1)** Were perturbed that the cost had not been provided. The project has been in progress since 2020, with the continual delay by the same Highways Officer **(2)** The Clerk to seek the assistance of County Councillor Jean Davies, to ensure that costings are available for discussion at the July Council meeting. .

- (2) Minute no: 9. 95/21 (3) (page 3)** – in relation to quotations for notice board inspections in Pentre Halkyn and Rhosesmor. Members were shown virtually two quotations received from a local joiner for the refurbishment **(a)** Pentre Halkyn £665.00 **(b)** Rhosesmor £425.00

**Members agreed the following:** **(1)** Accepted both quotations **(2)** Financial Regulations were suspended. Members considered both quotations to be reasonable, taking into consideration the costs of the Halkyn and Rhes Y Cae quotations that were considered at the May Council meeting **(3)** The Clerk to issue a Work Order.

- (3) Minute no: 10(B). 97/21 (e) (page 5)** – in relation to an outstanding burial account of £880.00. The Clerk advised, that following the issuing of a letter to the Funeral Director, stating, that the outstanding debt would be entered in the County Court, payment had been received.

- (4) Minute no: 10(E). 100/21 (2) (page 6)** – in relation to the cost of two new Pentre Halkyn village name signs. The Clerk advised, that the following cost had been received from Flintshire County Council: £180.00 plus VAT for each sign. The Clerk further advised, that Street Scene had suggested a replacement sign in Pentre Road, Pentre Halkyn, as the current signage had faded considerably. Members viewed virtually a drawing and measurements of the sign produced by the County Council.

**Members agreed the following:** **(1)** 3 x bilingual Pentre Halkyn Village names signs – with please drive slowly – as per drawing supplied by the County Council, in the following areas: Brynford Road (before cattle grid opposite junction with Buxton Lane) / Buxton Lane / Pentre Road; at a cost of £543.00 plus VAT £108.60 = Total £ 651.00 **(2)** The Clerk to issue a Work Order.

- (5) Minute no: 10(E). 100/21 (3) (page 6)** – in relation to outstanding works to a cattle grid in Rhes Y Cae. The Clerk advised, that no photographs of the outstanding work had been provided.

**5(A). 114/21  
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:

**Halkyn:** 3 x Violence / 2 x Anti-social behaviour / 2 x criminal damage

**Pentre Halkyn:** 1 x Vehicle crime

**Rhes-Y-Cae:** 1 x Violence

**Rhosesmor:** 2 x Anti-social behaviour / 1 x Public order

**Wern Area:** 2 x Violence

- (2) Flintshire County Council: (Public Footpath No 62 in the Community of Northop) Public Path Extinguishment Order 2021.
- (3) Cemex Quarry Liaison meeting: To be held on 21<sup>st</sup> June at 15.30hrs. Invitation sent to Councillor Howard Morris, as the Council's representative.

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

- ❖ Welsh Government: Windrush Day Grant information.
- ❖ The North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent: Study by the Welsh Government for potential options for a climbing lane near Northop on the A55. Invitation for individual Councillors to comment on the proposal in a personal capacity.
- ❖ HyNet North West: Briefing in relation to setting out initial proposals for a carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) pipeline from Ince and Stanlow to Flint. On-line briefing on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June between 6pm and 7pm. Invitation for individual Councillors to register to attend in a personal capacity.
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Walking and cycling routes in Flintshire. On-line consultation seeking residents ideas and suggestions which can be placed on an interactive map. Councillors to complete on a personal basis and forward to interested
- ❖ North Wales Police: Recruitment of Volunteer Police Cadets.
- ❖ Flintshire Local Voluntary Council: Question and answer session with Welsh Government in relation to the re-opening of venues. Information forwarded to the Trustees of the Halkyn Parish Hall.
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Update in relation to the 2021 Summer Play Scheme.
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: County Transport notification in relation to a new bus service named 'Ffeci Service' in the Holywell and surrounding rural communities.

- ❖ North & Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent: Notification of proposed works on A55 road between Halkyn and J31 Caerwys, between 28<sup>th</sup> June and 9<sup>th</sup> July. Road closure on occasions during evening time

## **5(B). 115/21 CLERK'S REPORT**

- (a) The Clerk recollected Members to the grant of £950.00 received from the Celebrate 25 Lottery in 2020; which was to be utilised to hold a bilingual concert in Halkyn Parish Hall. Whilst the funding was originally required to be spent by the end of 2020, the Lottery agreed to extend this period due to the then lockdown situation.

The Clerk advised, that an e-mail had been received from the Lottery which stated; that the money should be withdrawn prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2021, and if not, the card containing the funding will cease. Members perused the e-mail virtually, in particular, the following paragraph:

*'We hope that the loosening of some of the previous restrictions will mean that you can (safely) resume your activities or find new ways to use your grants. If you haven't been able spend your grant already, you have until 31 August 2021. If some of your activities/events are held after this date, that is absolutely fine; however you won't be able to use the cards after 31 August 2021'.*

**Members agreed the following:** To utilise the Lottery funding towards the Halkyn children's play area equipment refurbishment.

- (b) Request to Councillor Mrs. Delyth Taylor from residents in the area of Bellis' Pond, seeking if the Community Council could consider resurfacing an unadopted road in the area of their properties. The Clerk had replied to advise, that the Community Council were not allowed to fund work on private / unadopted roads.
- (c) Request from a resident for the following: Red dog bin in the area of Berth Ddu, together with further 30mph repeater signage on the B5123 – travelling between Halkyn and Rhosesmor, including signage advising that sheep roam freely in this area.

The Clerk recollected Members, that a red dog bin had been previously requested to Street Scene to be installed in the area of Shone's Lane, Berth Ddu.

**Members agreed the following:** (1) The Clerk to ascertain the current position in relation to the red dog bin installation in Shone's Lane, Berth Ddu (2) The Clerk to contact County Highways to seek their thoughts in relation to providing further 30mph repeater signage, together with appropriate signage advising drivers to the existence of sheep in the area.

- (d) Complaint received in relation to dogs allowed by owners to roam freely in the Halkyn Council Cemetery. The complainant who visits the cemetery regularly is appalled that dogs are allowed to foul whereby the owners do not clear the mess away. The dogs have been observed running wildly across the graves scattering the flowers. Request for suitable signage.

**Members agreed the following:** Expressed their concern that visitors to the cemetery allow their dogs to roam freely and also not clean up their dog fouling. The Clerk to firstly contact Reverend Hugh Burgess, to seek his views on signage in the area of the lychgate and entrance to the Council cemetery.

### **5(C). 116/21**

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

The Clerk advised, that there had been no update received from the Street Scene Officer. There had been no concerns raised by either Councillors or residents in-between the May and June Council meetings.

The Clerk further advised, that three Street Scene matters had been discussed under Clerk's report (**Minute number 5(B). 115/21 (c) on page 4 above**).

### **5(D). 117/21**

#### **TO ARRANGE: ANNUAL CEMETERY INSPECTION**

The annual inspection of the Council Cemetery adjacent to St. Marys' Church, Halkyn, was arranged for Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm. The Cemetery sub-committee to attend.

### **6. 118/21**

#### **REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (COMMITTEES, LIAISON & MEETINGS ATTENDED)**

- Councillor Howard Morris reported on his attendance at a recent liaison meeting held at the Pant Y Pwll Dwr Quarry (Cemex). The Quarry have offered to assist with community projects; which to-date will be the Rhes Y Cae Village Hall and a local football club team.

The recent concerns raised by residents following the laying of ground markers, was not increasing the area of land currently in the ownership of the Quarry.

### **7. 119/21**

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

The Clerk advised, that Councillor Miss. Jean S. Davies had no items to bring to the attention of Council.

### **8(A). 120/21**

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

- (a) Application number: 062110 – for phased extraction of some 28.38m tonnes of limestone from within the existing permitted area at Hendre Quarry and from within an eastern extension to the quarry as a comprehensive extension and consolidation scheme; retention of the existing processing plant and related infrastructure for the duration of the development; retention and use of the existing access for the duration of the development; construction and landscaping of a screening landform; and implementation of a restoration scheme for both the existing quarry and extension area, at Hendre Quarry, Denbigh Road, Rhydymwyn.

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

- (b) Application number: 062910 for the erection of a single storey extension to form new kitchen, at Tan Y Fron, Pentre Road, Pentre Halkyn.

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

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

**8(B). 121/21**

**Members formally confirmed the above decisions.**

**8(C). 122/21**

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

- (a) Application number: 062906 – for an application for variation of Condition 4 (Hours of Operation) of permission reference 059487 to allow for the operation of the Asphalt Plant (permitted under planning permission 056419) and associated vehicle movements outside of permitted hours on 28 occasions per year, at Pant Y Pwll Dwr Quarry.

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

- (b) Application number: 062770 – to remove and replace existing radiators as noted on the drawings including new boiler, at Rose Mount, Halkyn.

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

- (c) Application number: 062909 – for retrospective change of house type and position of site for plot 2 and change of position for house on plot 3 – attached to planning permission reference: 051487, at The Bungalow, Rhosesmor.

**Comment by Council:** No observation.

- (d) Application number: 063014 – for proposed single storey rear extension, single storey extension over existing balcony, internal alterations and all other works relating to including drainage etc., at Oak Tree House, Pentre Road, Pentre Halkyn.

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

**8(D).123/21**

**PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

- (a) Application number: 062242 – for proposed alterations and extension, at Glenville, Rhosesmor. Approved
- (b) Application number: 062543 – for construction of a steel portal framed garage building for car parking and general storage, at Terfyn, Moel y Crio. Approved
- (c) Application number: 062695 – for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development – proposed building, at Moel Y Crio Farm. Prior Approval Not Required.
- (d) Application number: 062685 – for erection of single storey side extension with pitched roof, replace existing kitchen front facing window with new external doors, at Ty Onnen, Moel Y Crio. Approved.

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

**9. 124/21**

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

| <b>Cheque Number</b> | <b>Payee</b>   | <b>Net £</b> | <b>Vat £</b> | <b>Total £</b> |
|----------------------|--|--------------|--------------|----------------|
|                      | <b><u>Payments made – to be confirmed:</u></b>   |              |              |                |
|                      | <b>Standing Order:</b> R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council<br>(Monthly salary & home working allowance for May)<br>Payments dated: 01/06/2021 |              |              |                |
|                      | <b>Direct Debit:</b> Scottish Power (May - Street Lighting Electricity Account payment dated: 18/06/2021)                                | 124.92       | 6.25         | 131.17         |
|                      | <b><u>Payments for consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u></b>  |              |              |                |
|                      | Information Commission’s Office (Registration renewal)   | 40.00        |              | 40.00          |
|                      | Parish Online (Geosphere Ltd) Mapping Portal renewal)  | 52.50        | 10.50        | 63.00          |

**10. 125/21**

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

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

**11. 126/21**

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

**12(A). 127/21**

**Standing Orders were suspended**

Councillor G. T. Robinson advised, that he had been approached by the Management of Rhosesmor Village Hall, in relation to the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebration in 2022. It had been suggested that all the Village Halls within the Community Council area arrange a joint celebration.

The Clerk to place the event on the July Council meeting agenda.

**12(B). 128/21**

**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.....**