



CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN / HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Halkyn Community Council,
Held in the Halkyn Parish Hall,
On Monday the 25th February, 2019, at 7.30pm.**

**1(A). 21/19
PRESENT**

Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough (Acting Chair)
Councillor Colin Barker
Councillor Brian Coleclough
Councillor Colin R. D'Arcy
Councillor L. Howard Morris
Councillor David G. Roberts
Councillor Mrs. J. Wendy Sigsworth
Councillor Mrs. Delyth Taylor
Councillor John Thomas

Councillor Colin Legg (Flintshire County)

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

**1(B). 22/19
APOLOGIES**

Councillor Miss. Jean S. Davies (Community & County)
Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson
Councillor Dylan Roberts
Councillor G. T. Robinson

1(C). 23/19

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair of Council – Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough was Chair for the meeting.

1(D). 24/19

Standing Orders were suspended:

The Chair for the evening's meeting Councillor Glyn Coleclough welcomed Mr. Neil Hickie (Flintshire County Street Scene Officer) to the meeting.

Mr. Hickie provided Members with the following update: (1) Number of pot holes within the Community Council area. The pot holes have been prioritised and will be attended to – including near the Old Stores, Pant y Gof, Blue Bell to Middle Lane, Rhes Y Cae, Bryn Rodyn and The Nant

area. Mr. Hickie advised in relation to the criteria required for pot holes to be repaired (2) Meeting held with Councillor Colin Barker re: provision of new dog bins in Halkyn (3) Meeting with Councillor Bob Robinson re: dog ins in Berth Ddu – to be arranged.

Council Members brought the following concerns to the attention of Mr. Hickie: (1) Old garage road sign in The Nant near to Billy Jean's - is an obstruction to traffic views (2) Road traffic sign in the area of Cae Gleision Lane - is illuminated 24/7 (3) White lining at the top of Springfield Hill. Mr. Hickie will consult with his superior to ascertain the timescale for the white lining.

The Clerk thanked Mr. Hickie for his assistance with the salt bins in the Council Cemetery at St. Mary's Church, Halkyn – together with reporting the damage to the notice board in Pentre Halkyn.

Councillor Glyn Coleclough, thanked Mr. Hickie for his attendance at the meeting.

1(E). 25/19

Standing Orders were restored:

2. 26/19

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared.

3. 27/19

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST JANUARY, 2019

The Minutes were proposed as correct by Councillor Mrs. Delyth Taylor and seconded by Councillor Colin R. D'Arcy and formally agreed by the Members present.

4. 28/19

MATTERS ARISING

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

Minute no: 4. 05/19 sub minute numbers: 4. 210/18 & 4. 189/18 (page 2) in relation to speeding traffic concerns in the area of Berth Ddu and Rhosesmor. The Clerk advised, that following a request under the Information of Freedom Act, in relation to the number of enforcement visits, including the number of fixed penalty tickets issued. The Clerk further advised, that to date – the information had not been provided by the Police.

Minute no: 4. 05/19 sub minute numbers: 4. 210/18 & 10. 201/18 (page 2) in relation to additional inscriptions on the Rhosesmor Cenotaph. The Clerk advised, that he had placed a notice in the next edition of the Halkyn Mountain News, seeking information in relation to the additional names on the Cenotaph, and also details of any rank held. The matter to be referred to in the April meeting.

Minute no: 4. 05/19 sub minute number: 5(B). 212/18 (d-2) (page 2) in relation to a site meeting between Councillor G. T. Robinson and the Street Scene Officer. This matter had been dealt with during the visit by Mr. Neil Hickie – whereby Mr. Hickie will await further contact from Councillor Robinson.

Minute no: 4. 05/19 sub minute number: 5(B). 212/18 (d-2) (page 2) in relation to a representative from Grosvenor Estate, to attend a Community Council meeting. The Clerk advised that the Grosvenor Estate is currently re-structuring the way Halkyn Common is managed and as

yet there is no current Manager for the Halkyn Mountain. Whilst the Estate wish to support the Community Council, they will contact the Clerk further in due course.

Minute no: 5(A). 06/10 (3) (page 3) in relation to the Rhes Y Cae Play Area new equipment. The Clerk advised Members, that Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson, was to attend a site meeting with Mr. Richard Roberts (AURA Leisure) during week commencing 4th March.

Minute no: 5(B). 07/19 (page 4) in relation to new signage in the area of the Council Cemetery at St. Mary's Church, Halkyn. The Clerk advised, that Mr. Neil Hickie had provided the Council with a suitable salt bin – which had been placed in situ. A provisional agreement had been reached with the Rector and Church Wardens of St. Marys', that should the Community Council purchase a salt bin for the Church pathway area, including the filling of salt, then the Church Wardens would spread the salt on both the Church Cemetery, together with the Council Cemetery.

Members agreed the following: To purchase and fill with salt a suitable salt bin for St. Mary's Church in Halkyn. In return for the kind offer by the Church Wardens to grit the Council Cemetery pathway during adverse winter weather.

5(A). 29/19

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received, that was required to be either advised to, or dealt with by the Members:

- (1) The following report had been received from PCSO Connor Freel, in relation to reported criminal offences within the Community:

Pentre Halkyn: 1 x Suspicious circumstances in Brynford Road - Suspicious vehicle black Nissan GTR / 1 x Drink/ drug driver on A55 - arrested for driving under the influence of drugs / 1 x Common assault at Springfield Hotel.

Rhes-Y-Cae: 1 x Fraud in relation to telephone calls.

- (2) Flintshire County Council – Summer Play Scheme attendance figures for Summer 2018.
- (3) Flintshire County Council – Summer Play Scheme for 2019. Notification of cost £1,373.95 (an increase of £64.00 from 2018)
- (4) Application received from One Voice Wales – Membership at a cost of £204.00 for first year and £408.00, per year thereafter.

Members agreed the following: Not to join One Voice Wales.

- (5) Notification from the Independent Remuneration Panel in relation to their Annual Report – which contained details in respect of allowances for Town & Community Councillors in Wales. The Clerk provided each Member with a claim form under Determination 40: Recommendation regarding Members allowances for 2019 / 2020 to receive an annual allowance of £150.00 – for costs incurred in respect of telephone usage, information technology, consumables etc. The Clerk provided Members with an appropriate application form, which contained two paragraphs: (1) To claim the allowance (2) To forgo the allowance.

Members agreed the following: Each individual Council Member to complete either section of the above referred to form and to return to the Clerk, duly signed.

- (6) Welsh Assembly Government: Funding to support the initial setting up of joint arrangements.
- (7) Flintshire County Council – Play Sufficiently questionnaire. The Clerk advised that the internet link had been sent to Councillor Mrs. Delyth Taylor – to complete on behalf of the Community Council.
- (8) Miss. Hannah Blythyn AM – Letter received in relation to: Chwarae Teg – Leadership Programme. The Clerk advised that the programme had been advertised on the various Caerwys Facebook pages.
- (9) North Wales Police & Crime Commissioner: Bilingual report had been sent to Council Members by e-mail.
- (10) Notification from Grosvenor Estate – in relation to planned drone activity on Halkyn Mountain on 6th February.

5(B). 30/19

CLERK'S REPORT

- (i) The Clerk advised that the newly installed defibrillator on the wall of Pentre Halkyn Community Centre, has been handed into Mold Police Station. Apparently the defibrillator was found in a hedge row in the area of the Centre.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to arrange collection of the defibrillator and to obtain a quotation for a locking door for the housing cabinet.

- (ii) The Clerk advised that the promised funding from Tarmac towards the purchase of the defibrillators, housing cabinets, electricity connection, had to date, not been received. The Clerk had forward copy invoices to Tarmac.
- (iii) The Clerk advised that Mr. Neil Hickie (Street Scene) had informed that the notice board in Pentre Halkyn was damaged. The door and glass were on the pavement. The Clerk arranged for the Council's joiner to visit and make safe. The joiner is in the process of arranging a quotation for the repair.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to seek the approval, or other, in relation to the quotation from the Chair and Vice Chair of Council.

- (iv) The Clerk advised Members, that he was to be hospitalised from Thursday 28th February, 2019 – for orthopaedic surgery.

5(C). 31/19

CLERK'S ANNUAL APPRAISAL - 2018

The Clerk advised that his annual appraisal had been completed by the Chair of Council for year 2018.

5(D). 32/19

SECTION 137 DONATIONS - AND OTHER DONATIONS FROM VARIOUS LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTS

The Clerk advised that following the report from the External Auditor, and in particular, a number of donations that could have been authorised from other Local Government Acts – a number of

donations made in this financial year, will be moved from Section 137 to an appropriate Act. The budget columns will be amended accordingly.

Members agreed the following: That the Clerk complete the transfer of a number of payments made from Section 137, to appropriate Acts, including the amendment to the budget columns. (Minute number: 10(B), 41/19 on page 8 below).

6. 33/19

REPRESENTATIVES / LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Councillor Colin D’Arcy advised in relation to his attendance at a recent Flintshire County Forum meeting. A number of topics were discussed and included the following:
- Local Government Boundary report
 - New strategies for the County – including the budget
 - Council Plan – 2018 - 2023
 - Advised in relation to the increase of Council Tax
 - Dewis – Wellbeing Information in Wales
- (b) Councillor Colin D’Arcy brought to the attention of Members, his concerns with a street lantern on Brynford Road – at the back of Pentre Farm, Pentre Halkyn. The actual lighting pole is sited in a field, whereby the arm of the lantern is short – and therefore does not illuminate the pavement.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to obtain a quotation for the installation of a longer arm to house the lantern.

7. 34/19

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

County Councillor Colin Legg advised members in relation to the following:

- ❖ Grosvenor Estate – have by now appointed a new Land Agent for the Halkyn Common
- ❖ Local Council Boundary Review – Rhydymwyn will be included in the County Council Ward area for Halkyn.
- ❖ A full meeting of Flintshire County Councillors – will vote on Friday of this week, in relation to the use of council reserves to balance the shortfall in the forthcoming budget.

8(A). 35/19

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications have been received:

- (a) Application number: 059476 - for the reconstruction of approach path to the south porch which is to include for an easy access ramp, new steps and handrail and installation of drainage including septic tank, at St. Paul’s Church, Rhosesmor.

Comment by Council: To support the application, providing that it complies with planning policy.

NOTE: Councillors’ further discussed the above planning application number: 059476 – at St. Paul’s Church, Rhosesmor. A number of Councillors had been approached by residents who have family members interred in the Church Cemetery – and were unhappy with the planning application.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to write to Reverend Hugh Burgess (copy to Diocesan Registry in St. Asaph) advising the following: Council Members have been approached by residents who have family members interred in the cemetery – who were concerned with the actual siting of the septic tank. The Councillors’ would appreciate, if it is possible to place the tank nearer the Church boundary wall. This will also make easier for the emptying of the tank.

- (b) Application number: 059441 - for single storey side extension for use as ‘Granny Flat’, at Ffynnonfa, Wern Road, Rhosesmor

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

- (c) Application number: 059440 - for a 2 storey side extension for use as a ‘Granny Flat’, at Ffynnonfa, Wern Road, Rhosesmor.

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

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

8(B). 36/19

The Members agreed with the above decisions.

8(C). 37/19

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

- ❖ Application number: 059488 – for the erection of new filler storage silo, at Pany Y Pwll Dwr Quarry, Pentre Halkyn.

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

8(D). 38/19

PLANNING DECISIONS

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

- (a) Application number: 059200 - Proposed two storey rear extension to existing dwelling, at Warren Bank, Wern Road, Rhosesmor. Approved
- (b) Application number: 059254 – for application for approval of details reserved by condition No.5 (Landscaping) and No7.(details of static caravan) attached to Planning Permission ref:058831, at Glasdir View, The Nant. Approved
- (c) Application number: 057455 – for application for the approval of details reserved by condition nos 18 (landscaping), 19 (Aftercare Scheme) and 21 (Restoration Masterplan Scheme) attached to planning permission ref:055218 Pant Y Pwll Dwr Quarry, Pentre Halkyn. Approved
- (d) Application number: 057463 Application for the approval of details reserved by condition nos: 19 (control of dust), 20 (control of noise), 23 (blasting), 32 (Restoration Masterplan Scheme) and 34 (Aftercare Scheme) attached to planning application ref: 054768 – at Pant Y Pwll Dwr Quarry, Pentre Halkyn. Approved.
- (e) Application number: 059010 Proposed rebuild of existing derelict outbuilding and wall, at Moel Y Crio Farm, Moel Y Crio. Approved.

9. 39/19

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
594	Scottish Power (November 2018 - £120.96 VAT £6.95 / December 2018 - £124.92 VAT £6.25 / January 2019 - £131.17 VAT £6.25 - Street Lighting Electricity Supply)	370.80	18.55	389.35
595	Deeco Lighting (installation of 3 pole brackets)	192.00	34.80	230.40
596	Shaw & Sons (Legal Stationers) (purchase of receipt book for Council Cemetery)	20.35	4.07	24.42
597	Halkyn Parish Hall Trust (Hire of Hall for Council meetings)	50.00		50.00

10(A). 40/19

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
598	Halkyn United Junior Football Club (Application to release funding – receipts and accounts received) (Section 19 LGA 1976)	1,000.00
	Ebenezer Chapel, Rhes y Cae (Application towards cemetery grass cutting – adjourned from the January 2019 meeting – for production of audited accounts)	No further information received from applicant
599	Halkyn Parish Hall Trust (Annual application for funding towards running costs) £3,500.00 less payments made for Library & Internet costs. Balance remaining £1,805.00 (Section 19 LGA 1976)	1,805.00
600	Wales Air Ambulance (Annual donation) (AD) (Section 137 LGA 1972)	200.00
601	Eisteddfod Genedlaethol 2019 Welsh National Eisteddfod (AD) (Section 145 LGA 1972)	100.00
602	Llangollen International Eisteddfod (AD) (Section 145 LGA 1972)	100.00
603	Urdd Gobaith Cymru – 2019 National Eisteddfod (AD) (Section 145 LGA 1972)	100.00
	Carer Trust – Crossroads Care (Colwyn Bay)	No grant

	Flintshire 50+ Acton Group (Trelogan)	* See note below
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* **Flintshire 50+ Action Group** (First application). Adjourned to the March Council meeting - for further information: including as to how the Action Group presently benefits the residents of the Halkyn Community Council area, together with a copy of the last set of audited accounts.

10(B). 41/19

SECTION 137 TRANSFERS TO OTHER SECTIONS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS

The following payments have been transferred from budget column (2018 / 2019) Section 137 donations, to the Local Government Act 1972 and others budget column – as per **Minute number: 5(D). 32/19 on pages 4 & 5 above.**

Date	Minute number	Name & Section of LG Act	Amount
21/05/18	16.115/18	St. Mary's Church - S214(6) LGA 1972	£300.00
21/05/18	16.115/18	St. Paul's Church - S214(6) LGA 1972	£270.00
21/05/18	16.115/18	Christchurch - S214(6) LGA 1972	£270.00
21/05/18	16.115/18	Rhes Y Cae Show - S144 LGA 1972	£300.00
19/11/18	11.220/18	Christchurch - S214(6) LGA 1972	£1,000.00
21/01/19	10.19/19	Citizen's Advice - S142(2A) LGA 1972	£100.00
21/01/19	10.10/19	Caerwys Agri Show - S144 LGA 1972	£250.00

11. 42/19

The 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.....