



CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN / HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Halkyn Community Council,
Held Virtually by Video and Telephone Conference,
On Monday the 16th November, 2020, at 7.00pm**

1(A). 154/20

PRESENT

Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough (Acting Chair)
Councillor Brian Coleclough (Vice Chair)
Councillor Colin Barker
Councillor Colin R. D'Arcy
Councillor Miss. Jean S. Davies (Community & County)
Councillor Mrs. Nicola Richardson
Councillor David G. Roberts
Councillor Dylan Roberts
Councillor G. T. Robinson
Councillor Mrs. J. Wendy Sigsworth
Councillor Mrs. Delyth Taylor

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 155/20

APOLOGIES

Councillor L. Howard Morris
Councillor John Thomas

1(C). 156/20

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – HALKYN PARISH HALL

The Acting Chair of Council, Councillor Glyn Coleclough, welcomed members of the Halkyn Parish Hall Management Committee, to the Annual General Meeting – between the Parish Hall Trustees (Community Councillors) and the Management Committee.

(Separate Minutes taken for this particular meeting)

1(D). 157/20

**APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 85 (1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972:
(NON-ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS) (COUNCILLOR JOHN THOMAS)**

The Clerk brought to the attention of Members, an application by Councillor John Thomas, under the above referred to Act. The letter of application advised in relation to; Councillor Thomas' non-

attendance at Council meetings due to his ill-health. Councillor Thomas further advised, that he has been a member of the Community Council for many, many years, whereby he enjoys representing the area of Rhosesmor; and is also familiar and takes a great interest within the whole of the Community Council area - and would wish to continue his public service.

Members agreed the following: Were pleased to agree to the application and wished Councillor Thomas their best wishes and looked forward to his future attendance in Council meetings.

2. 158/20

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declaration of Interest was Declared: Councillor Dylan Roberts; planning application number: 062027 – for variation of condition no 1 attached to planning permission Ref: 49756, at Fron Farm, Hendre (**Minute number 8(C). 170/20 (d) on page 7 below**).

3. 159/20

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 19TH OCTOBER, 2020

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

4. 160/20

MATTERS ARISING

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

Minute no: 4. 136/20 sub minute numbers: 4.115/20 & 4.97/20 & 4.80/20 & 9.55/20 (ii) (page 2) in relation to Vehicle Activated signage in Pentre Halkyn. The Clerk enquired with Councillor Colin D'Arcy, if the monitoring wires had been placed across any roads in the village. Councillor D'Arcy confirmed, that there no monitoring wires in site.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to further contact Flintshire Highways, to seek a timescale for the installation of the monitoring wires.

Minute no: 4. 136/20 sub minute numbers: 4.115/20 & 5(C). 102/20 (4) (page 2) in relation to the setting up of a speed watch initiative in the Pentre Halkyn area. Councillor Colin D'Arcy advised; that he will consult with residents, with a view to setting up a community speed watch committee.

Minute no: 4. 136/20 sub minute number: 4.115/20 Pending matter (page 2) in relation to the levelling of the first two rows in the Council Cemetery, adjacent to St. Marys' Church in Halkyn. The Clerk advised, that Councillor Howard Morris had been in contact with the contractor Ieuan Parry, who had advised, that it would be advisable for the work to be left until the spring of 2021.

Members agreed the following: The project to remain on file until the spring of 2021.

Pending Matter:

The Clerk advised, that the following matter remains in the pending file:

- ❖ Lottery Celebration grant. Pending restrictions for usage in the Halkyn Parish Hall, to arrange a bilingual concert in 2021.

5(A). 161/20
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:

Halkyn: 1 x Drink / drug driving – Report of car swerving all over the road from member of the public. Car pulled over into Britannia Inn; female driver's keys were taken from her. Female driver very intoxicated and arrested for drink driving / 5 people on motocross bikes on Halkyn Mountain. Area searches undertaken by officers and multiple members of the public spoken to across the mountain / 1 x Suspicious Circumstances – Three males acting suspiciously in fields.

Pentre Halkyn: No offences reported.

Rhes-Y-Cae: No offences reported.

Rhosesmor: No offences reported.

- (2) Holywell Town Council – Proposed adult Annual Half Marathon in 2021, together with a junior race on the same day if possible in April or May. The Clerk read out the contents from an e-mail received from the Projects & Development Officer at Holywell Town Council. It was being suggested that a Working Group be set up to consider the proposal with members from the area of the route, which is proposed: 13.1 miles from Holywell to Brynford, Calcoed, Pantasaph, Babell, Pentre Halkyn and return to Holywell.

Members agreed the following: To appoint Councillor Colin D'Arcy, as this Council's representative.

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

- ❖ Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB – General Survey. Sent to Councillors to complete on a personal basis.
- ❖ Flintshire County Council (Chief Officer: Street Scene) – in relation to the NE Wales Metro and the A494 / A55 / A548 Flintshire Corridor improvements.
- ❖ Welsh Local Government Association – Coronavirus update.
- ❖ Awel Y Mor Offshore Wind Farm – Virtual consultation to be completed by Councillors on a personal basis.
- ❖ Flintshire County Council – Standards Committee meeting dates for November 2020, together with four dates in 2021.
- ❖ Flintshire County Council – Two week Firebreak lockdown information: questions and answers.
- ❖ Royal British Legion – Festival of Remembrance in Wales.
- ❖ Welsh Government – Policy Announcement Compulsory Purchase.

- ❖ Flintshire County Council – County Forum meeting to be held on Tuesday 10th November at 6.30pm. Information forwarded to Councillors’ Colin D’Arcy & David Roberts.
- ❖ Flintshire County Council – NFA Cymru Workshops: Welsh Government tackling fuel poverty.
- ❖ PCSO Connor Freel – Your Community Your Choice Launch Storey: Joint annual financial grants by the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner and North Wales Police.

**5(B). 162/20
CLERK’S REPORT**

- (a) The Clerk advised of his attendance, at the virtual annual meeting and training session; between Town & Community Councils and Flintshire Standards Committee, on Monday 2nd November.
- (b) The Clerk advised in relation to the attendance of Councillor Colin D’Arcy, together with the Clerk, at a virtual meeting of the Flintshire County Council Forum, on Tuesday 10th November. (**Minute number: 6. 166/20 on pages 5 & 6 below for report**)

**5(C). 163/20
STREET LIGHTS**

Repairs:

- (i) Street light at the junction of B5123 to Halkyn Village Green (near former Central Stores) has been repaired.
- (ii) Lowering of lantern and installation of a shade on LED light adjacent to a property on B5123 in Halkyn, has been completed.

Outstanding installation of LED street lights:

The Clerk advised, that despite a number of e-mails sent to the Council’s street lighting contractor, the following LED lantern installations have still not been completed: Moel y Crio – 3 lamps numbered 6 to 9: Wern Y Gaer – 1 lamp on grass verge at junction to the area of the red telephone box.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to write to Deeco Lighting, to request the return of the four LED street lights, including the installation fee of £25.00 for each lantern – total £100.00.

**5(D). 164/20
PRECEPT AND FINANCIAL ALLOCATIONS FOR 2021 / 2022**

The Clerk advised that this exercise was to enquire with the Members of the Council, if there were any items of expenditure, extra to the present allocation in the ‘Earmarked Reserves’ to be included in the next financial year. A copy of the current ear-marked reserves was provided to Members.

Members agreed the following: (1) Council Cemetery enhancement scheme - £800.00 (carried forward from 2020 for row 1 and 2); further £800.00 for row 3 and 4 (2) Vehicle Speed Activated Cameras in Pentre Halkyn, at a current cost of £3,335.00 each – Total £6,670.00 (3) Children’s play areas upgrade (to await report from Flintshire / Aura Leisure) - £10,000.00 (4) Ring-fenced and general reserves (includes property upkeep) – to be agreed in January 2021 budget setting.

5(E). 165/20

STREETSCENE SCHEDULE (FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL)

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

- (1) Hedge running from the Red Lion area in Rhosesmor – along the B5123 road and opposite Tiger Tim entrance. Complaint made to Councillor Colin Barker from a local resident, expressing their concern that social distancing was difficult, due to the overgrown hedge.

Street Scene inspected the hedge and confirmed; that the hedge did not require cutting back.

- (2) Fly tipping on mountain between Moel Y Crio and Rhes Y Cae. Local resident sent photographs to Councillor Mrs. Delyth Taylor of a number of items that had been deposited on the mountain. The photographs contained a bar coding which could identify the culprit. Report and photographs sent to Street Scene by the Clerk.

It was reported, that the fly tipping has not been removed. The Clerk to further contact Street Scene.

The following update report has been received from Street Scene:

- (1) Damaged salt bin near Fernroyd, Pant Y Gof. Will be replaced.
- (2) Tarmac pavement requires repair on the B5123 road in Rhosesmor – adjacent to the Cross Keys entrance. Placed on list for repair.

Members brought the following concern to the attention of the meeting:

- ❖ Further fly tipping on the road from Pentre Halkyn to Rhes Y Cae.
- ❖ Councillor Dylan Roberts referred to the flexible and reflective verge markers that appear in various areas on Halkyn Mountain – red, black & white stripped; whereby a number of the markers are either missing or damaged and require replacing. It was advised, that the markers are designed for foggy situations on the mountain. The Clerk advised, that he was unsure as to whose responsibility for either the replacement or repaint would be; but would make enquiries with the County Council and Rachael Watson the Halkyn Ranger.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to contact both the Flintshire County Council and Rachael Watson the Halkyn Ranger, to ascertain responsibility for the verge markers.

6. 166/20

REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (COMMITTEES, LIAISON & MEETINGS ATTENDED)

- Councillor Colin D’Arcy, as the Council’s representative on the Flintshire County Council Forum advised, in relation to his attendance at a virtual meeting of the Forum held on Tuesday 10th November. The following agenda items were discussed:

Emergency situation update (Pandemic) / County Council Recovery Strategy / Local Development Plan / County Council Budget Position 2020/2021 and Budget Update 2021/2022 / Election Planning Update: Wales Government & Police & Crime Commissioner / Next Meeting to be provisionally held in March 2021.

Councillor D'Arcy provided further information to Members, in relation to a number of the above agenda items.

7. 167/20

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

- Councillor Miss Jean S. Davies advised, in relation to the following: Discussing with Flintshire County Council, a number of concerns in relation to the length of time to complete repairs to a number of pensioner bungalows in Pentre Halkyn.

8(A). 168/20

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications had been received:

- (i) Application number: 061863 - for the erection of a summerhouse, at 2 Fulbrooke Villas, Halkyn.

Comment from Council: Subject to compliance with relevant policies and planning guidance notes, then no objections raised.

- (ii) Tarmac Pant Quarry: Application for out of hours working on Wednesday 18th November, Thursday 18th and Friday 20th

Comment from Council: No objection

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

8(B). 169/20

Members formally confirmed the above decisions

8(C). 170/20

The following planning applications were dealt with by the Members at the meeting:

- (a) Application number: 061464 – for conversion of barn to dwelling and change of use of land to residential, at Barn adjacent to Plas Newydd Farm, Holywell Road, Northop.

Comment by Council: Subject to compliance with relevant policies and planning guidance notes, then no objections raised.

- (b) Application number: 061968 – for the erection of lean to extension to existing Dutch hay barn to cover the existing yard and erection of a shed, at Gwern Y Marl Farm, Rhosesmor.

Comment by Council: Subject to compliance with relevant policies and planning guidance notes, then no objections raised.

- (c) Application number: 061965 – for the erection of first floor extension to rear of dwelling, at 6 Bryn & Gwynt, Pentre Halkyn.

Comment by Council: Subject to compliance with relevant policies and planning guidance notes, then no objections raised.

(d) Application number: 062027 – for variation of condition no 1 attached to planning permission ref: 49756, at Fron Farm, Hendre.

Comment by Council: Subject to compliance with relevant policies and planning guidance notes, then no objections raised.

Note: Councillor Dylan Roberts declared a Declaration of Interest (**Minute number 2. 158/20 on page 2 above**).

(e) Pre-application consultation notice received from The Planning Consultancy, Bridge Farm, Sarn, Malpas, in Cheshire, on behalf of Mr. R. Thomas; in relation to land North of Caeau Glesion Lane, Halkyn – for the proposed change of use of land to provide a tourism site for lodges and static caravans.

Comment by Council: The following concerns were agreed:

- (1) Impact on the character and appearance of the area
- (2) Inappropriate loss of agricultural green field land
- (3) Concern that the site would be available for year round occupation
- (4) Over dominance of this type of accommodation in the County
- (5) The site footpaths will link to the public footpaths in the area; whereby these public footpaths are extremely close to existing residential properties. This would create an environmental impact on the privacy enjoyed by local residents
- (6) The access and egress to the site is on a busy road

8(D). 171/20

PLANNING DECISIONS

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

- (i) Application number: 060329 – for approval of details reserved by condition no’s 4 (proposed doors and windows) and 5 (photographic survey) attached to planning permission ref: 058631, at the former Rhes Y Cae VP School. Part permitted / Part refused
- (ii) Application number: 061734 – removal of existing roof and construction of new pitched roof, raised from existing to create first floor, at Keats, Pentre Road, Pentre Halkyn. Approved.

9. 172/20

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
	<u>Payments made / due – to be confirmed:</u>			
	Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for October) Payments dated: 02/11/2020			
	Direct Debit: Scottish Power (October - Street Lighting Electricity Account payment due: 18/11/2020)	124.56	6.23	130.79

	<u>Payments consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u>			
	Deeco Lighting (Relocate lamp and fit shade – as agreed previously by Council / Replace faulty driver)	180.00	36.00	216.00
	Graham Harrison (Painter) Rhosesmor Cenotaph painting & refurbishment – as previously agreed quotation	450.00		450.00

10. 173/20

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	No applications received	

11. 174/20

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.....**