



CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN / HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Halkyn Community Council, Held Virtually by Video and Telephone Conference, On Monday the 20th June, 2022, at 7.30pm.

1(A). 117/22 PRESENT

Councillor Colin R. D'Arcy (Chair)
Councillor Brian Coleclough
Councillor Ray Faulder-Jones
Councillor Howard Morris
Councillor Dylan H. Roberts

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 118/22 APOLOGIES

Councillor David G. Roberts
Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough
Councillor Jean S. Davies (Community & County)
Councillor Bob Robinson

Councillor Simon Jones (Flintshire County)

1(C). 119/22 ABSENT

None

2. 120/22 PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

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

3. 121/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declaration of Interest was declared: Councillor Howard Morris (**Minute number 9(A). 130/22 (h) on page 6 below**)

4. 122/22

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 16TH MAY, 2022

The Minutes were proposed as correct by Councillor Brian Coleclough and seconded by Councillor Howard Morris and formally agreed by the Members present.

5. 123/22

PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) Minute no: 11. 101/22 (1) (page 4)** – in relation to the installation of vehicle activated signage in Pentre Halkyn. Councillor Colin D’Arcy advised that the installation is almost complete, with one sign appears to have been erected facing an incorrect way. The Clerk advised that this has been reported to Highways.
- (2) Minute no: 11. 101/22 (2) (page 4)** – in relation to Commemorative Queen’s Jubilee Mugs, to be distributed to school children within the Community Council area. As Councillor Bob Robinson was not in attendance, there was no update.
- (3) Minute no: 11. 101/22 (3) (page 4)** – in relation to the wooden bus shelter in The Windmill. The Clerk advised that a quotation has been received from the Council’s joiner, with the following specification:

‘To sand down all woodwork inside and outside including internal rafters, ridge board, seat and gates. Apply 2 number coats of light oak stain, apply one coat of clear stain – as required – at a cost of £750.00’

Members agreed the following: (1) Accepted the quotation from Gwyn Jones (Rhes Y Cae joiner) at a cost of £750.00 (2) Members agreed to suspend financial standing orders, for the following reasons: The joiner has been the Council’s joiner and handyman for a number of years and is competitive in his previous quotations; the difficulty in obtaining quotations for the smaller repairs from appropriate tradespersons.

- (4) Minute no: 11. 101/22 (5) (page 4)** – in relation to the renovation costs for the metal seat in Halkyn. The Clerk advised that two quotations had been received from the Council’s joiner, with the following specification:
 - (a)** To remove, arrange various renovation and refix metal bench seat in Halkyn, at a cost between £960.00 to £1,100.00
 - (b)** Remove old concrete base and reinstall on new concrete base, at a cost of £435.00

Members agreed the following: (1) Accepted both above quotations from Gwyn Jones (Rhes Y Cae joiner), at (a) and (b) above. (2) Members agreed to suspend financial standing orders at (a) above, for the following reasons: The repair requires a number of professional craftspeople to complete the repair, namely: removal and transportation to a metal / fabricators shop for the rails to be straightened and re-aligned; collected and delivered to a powder coating specialist; re-collected and transported back to Halkyn for installation.

- (c) Minute no: 16. 113/22 (page 8)** – in relation to a site meeting in The Nant with County Highways Officers, to discuss parking concerns and in particular, the installation of parking restrictions.

Councillor Brain Coleclough reported that Councillor Glyn Coleclough had attended a recent site meeting with Highway Officers. The Officers will consider the request and advise this Council in due course.

6(A). 124/22
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 Criminal damage

Pentre Halkyn: 1 x Burglary / 3 x Violence

Rhes-Y-Cae: No offences reported

Rhosesmor: 1 x Public order

- (2) Flintshire County Council: Request from the Chief Officer (Governance), seeking if the Community Council wish to nominate a Councillor to be considered as the Flintshire Town & Community Council representative, to sit on the Standards Committee.

Members agreed the following: To nominate Councillor Ray Faulder-Jones.

- (3) Flintshire County Council: Match Funding Scheme for improvements to Children's play areas 2022 / 2023. The correspondence advises that the Pentre Halkyn children's play area in in need of investment.

The Clerk recollects to Members that the sum of £10,000 had been provisionally agreed during the budget setting process, to be held in ear-marked reserves budget, should the Pentre Halkyn play area be identified.

Members agreed the following: To formally allocate the sum of £10,000.00 – match funding with Flintshire County Council, to upgrade the children's play area equipment in Pentre Halkyn. The Clerk to notify Aura Leisure.

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

- ❖ Halkyn Mountain News: Issue number 183. The editorial team are seeking new members to assist with both the editorial content, advertising and delivery
- ❖ Aura Leisure (Flintshire County Council): Graffiti on play area equipment in Pentre Halkyn
- ❖ Flintshire Local Development Plan: Consultation on Matters Arising
- ❖ Welsh Government: Bilingual copies of an updated Good Councillors Guide – 2022

6(B). 125/22
CLERK'S REPORT

- (a) The Clerk advised that Councillor Jean Davies has signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office
- (a) The Clerk advised that the following Public Notice had been displayed on the Council's web site and notice boards on the 1st June, as required by Audit Wales. Notice of Appointment of the Date for the Exercise of Electors' Rights – Financial Year Ending 31st March 2022.
- (b) HyNet Pipeline (Ince near Stanlow to Flint) Consultation to be completed by Councillors on a personal basis
- (c) Flintshire County council: Office of National Statistics – results of 2021 census to be published on the 28th June
- (d) Awel Y Mor Offshore Windfarm. Update information
- (e) The Clerk advised of further moles in the Council Cemetery. P. Morris (Pest & Vermin Control) has been instructed to eradicate the concern
- (f) Concerns expressed to Council in relation to an area of land in The Nant, whereby the area has been known locally as common land. It had been reported that a claim was in progress to the Land Registry. The Clerk had sent to the Grosvenor Estate a copy map from apparently the early part of the century which indicated the land in the ownership of the Grosvenor Estate, together with a location map for their observation. The Estate had replied to advise, that the area was not included in the Estate Portfolio. Members viewed the maps virtually.

Members agreed the following: As this Council have no documentary evidence that the area is Common Land, the concern to remain on file.

(g) **Street Lighting:** The following street light reported out of order:

- Area of Jubilee Drive, Halkyn

6(C). 126/22

CO-OPTION OF VACANT COUNCILLOR SEATS – FOLLOWING UNCONTESTED ELECTION

The Clerk advised Members that the following Public Notice had been displayed on the Council's web site and notice boards; under the Local Government (Wales) Measure Act 2011, Section 116, in relation to the co-option of four Council Members, with a closing date of 12 Noon on Monday 13th June. Four Expressions of Interest had been received by the nominated Councillor Brian Coleclough.

Members agreed the following: Proposed, seconded and agreed to Co-opt the following as Halkyn Community Council Councillors: David Palmer (Halkyn); Nicola Richardson (Rhes Y Cae); Wendy Sigsworth (Halkyn); Delyth Taylor (Rhosesmor)

6(D). 127/22

STREETSCENE SCHEDULE (FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL)

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

- ❖ Rhosesmor – from the area of Yr Hen Gapel towards the Vicarage. Due to overgrowth which has restricted the width of the pavement, pedestrians have no option but to walk on the edge of the pavement or on the roadside. Due to the number of heavy goods vehicles travelling along this from the mountain quarries, could the overgrowth be cut to improve pedestrian safety.

The Clerk provided the following update from Mr. Neil Hickie (StreetScene) Officer (*Update in italics*)

- Pot Holes in Shone's Lane, Berth Ddu. *Work order issued – awaiting response*

7. 128/22

REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (COMMITTEES, LIAISON & MEETINGS ATTENDED)

- ❖ Councillor Howard Morris referred to the Hendre Tarmac Liaison Quarry replacement Councillor representative, whereby Councillor Morris expressed his interest in being nominated.

The Clerk advised that the Councillor representatives had been adjourned until the July Council meeting.

8. 129/22

COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS (COUNCILLOR MISS. JEAN DAVIES & COUNCILLOR SIMON JONES)

The Clerk advised, that due to the absence of both County Councillors, there were no reports.

9(A). 130/22

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- (a) Application number: FUL/000033/22 – for proposed first floor extension above the existing single storey flat roof kitchen, at 1 Tan & Bryn, Halkyn.

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

- (b) Application number: FUL/000060/22 – for proposed conversion of existing outbuilding and associated external improvements, at Bryn Eryn Farm, Halkyn.

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

- (c) Application number: FUL/000058/22 – for construction of rear two-storey extension, at Westwood, Halkyn.

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

- (d) Application number: FUL:000054/22 – change of use and conversion of the existing detached storage outbuilding to a proposed 1 bed holiday let, at Trem Yr Afon, Pant Y Gof, Halkyn.

- (e) Application number: 064424 – for the erection of new oak timber frame garage to south west corner of the plot with slate roof to include soft landscaping and a 600mm high sandstone wall, at Gwysaney Saw mills, Rhosesmor.

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

- (f) Application number: 064425 – Listed building application for the erection of new oak timber frame garage to south west corner of the plot with slate roof to include soft landscaping to the front of the property, to add definition, grass area and planting to be more in-keeping with a domestic dwelling, the existing area is a large gravel open space industrial area. Erection of 600mm high sandstone walls to extend the existing grassed area to the top of the wall. Addition of a new grassed area to the south perimeter wall, at Gwysaney Saw mills, Rhosesmor.

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

- (g) Application number: 064426 – for proposed extension and alterations, at Bryn Eithin Farm, Halkyn.

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

- (h) Application number: 000037 – for construction of new entrance to yard to provide easier access for lorries, at Central Stores, B5123 Road, Halkyn.

Note: Councillor Howard Morris Declared an Interest in the above planning application (**Minute number: 3.121/22 on page 1 above**).

9(B). 131/22

PLANNING DECISIONS

There were no planning decisions received from Flintshire County council

10. 132/22

TO CONSIDER: CHANGE FROM VEHICLE ACCESS TO PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLEWAY ON ONE WAY SYSTEM AT BUXTON LANE, PENTRE HALKYN (CLLR COLIN D'ARCY)

Councillor Colin D'Arcy expressed concerns in relation to the one way section of road on Buxton Lane, Pentre Halkyn, and in particular, that this section of road contains no residential or business properties, whereby the one way road is used primarily by pedestrians and cyclists. However, the road is also used by heavy goods and other vehicles as a short cut and or by their sat nav - to the safety aspect of the other users.

Councillor D'Arcy wished the Community Council to consider discussing with Flintshire County Council, that the area of highway is redesignated as a pedestrian and cycle way road.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to contact County Highways, to seek their views with the above named road to be re-classified as a pedestrian and cycle route. To also advise the County, that Councillor D'Arcy would be amicable to attend a site meeting.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
	<u>Payments made – to be confirmed:</u>			
	BACS: Ewe Can Craft (Queen’s Jubilee grant for event held at Rhes Y Cae Village Hall – for younger members of the community). Above agreed in-between meetings (payment authorised by two Councillor bank signatories) (Section 137 LGA 1972)	160.00		160.00
	BACS: Nicola Richardson (Re-imburement of insurance cover fee for the Rhes Y Cae Queen’s Jubilee Beacon – as previously agreed by Council (payment authorised by two Councillor bank signatories)	188.00		188.00
	Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for May) Payments dated: 01/06/2022			
	Direct Debit: HSBC – Bank Charges (Payment dated 15/06/2022)	6.50		6.50
	<u>Payments for consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u>			
	Standing Order BACS: H. M. Revenue & Customs. Clerk’s PAYE & Clerk & Council NI - April, May & June 2022	790.35		790.35
	All Electric (Halkyn Parish Hall alarm system – as previously accepted quotation)	565.99	113.20	679.19
	Parish On-line (Annual renewal of mapping system)	60.00	12.00	72.00
	Deeco Lighting (Street light repair in Jubilee Drive, Halkyn)	180.00	36.00	216.00
	Information Commissioner’s Office (Annual renewal of registration)	40.00		40.00
	Halkyn Parish Hall (Library room hire – 12 weeks from March to May)	330.00		330.00
	Direct Debit: Scottish Power (May - Street Lighting Electricity Account payment due: 22/062022)	478.00	23.92	502.34

12. 134/22

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	<p>Halkyn Junior Football Club (Provisional application for funding towards new secure perimeter fence, at the Football Ground, Pentre Halkyn)</p> <p>Note: Members were shown virtually a business case for the new secure perimeter fence, whereby the Football Club had sourced a number of quotations, with the preferred quotation at a cost of £15,000.00.</p> <p>Funding had been received by the Club from Flintshire County Council for £7,000, the Club will provide £4,000.00 – leaving a shortfall of £4,000.00. Other funding applications had been made, with no success.</p> <p>Members agreed the following: To provisionally award a grant of £4,000.00. The funds to be released pending a formal application, together with the required copy of accounts and bank statement, which clearly shows the name of the Football Club, sort and account numbers. The Council to also receive a copy of the paid invoice. (Section 19 - 3(a) LGA (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976)</p>	<p>£4,000.00 (provisionally – see note)</p>

13. 135/22

Members agreed the payments of the above accounts and provisional 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.....**