



CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN / HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Halkyn Community Council, Held Virtually by Video and Telephone Conference, On Monday the 21st February, 2022, at 7.30pm.

1(A). 28/22 PRESENT

Councillor Brian Coleclough (Chair)
Councillor Colin R. D'Arcy (Vice Chair)
Councillor L. Howard Morris
Councillor David G. Roberts
Councillor G. T. Robinson
Councillor Mrs. J. Wendy Sigsworth
Councillor Mrs. Delyth Taylor

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 29/22 APOLOGIES

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

2. 30/22 PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

The Clerk advised, that PCSO Clio Milburn was scheduled to connect to the virtual Council meeting this evening, but had contacted the Clerk to apologise for the non-attendance, as she had been called to an emergency.

Councillors confirmed there were no concerns to be forwarded to the Officer.

3. 31/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared.

4. 32/22

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 17TH JANUARY, 2022

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

5. 33/22

MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) Minute no: 5. 06/22 (1) (i) (page ?)** – in relation to the installation of two vehicle activated signage in Pentre Halkyn. The Clerk advised, that whilst he had written further to Street Scene, there had been no reply from two Officers. Councillor Colin D’Arcy advised, that the signage was still not in situ

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to further contact Flintshire seeking an update.

- (2) Minute no: 5. 06/22 (1) (ii) (page ?)** – in relation to the new Pentre Halkyn Village name signs. Councillor Colin D’Arcy confirmed, that the signage had been erected. The Clerk advised, that the invoice had not been received.
- (3) Minute no: 5. 06/22 (1) (iii) (page ?)** – in relation to speed monitoring tubes in Pentre Halkyn. Whilst Councillor Colin D’Arcy confirmed at the February Council meeting, that the tubes had been placed, the Clerk advised, that despite a request to Flintshire Street Scene, the results had not been received.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to further contact Flintshire seeking an update.

- (4) Minute no: 6(B). 08/22 (c) (page 4)** – in relation to receiving a micro-care report from Flintshire County Council. The Clerk advised, that the report had not been received. However, further correspondence had been received advising, that the author of the report has left the employment of the County Council.
- (5) Minute no: 6(I). 15/22 (page 6)** – in relation to concern with a high sided wall adjacent to the Rhes Y Cae children’s play area had fallen down. The Clerk advised, the following report received from Aura Leisure. ‘The play area has been locked for safety reasons since the wall collapsed. A temporary security fence will be installed to enable the play area to reopen. The owner of the adjacent property has been advised, that should they wish to build a boundary wall, it must be within their property and may require planning permission’.

6(A). 34/22

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: 1 x Anti Social behaviour / 1 x Criminal Damage

Pentre Halkyn: 4 x Anti Social behaviour / 1 x Vehicle crime / 1 x Other crime

Rhes-Y-Cae: No offences reported

Rhosesmor: 1 x Burglary

- (2) One Voice Wales (OVW): Raising awareness / promotion video – May 2022 Town & Community Councils in Wales. The Clerk advised, that the video and information had been placed on the Council’s web site, as requested by OVW.
- (3) Flintshire County Council: Queen’s Jubilee Celebrations. Working party set up to determine how Council services can support community celebrations. Information sent to a number of interested Committees and Groups in the Council area.
- (4) HyNet North West: Statutory Consultation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008.

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

- ❖ Welsh Government: Draft Statutory Guidance for Community & Town Councils in Wales
- ❖ Boundary Commission for Wales: Secondary consultation to be held on Thursday 17th February. Councillors to complete on a personal basis
- ❖ Flintshire City of Sanctuary: Statement
- ❖ North Wales Police: North Wales Talking – Have your say on matters to you
- ❖ Mold Plastic Reduction: Newsletter number 17
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Flintshire launches new Hub for apprentice
- ❖ Welsh Government – via One Voice Wales: Section 47 Multi Location Meetings – survey report
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Campaign called #FCCBeKindOnline. Councillors requested to forward information to others
- ❖ Hannah Blythyn MS: February newsletter
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Guide to Town & Community Council elections in Wales – Thursday 5th May 2022

6(B). 35/22

CLERK’S REPORT

- (a) The Clerk read out a letter from Reverend Hugh Burgess, in relation to reordering work at St. Paul’s Church, in Rhosesmor. The Church are in the process of applying for grants and wish the Community Council to consider writing a letter of support. The proposed reordering will include the installation of toilets, kitchen and meeting facilities at the back of the Church and to also improve access to all parts of the building. The aim is for the building to be for more community usage, in particular, following the opening of a small shop facility last year.

Whilst Reverend Burgess would be pleased to meet with Councillors at the Church to discuss the proposals, he would be delighted to receive any suggestions about social or cultural activities that would be appropriate for the building.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to write a letter of support.

- (b) The Clerk advised, to a notification received from Scottish Power, which informed of an increase to the street lighting electricity supply (dusk until dawn).

Current cost: Standing charge: 12p per day / Rate 12p kWh

Cost from 1st March, 2022: Standing charge: 12p per day / Rate 47p kWh

The Clerk further advised, that all street lights are unmetered and are charged on a ‘dusk until dawn’ basis. Scottish Power advise, that the Council’s average yearly consumption is 11.895 kWh – which would result in an increase from approximately £1,427.00 to £5,590.00 per year.

The Clerk had contacted a number of other Councils who had also received notification of the above increase. The Clerk had also contacted the Flintshire County Council Street Lighting Manager, who advised, that the County Council street lighting energy supply is provided by a UK Government Procurement contract. The Clerk has made contact with this department, including seeking quotations from a number of energy suppliers. To date, no quotations have been received.

Members agreed the following: To receive further information from the Clerk at the March Council meeting.

- (c) Assistance requested from a Pentre Halkyn resident, in relation to the non-collection of nappies by Street Scene for some nine weeks. The Clerk advised, that following intervention by County Councillor Jean Davies, a collection was arranged and confirmed by Street Scene, that the property was on the new nappy collection schedule.
- (d) Report received from a resident in Rhes Y Cae advising, that the notice board doors are difficult to open. The Council’s joiner has been requested to attend and repair.
- (e) The Clerk brought to the attention of Members, the contents of an e-mail received from Councillor John Thomas, in relation to the white painted stones that are sited adjacent to the roads across the Halkyn Mountain Common. Councillor Thomas kindly produced a list of roads and numbers of stones – which totalled 305.

The Clerk recollected to Members, the former Halkyn Ranger had confirmed in late 2021 that the stones were not in the remit of Flintshire Countryside Services; Flintshire County Highways had also advised, that the stones were not highway assets.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to contact the Grosvenor Estate, to ascertain if they are aware of the white stones ownership and or responsibility.

6(C). 36/22

STREETSCENE SCHEDULE (FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL)

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

- No matters of concern had been received and reported since the last Council meeting.

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

- (a) Shone's Lane area - new dog bin: Awaiting new stock of bins
- (b) Near Church in Rhosesmor – new dog bin: Installed
- (c) Pant Y Gof to Middle Lane – pot holes: Work Order issued
- (d) Shone's Lane, Rhosesmor – pot holes: Work Order issued
- (e) Pant Y Gof (Blue Bell) to former Chapel in Halkyn – Missing give way signage: Replaced

The following concern was reported:

- ❖ The previously reported damaged road sign has not been replaced, as follows: B5123 Road – travelling from the A541 towards Rhosesmor. The sign has been knocked and is lying flat on top of the hedge on the left hand side - approaching the top of the hill prior to the turning to Wern Road.

The Clerk advised, that the above concern would again be brought to the attention of StreetScene.

7. 37/22

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.

8. 38/22

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

- The Clerk advised, that Councillor Miss Jean S. Davies is current hospitalised. Members asked that the Clerk send their best wishes for a speedy and full recovery.

9(A). 39/22

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application had been received:

- Application number: 063940 – for Retrospective application for a rear extension to the Post Office / Convenience store, Village Road, Pentre Halkyn.

Comment by Council: No Comment.

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

9(B). 40/22

Members formally confirmed the above decision.

9(C). 41/22

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

- (1) Application number: 064038 – for extension to dwelling, at Ael Y Bryn, Moel Y Crio.

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

- (2) Application number: 064061 – for demolition of existing bungalow to be replaced with new dwelling, at Oakdene, Buxton Lane, Pentre Halkyn.

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

9(D). 42/22

PLANNING DECISIONS

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

- (a) Application number: 063291 – for change of use of land (114 sqm) at the rear of the property from agricultural to residential, including the erection of decking, at Tegfryn, 1 Pen Y Parc Bungalows, Halkyn. Approved.
- (b) Application number: 062043 – for substitution of house type and repositioning of single garage to plots 5 & 6 – granted under Ref: 048657, at Land to the rear of The Stores House, Rhes Y Cae. Approved
- (c) Application number: 063683 – for demolition of conservatory – proposed single storey rear extension with balcony over, installation of 1st floor windows / doors to rear elevation, at 2 Hen Gapel, Berth Ddu. Refused.

10. 43/22

TO DISCUSS: QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS (CLLR BOB ROBINSON)

Councillor G. T. Robinson addressed Members in relation to the above celebration and wished Members to consider supporting events.

Lengthy discussion as to possible events, venues and providing a Jubilee mug or coin to the younger generation of the Council area.

The Clerk advised, that following the public notice inviting Groups and Committees within the Council area to apply for funding to celebrate the Jubilee, there had been enquiries from Halkyn, Pentre Halkyn and Rhes Y Cae. Councillor Wendy Sigsworth advised, that a Group in Rhosesmor were also organising an event.

Members agreed the following: (1) The Clerk to forward to Members details in relation to commemorative mugs and coins (2) The £950.00 Lottery funding held in ring-fenced budget be utilised for an event in Halkyn Parish Hall – as per the original intention (3) Councillor Delyth Taylor to make contact with the Flintshire County Council School Admissions Team, to endeavour to ascertain the number of primary school children resident in the Halkyn Council area.

11. 44/22

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 January Payments dated: 01/02/202)			
	HSBC – Bank charges	5.80		5.80
	Direct Debit: Scottish Power (January - Street Lighting Electricity Account payment dated: 18/02/2022)	124.92	6.25	131.17
	<u>Payment for consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u>			
	R. P. Parry (Clerk) Reimbursement of Microsoft Office Business licence renewal at £122.80 VAT £22.56 – Total £135.36. Quarter share with other Councils	28.20	5.64	33.84

12. 45/22

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	<u>Authorised to be paid by BACS:</u> Llangollen International Eisteddfod (Application for annual donation) (Section 145 LGA 1972 – provision of entertainment and support of the arts)	£200.00

13. 46/22

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.....