



CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN / HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Halkyn Community Council,
Held in the Halkyn Parish Hall,
On Monday the 20th February, 2017, 2017, at 7.00pm.**

**1(A). 25/17
PRESENT**

Councillor David A. Hughes (Chair)
Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough (Vice Chair)
Councillor Colin Barker
Councillor Brian Coleclough
Councillor L. Howard Morris
Councillor Mrs. Delyth Jones - Taylor
Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson
Councillor G. T. Robinson
Councillor Mrs. J. Wendy Sigsworth
Councillor John Thomas

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

**1(B). 26/17
APOLOGIES**

Councillor Miss. C. Alex Wilcox
Councillor Colin Legg (Flintshire County Councillor)

**1(C). 27/17
Standing Orders were suspended:**

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING BY ROBERT BOARD – FLINT & HOLYWELL ROTARY CLUB AND JASON WILLIAMS & GARETH WILLIAMS – WELSH AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Chairman Councillor David Hughes, welcomed Mr. Robert Board – Flint & Holywell Rotary Club, together with Mr. Jason Williams and Mr. Gareth Williams – Welsh Ambulance Service, to the meeting.

Mr. Board thanked the Chairman and Councillors for the invitation to address the Members in relation to a project by the Rotary Club to provide 'First Responder Teams', including the provision of a defibrillator.

Mr. Board advised that on the 60th Anniversary of the Rotary Club, a project commenced to make contact with all Town and Community Councils in the area, and the Holywell Rotary Club wished

to expand the project to the surrounding areas. The Rotary Club were keen to allocate funding and assistance to the project in the Community area of Halkyn.

Mr. Williams referred to the Ambulance Service wishing to provide an enhanced service to the more rural areas. The timings were explained in relation to a call for assistance to the Ambulance Service, and the attendance of a volunteer on call in the area. Presently there are approximately 7 to 8 emergency calls a week within the area.

Mr. Board, together with Jason and Gareth Williams advised further in relation to the project (a) the training and support aspect (b) approximately an eight hour a month commitment from each volunteer - with between 8 to 10 volunteers (c) the start-up cost to a community would be approximately £1,800.00, with a cost of £750.00, towards a defibrillator - with the Rotary Club funding approximately £2,000.00 to the project (d) the concerns of a defibrillator being housed in a cabinet or in a phone box (e) the Rotary Club and Ambulance Service representatives would attend a public meeting and / or speak to any local Groups directly (f) provide on-going support to volunteers.

Members asked the following questions: (1) the number of teams in the area: There were two teams in Holywell and Bagillt (2) Are the volunteers recognisable: The Teams have a uniform together with a badge and also a telephone from the WAS (3) The Halkyn area a quite spread-out: There are usually a mixture of age groups within the volunteers. The younger generation volunteer and eventually join the ambulance service. The volunteers also consist of medical professionals (4) Is the project to cover all the various villages within the Community: This would depend on the volunteers who come forward (5) What is the next stage: Should the Community Council wish to take forward the project, then firstly a public meeting to be called to gauge the volunteer support.

The Members indicated their provisional agreement, that they would wish to take the project forward. The matter to be formally placed on the March agenda for further discussion. Two Councillors to be appointed to represent the Community Council.

The Chairman Councillor David Hughes, thanked Mr. Board, together with Mr. Jason Williams and Mr. Gareth Williams for attending the meeting, and for their informative address. The Clerk to the Council will make further contact following the March Council meeting.

1(D). 28/17

Standing Orders were restored:

2. 29/17

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared.

3. 30/17

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 16TH JANUARY, 2017

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

4. 31/17

MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk referred to the following matters from the previous Minutes;

Minute no: 1(C). 03/17 (ii) (pages 2 and 3), in relation to a number of items of concern discussed with Mr. Ian Williams – Flintshire County Council Street Scene Supervisor. Councillors' Colin Barker and John Thomas advised the Members, that no further contact had been received from Mr.

Ian Williams, as to the date for the Environmental Audit. The Clerk suggested that the Council await the next visit by Mr. Williams to the Community Council – to further set a date. **The Members agreed.**

Minute no: 4. 07/16 sub minute number: 4. 198/16 & 4. 175/16 & 4.154/16 (page 4), in relation to IT Training in Halkyn Parish Hall. The Clerk advised that the Librarian was collating names of attendees at the library to ascertain if further training was required. The Clerk further advised that there was funding from the allocated fund for one more training session.

Minute no: 4. 07/16 sub minute number: 4. 198/16 & 4. 175/16 & 13. 169/16 (page 4), in relation to the proposed removal of flashing speed signage in Rhosesmor and Berth Ddu areas. The Clerk advised the Members that he had received a telephone call during the afternoon prior the Council meeting from Mr. Derek Charlton – Flintshire County Council Highways. Mr. Charlton had confirmed that the ‘flashing speed signs’ would not be removed. The face of the signs would be replaced and wished the Council Members to agree either of the following: The flashing sign warning to be (a) Slow / Araf or (b) 30mph. **Members agreed the following:** the two signs to flash with a 30mph signal.

Minute no: 5(B). 09/17 (c) (page 6), in relation to an alleged development in progress, on land adjacent to the A5026 – travelling from The Nant towards Hillcrest and Holywell. The Clerk advised, that despite a reminder letter, no reply had been received from Flintshire Planning. Councillor Brian Coleclough advised, that the Brynford Community Council had written further to Flintshire County Planning, including the Assembly Member and Member of Parliament.

5(A). 32/17

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 PCSO Laura Williams had e-mailed to advise that she was unable to attend the Council Meeting. There was no report received from the PCSO providing details of reported criminal offences.
- (2) Newsletter received from Inspector Jon Bowcott – which had been cascaded to all Council Members by e-mail.
- (3) Letter from Inspector Jon Bowcott, advising of a temporary change of District Inspector. The temporary Inspector for South Flintshire from 6th February, will be Geraint Roberts.
- (4) Notification from The Post Office following the consultation in relation to the change of opening hours at Pentre Halkyn Post Office. The letter received advised that the new opening times would commence in the near future.
- (5) The Clerk referred to an e-mail cascaded to Members dated the 02 February, in relation to a consultation named ‘Reforming Local Government: Resilient and Renewed.
- (6) The Clerk referred to a recent consultation by the Boundary Commission for Wales, in relation to ‘Our proposals for Flintshire Principal Council’ The second consultation commences from 28th February, to 27th March, 2017. During this consultation the Boundary Commission will publish all of the responses from the initial consultation on proposed changes to Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales.
- (7) Application form for complimentary tickets to Llangollen International Eisteddfod. Agreed that the Chair of the Council receive the form.
- (8) Information received from Kidney Wales – in relation to a ‘Walk for Life’ Councillor John Thomas was handed the information.
- (9) Notification in relation to a County Forum meeting, to be held on 28th February, 2017 at 6.30pm in Mold Town Council Chambers.
- (10) Invitation from One Voice Wales to become a Member for 2017 / 2018 – at a cost of £372.00, with a discount of 50% for this year = £186.00. **Members agreed not to join.**

5(B). 33/17

CLERK'S REPORT

- (i) The Clerk referred to a previous decision to purchase new signage for the Halkyn Library. The Clerk provided Councillor G. T. Robinson, with details for a Design & Sign Company (Palm Signs), based in Greenfield. This Company are contracted to Flintshire County Council for their signage requirements.
- (ii) The Clerk recollected to the Members the installation of a bus shelter in The Windmill. The Clerk further recollected to the Members that Mr. Ian Williams – Flintshire County Council Street Scene Supervisor, had advised at the January Council meeting that the bus shelter was due to be installed within a couple of weeks. During the installation of the shelter base by employees of Flintshire County Council, on Monday 13th February, 2017, the owner of a property named Holly Cottage, The Windmill, contacted the Clerk to advise that he was the owner of the land, and had not provided permission for the bus shelter to be erected. The resident stated that the deeds of Holly Cottage indicated his ownership of the land. Following receiving this information, the Clerk had asked the County to cease the work, including the delivery of the bus shelter – which was due on the following day – pending further enquiries.

The Clerk provided the Members with a chronology of events from the commencement of the project – whereby both Mr Bill Leck and Kirsty Walker – Grosvenor Estates, were aware of the location of the bus shelter, with the Estate agreeing to pay £2,500, towards the purchase. Natural Resources Wales had also agreed the site area. The Clerk further advised that he had completed a Land Registry search of the property known as Holly Cottage, and the plan provided by the Land Registry did not indicate the area of land, as in the ownership of Holly Cottage. Further viewing of the Land Registry, indicated that the land was in the ownership of the Grosvenor Estate. Councillors in attendance at the meeting, commented that possibly the base of the bus shelter was to near the junction, which could reduce visibility for motorists.

Member agreed the following: (a) The Clerk to write to the Grosvenor Estate, to seek further confirmation as to their ownership of the land (b) the Clerk to contact Flintshire County Council Highways, to seek a further review in relation to the siting of the bus shelter (c) the Clerk to contact Natural Resources Wales, to seek their views, as to the possibility of the bus shelter being positioned in an alternative area.

6. 34/17

REPRESENTATIVES / LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no representatives reports.

7(A). 35/17

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications had been received:

- (a) Application number: 056415, for change of use and extension of outbuilding to form dwelling, at Ael Y Bryn, Moel & Crio.

Comment by Council: Providing it complies with relevant planning policies, then no objection to the proposal.

- (b) Application number: Tarmac – for out of hours working at Pant Asphalt, Halkyn – on Friday evening the 27th January – between the hours of 2100 to 0600.

Comment by Council: No objection

- (c) Application number: Tarmac – for out of hours working at Pant Asphalt, Halkyn – on Saturday afternoon the 18th February – between the hours of 1200 to 1800.

Comment by Council: No objection

(The above three applications were sent to the Chairman for consultation with the local Member(s) due to statutory time limits for observations).

7(B). 36/17

The Members agreed with the above decisions.

7(C). 37/17

The following planning application was dealt with by the Members at the meeting:

- ❖ Application number: 056419, for the erection of replacement asphalt plant, at Pant Y Pwll Dwr Quarry, Pentre Halkyn.

Comment by Council: Providing that the application complies with planning policy, then no objections raised.

7(D). 38/17

PLANNING DECISIONS

The following planning decision has been received from Flintshire County Council:

- Application number: 056251, for conversion of barn to dwelling, at Blackbrook Barn, Blackbrook Road, Sychdyn. Approved.

8(A). 39 /17

COMMUNITY LIGHTING

The following lamps were reported out of order at the meeting:

- (1) Lamp number: 9 map no 1 – Near Mersey View, The Catch, Halkyn.
- (2) Lamp number: Map no 12(a) – lamp outside Rhosesmor Institute building.
- (3) Lamp number: 4 map no 10 – Near the Old Bakery, Rhes Y Cae.
- (4) Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson advised that a number of lamps were faulty in Moel Y Crio and the Wern. Councillor Mrs. Richardson will provide the Clerk with further details.

8(B). 40/17

TO DISCUSS ‘MAINTENANCE, INSPECTIONS AND ELECTRICITY ENERGY SUPPLIER’ CONTRACT WITH FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Clerk recollects to the Members, the decision by the Council at the January, 2017 meeting, under Minute number: 8(B). 19/17 – following the presentation by Mr. Darell Jones – Flintshire County Council Street Lighting. Mr. Jones had provided the following contract prices:

- (a) Visual inspections and report on a RAG (Red, Amber, Green) basis - £1,637.50.
- (b) Electrical testing of 20% of the Council’s inventory - £325.
- (c) Correct invoicing of units as per the contract, as agreed during the meeting - 131 units - £163.75 per month.
- (d) Energy to be included within FCC MPAN at 11 ppkwhr - and a £50 admin fee per year. This may increase yearly.
- (e) All faults regardless to be included within the monthly invoicing sheet.

Members agreed the following: (1) Visual inspections and report on a RAG basis £1,637.50
(2) Electrical testing of 20% of the Council’s inventory - £325 each year.

Members further agreed: (3) No visual inspections on a monthly basis. The reason for this, was that the Council Members keep a watch in their area, and the residents generally report faulty lights to either a Councillor or the Clerk.

Members further agreed the following by majority: (4) The transfer of electricity supply cost, would only be a minimal saving to the Community Council. By majority, the Members agreed not to transfer the electricity supply for street lighting, from Scottish Power to Flintshire County Council.

9. 41/17

TO DISCUSS ROOM HIRE FEES - HALKYN PARISH HALL LIBRARY & COUNCIL MEETINGS (CLLR. MRS. J. WENDY SIGSWORTH)

Councillor Mrs. Wendy Sigsworth addressed the Members, in relation to the income aspect following the hiring of the Halkyn Parish Hall. When the Library was administered by Flintshire County Council, the Hall received rent, but since the Library has been administered by the Community Council, no rent is received. The Community Council pay no rent for the hire of the Hall for their monthly meetings. Councillor Mrs. Sigsworth referred to the grant provided by the Community Council towards the general running of the Hall. If the Community Council paid the normal hire charges for the library and Council meetings, the application for grant funding could be reduced accordingly.

The Clerk advised that this would be a preferred option, as presently, the Parish Hall accounts do not indicate the true position in relation to the income generated from hire charges. Whereas, the accounts show the grant from the Community Council as income, which on face value, does not reflect the true running costs of the Hall.

Members agreed the following: The Halkyn Community Council will pay the Hall hire costs for the Library usage, together with the hourly cost for Council meetings. The Parish Hall Management Committee to send (by e-mail), at least quarterly, to the Clerk of the Council an invoice in relation to the charges. The Community Council note, the grant funding application will be reduced accordingly.

10. 42/17

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
447	Scottish Power (January - Street Lighting Electricity Account)	336.03	67.21	403.24
448	Flintshire County Council (Street Lighting and Night Inspection of lighting units – October to December, 2016)	767.50		767.50
449	Wales Audit Office (External Audit Report - 2016)	250.35		250.35
450	R. P. Parry – Clerk (Re-imburement of Land Registry search on property in the Windmill)	6.00		6.00

11. 43/17

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	Holywell Leisure Centre (Application towards transfer costs from Flintshire County Council to the Leisure Centre)	No grant. Members considered the application was not appropriate under Section 137 LG Act 1972
	Bobath Children's Charity (Whitchurch, Cardiff)	No grant.

12. 44/17

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

13(A). 45/17

Standing Orders were Suspended

- (i)** Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson advised in relation to two bright lights, which could be seen whilst travelling along the Rhes y Cae roads to Moel y Crio, Pentre Halkyn and Halkyn. The lights appear to be emanating from Pant Quarry. **The Clerk was asked to contact the Quarry Manager.**
- (ii)** Councillor Colin Barker advised the Members in relation to his concerns with the Cattle Grid, at the entrance to Halkyn Parish Hall. **The Clerk was asked to place the matter on the March Council agenda.**
- (iii)** Councillor Colin Barker advised that many mole hills were appearing in the Council Cemetery at St. Marys' Church. **Councillors' Brian and Glyn Coleclough advised that they would take the necessary action to eradicate the moles.**
- (iv)** Councillor Mrs. Delyth Jones-Taylor advised of a request for extra red dog bins to be sited in Rhosesmor. **The Clerk was asked to place the matter on the March Council agenda.**

13(B). 46/17

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.....**