



CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN / HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Halkyn Community Council, Held Virtually by Video and Telephone Conference, On Monday the 18th July, 2022, at 7.00pm

1(A). 136/22

SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

- (i) Councillors David Palmer, Wendy Sigsworth and Delyth Taylor signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, following being co-opted to the Community Council at the June 2022 Council meeting:

The Chair of Council, Councillor Colin D'Arcy welcomed the above co-opted Councillors to the Community Council, including County Councillor Simon Jones to his first meeting.

- (ii) **Members agreed the following:** The Declaration of Acceptance of Office for Nicola Richardson be adjourned, to enable the Clerk to arrange signing prior to the September Council meeting.

1(B). 137/22

PRESENT

Councillor Colin R. D'Arcy (Chair)
Councillor David G. Roberts (Vice Chair)
Councillor Brian Coleclough
Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough
Councillor Ray Faulder-Jones
Councillor Howard Morris
Councillor David Palmer
Councillor Bob Robinson
Councillor Wendy Sigsworth
Councillor Delyth Taylor

Councillor Simon Jones (Flintshire County)

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(C). 138/22

APOLOGIES

Councillor Jean S. Davies (Community & County)
Councillor Nicola Richardson
Councillor Dylan H. Roberts

1(D). 139/22

ABSENT

None

2. 140/22

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

No attendance at meeting by public, no questions, comments or representations received prior to meeting.

3. 141/22

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared.

4. 142/22

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH JUNE 2022

The Minutes were proposed as correct by Councillor Howard Morris and seconded by Councillor Ray Faulder-Jones and formally agreed by the Members present.

5. 143/22

PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) Minute no: 5.123.22 (1) (page 2)** – in relation to a Vehicle Activated Speed sign in Pentre Halkyn, that had been installed facing the incorrect way. Councillor Colin D’Arcy advised that the position of the sign had not been reversed. The Clerk recollects Members to the e-mail received from County Highways, stating that the re-positioning would be completed during week commencing 13th June. The Clerk advised that he would escalate the concern to a Senior Officer.
- (2) Minute no: 5.123.22 (2) (page 2)** – in relation to the distribution of Commemorative Queen’s Jubilee Mugs. Councillor Delyth Taylor advised that the distributions of the mugs had progressed well; a box had been delivered to Ysgol Rhos Helyg in Berth Ddu. A number of mugs were still stored in Halkyn Parish Hall. Suggestion that the remaining mugs could be sold for £5.00 each at possibly the library on a Friday afternoon.

Members agreed the following: **(1)** Thanked the Councillors and their family members for attending the Parish Hall to box the mugs; Councillor Delyth Taylor for arranging the distribution and delivering the mugs, together with Councillor Nicola Richardson for her assistance in delivering the mugs **(2)** The remaining mugs to be sold for £5.00 each **(3)** The Clerk to enquire with the Librarian if the mugs could be available for sale on the library day **(4)** The sale to be placed in the next edition of the Halkyn Mountain News and on the various Village Facebook pages.

- (3) Minute no: 5.123.22 (4) (pages 2 & 3)** – in relation to parking restriction in The Nant area. The Clerk advised that the County has received a considerable number of requests for parking restrictions, whereby they would be considered and the Community Council will be contacted further in due course.

- (4) **Minute no: 10. 132/22 (page 6)** – in relation to a request to Flintshire County Council to consider a one way system at Buxton Lane, Pentre Halkyn. The Clerk advised that whilst the request had been acknowledged, there had been no further contact. The Clerk had sent a reminder e-mail.

**6(A). 144/22
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: 2 x Anti social behaviour / Other crime / 1 x Public order / 1 x Violence

Pentre Halkyn: 1 x Anti Social behaviour / 1 x Criminal damage / Other crime / 1 x Theft / 1 x Violence

Rhes-Y-Cae: No offences reported

Rhosesmor: 1 x Anti social behaviour / 1 x Criminal damage

The Wern: 1 x Criminal damage

- (2) Report received from the organisers of the Pentre Halkyn Queen's Jubilee Celebrations. The Clerk read out the report to Members, which also thanked the Community Council for financially supporting the event.
- (3) Flintshire County Council: Information received and forwarded to Councillors from Sarah Slater (County Biodiversity Officer), seeking suggestions for nature enhancements in this Council area, with a deadline for submission: Monday 22nd August.

Members agreed the following: The Halkyn Community Council do not own any land, and apart from the County Council Highway adopted grass verges, the other open areas are in the ownership of the Grosvenor Estate.

Should the County Council identify any areas, the Councillors would be pleased to support permissions required from either / and or the Grosvenor Estate and Natural Resources Wales.

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

- ❖ Welsh Government: Good Councillors Guide – 2022 (Bilingual copies)
- ❖ Welsh Government: Shaping Wales' Future: Members to complete survey on a personal basis
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Local Development Plan 2015 – 2030 Examination. Consultation on Matters Arising
- ❖ Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Report for 2022 / 2023.

- ❖ HyNet: Further consultation on the new carbon dioxide pipeline. Councillors to complete consultation on a personal basis
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Results of the 2021 Census will be released by the Office of the National Statistics on the 28th June
- ❖ Awel Y Mor Windfarm: Update
- ❖ Welsh Government: Consultation in relation to ‘A Fairer Council Tax’ Members to complete on a personal basis.

6(B). 145/22
CLERK’S REPORT

(a) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. The Clerk advised the following:

- (i) Under Section 151 of the Local Government Measure 2011, the Annual return for the statement of payments to Members had been submitted for the period 2021 / 2022.
- (ii) The Clerk recollects Members to the mandatory payment to Councillors of £150.00, under the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales recommendation. The Clerk advised, that a claim form would be sent to all Council Members following the meeting, and asked that all Councillors either complete the payment request, or the forgo section. The form to be returned to the Clerk.

6(C). 146/22
TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO THE 30TH JUNE 2022

The Clerk, as Financial Officer, provided Members virtually with a copy of the Quarterly Statement of Accounts, as at the end of June 2022 (electronic copies sent prior to the meeting), together with copies of the Council Bank account statements. The Clerk further provided Members, with a breakdown in relation to the budget headings, which included income and expenditure to-date.

Members agreed the following: Approved the Statement of Accounts, whereby the document was agreed to be signed by the Chair, Councillor Colin D’Arcy.

6(D). 147/22
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021: STATUTORY GUIDANCE FOR COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS

Annual Report: The Clerk recollects and provided further information to Members from the above Act, whereby from May of this year, all Town & Community Councils in Wales are required to produce an annual report. Whilst both the Society of Local Councils and One Voice Wales had endeavoured to obtain guidance from the Government as to the format for the report, it was only in late June, that a directive containing the guidance was received. The Clerk advised that he would produce a draft report for consideration by Council at the September meeting, with a copy sent to Members prior for perusal.

Training Plan: The Clerk also recollects and provided further information to Members in relation to the required training plan for both Councillors and Clerk, that was required by the above Act to be published by November 2022. No guidance had been received to-date.

6(E). 148/22

HALKYN PARISH HALL TRUST – TRUSTEES MEETING

- (1) The Clerk advised, that following the appointment of new Councillors, the Clerk will be contacting these Councillors seeking personal information to be completed for the Charity Commission. The Clerk explained that the Halkyn Parish Hall was in the ownership of the Community Council, whereby all Councillors are therefore Trustees.
- (2) The Clerk confirmed that the end of year annual accounts received from the Parish Hall Management Committee for 2021 / 2022 (February), the Clerk had uploaded to the web site of the Charity Commission. This had been acknowledged.
- (3) Parish Hall repairs. A list has been provided to the Clerk, whereby it has been agreed by the Management Committee, that the minor repairs are the responsibility of the Management Committee. Other items in the remit of the Community Council, the Clerk has asked that quotations be sourced for consideration by Council.
- (4) Request to cut the grass at the edge of the triangle section of the Hall grounds, as this was affecting traffic visibility.

6(F). 149/22

TO FURTHER DISCUSS: STREET LIGHTING ENERGY SUPPLY CONTRACT (ADJ FROM MARCH)

The Clerk recollects Members to the April Council meeting whereby it was agreed to further review the street lighting energy supply contract at this month's meeting. The Clerk advised that there had been no change to the tariff within the energy market for business consumption.

Members agreed the following: To further review the street lighting contract at the January 2023 budget setting process.

6(G). 150/22

STREETSCENE SCHEDULE (FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL)

The Clerk advised in relation to the following concern(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

- No update in relation to previously reported concerns had been received from Street Scene.

Members brought the following concern(s) to the meeting:

- There were no matters of concern raised.
- Councillor Delyth Taylor thanked Street Scene for the clearing of overgrowth on the pavement area – from the Old Chapel to the Church – which has created a safer environment for pedestrians. The concern was brought to the attention of this Council by a lorry driver who was concerned that pedestrians were walking along the road to avoid the overgrowth.

7. 151/22

REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (COMMITTEES, LIAISON & MEETINGS ATTENDED)

(A) Nominations To Serve On Local Committees and Outside Bodies (To be further reviewed)

Members perused the current list of Local Committees and Outside Bodies, which highlighted a number of vacancies. The Clerk advised in relation to role of each vacant committee.

Members agreed the following: (1) To include the appointed Councillors to the Halkyn Parish Hall Management Committee (2) The Clerk to contact Tom Woodall (Access and Natural Environment Manager) at Flintshire County Council, to enquire as to when the Joint Consultative Board meetings will recommence (3) The Clerk to send the current list of Liaison names to Councillors (4) To agenda the list for further review at the September Council meeting.

(B) Representatives Reports (Committees, Liaison & Meetings Attended)

- ❖ Councillor Dylan Roberts had provided the Clerk with details from a liaison meeting at the Tarmac Quarry, Hendre, that he had attended, as follows: Hendre quarry currently extracting 800,000 tons per year and are investing 4 million pounds in upgrading their equipment; they can increase their extraction to a million tons per year. They are expanding to the east in October this year, closer to Llety and Lygen Ucha farm. Its going to take approximately 2 years to strip the top soil and top rock to get to the valuable stone below. Four complaints this year from the neighbourhood and have admitted going over the vibration limit twice. Tarmac will not be using mobile vibration monitors, permanent monitors will be fixed at two locations and will provide a consistent correct weekly reading. Complaint about a fence being destroyed, which Councillor Roberts repaired personally.

8. 152/22

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

- Councillor Simon Jones advised in relation to the following:
 - (i) The non-collection of food and recycling complaint that had been received by the Clerk to this Council and forwarded to Councillor Jones. Councillor Jones had arranged an emergency collection and was assured the missed properties were on a route collection.
 - (ii) The current warm weather has suspended a number of food and other collections, which will have a knock on effect.

9(A). 153/22

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications had been received:

- (1) Application number: FUL/000166/22, for proposed provision of standalone solar PV panels, at 3 Bryn Teg Cottages, Halkyn.

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

- (2) Application number: Det/000028/22, for proposed demolition of existing garage and the erection of a larger detached garage, at, 1 Bryn Rodyn, Rhes-y-Cae.

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).

9(B). 154/22

Members formally confirmed the above decisions.

9(C). 155/22

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT MEETING

No planning applications to be considered by Members at the meeting.

9(D). 156/22

PLANNING DECISIONS

No planning decisions received from Flintshire County Council.

10. 157/22

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
	<p><u>Payments made – to be confirmed:</u></p> <p>Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for June) Payments dated: 01/07/2022 (Quarterly payment for Cemetery administration – April, May & June</p> <p><u>Direct Debit Payments:</u></p> <p>Scottish Power (June - Street Lighting Electricity Account payment due: 10/07/2022</p> <p>HSBC Bank – monthly charges due: 19/07/2022</p> <p><u>Payment for consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u></p> <p>Flintshire County Council: Uncontested Election Recharge</p>			
		463.26	23.16	486.42
		6.60		6.60
		403.16		403.16

11. 158/22

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	No applications received	

12. 159/22

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.....**

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