



# **CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN / HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Halkyn Community Council,  
Held Virtually by Video and Telephone Conference,  
On Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, at 7.30pm.**

**1(A). 30/21  
PRESENT**

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

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

**1(B). 31/21  
APOLOGIES**

Councillor Dylan Roberts  
Councillor John Thomas

**2. 32/21  
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Declaration of Interest were Declared: Councillor G. T. Robinson; planning application number: 062324 – at The Old School House, Halkyn (**Minute number 8(C). 43/21 on page 6 below**).

**3. 33/21  
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY,  
2021**

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

#### 4. 34/21

#### MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) **Minute no: 4. 05/21 sub minute numbers: 4. 160/20 & 4.136/20 (page 2)** – in relation to vehicle activated signage in Pentre Halkyn, and in particular, the installation of monitoring tubes. The Clerk advised, that an e-mail had been received from Flintshire Highways; advising that the speed monitoring tubes were to be installed last week. Councillor Colin D’Arcy confirmed; that monitoring tubes had been installed on the following roads in Pentre Halkyn: one Near Willowfield Estate; two on Brynford Road and possibly one near the cattle grid on Martins Hill (Allt Y Plas).
- (2) **Minute no: 4. 05/21 sub minute number: 5(A). 161/20 (page 2)** – in relation to a proposal by Holywell Town Council, to arrange an adult Annual Half Marathon and junior race during 2021. The Clerk advised, that following the virtual meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January; whereby the following was agreed: Date of event to be agreed in 2022 / Traffic management including temporary road closures / Volunteers / Stewards / First aid / Registration with UK Athletics / Insurance.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2pm and bi-monthly thereafter. Councillor Colin D’Arcy confirmed his attendance.

- (3) **Minute no: 4. 05/21 sub minute number: 5(E). 165/20 (page 2)** – in relation to flexible and reflective verge markers on Halkyn Mountain. The Clerk advised, that the request to Councillor Dylan Roberts has been sent on a number of occasions to arrange and meet with Mr Neil Hickie (Flintshire Street Scene). As Councillor Roberts was not present at this evening’s virtual meeting, it was not known if a site meeting had taken place.
- (4) **Minute no: 5(B-3). 09/21 (page 4)** – in relation to the removal of three street lights in the Moel Y Crio area. The Clerk advised; that a quotation received from Flintshire County Council street lighting, for the cost of removing each light was £220.00. The Clerk further advised; that the Chair and Vice Chair had agreed the quotation in-between meetings.

**Members agreed the following:** Confirmed the acceptance of the quotations for the removal of the three street lamps at a cost of £220.00 each.

- (5) **Minute no: 12(A). 28/21 (i) (page 10)** – in relation to numerous canisters of nitrous oxide that are appearing in areas across Halkyn Mountain. The Clerk advised, that following the report to PCSO Connor Freel; the PCSO had discussed the situation with the following: Local residents; Flintshire County Council Street Scene and Environmental Officers. The PCSO had also posted an ‘educational notice’ on the local Facebook page.

**Members agreed the following:** The Clerk to write to PCSO Connor Freel, thanking him for his assistance in this concern.

- (6) **Minute no: 12(A). 28/21 (ii) (page 11)** – in relation to damage caused to an historical monument in the area of Moel y Gaer Hill Fort. The Clerk advised, that the area of damage had been visited by the Acting Inspector of Ancient Monuments and Archaeology at CADW. The Inspector has reported the damage to the North Wales Police; as it is a criminal offence to cause such damage to an historical monument.

#### 5(A). 35/21

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- (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:

The following report has been received from PCSO Connor Freel; for the months of November, December 2020 & January 2021.

**Halkyn:** 1 x Anti Social Behaviour (ASB); youths setting off fireworks / 1 x ASB fireworks being set off in area of the Trig Point / 1 x Dangerous dog; ewe found with ear bitten off / 1 x Criminal Damage; 20 metres of boundary dry stone wall removed

**Pentre Halkyn:** 1 x Burglary; cameras and recording equipment stolen – potential suspect identified on CCTV / 1 x Arson; Deliberate ignition to hedge row and fencing near paying field / 1 x ASB; group of youths drinking near to Cemex Quarry / 1 x Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle; in area of Community Centre.

**Rhes-Y-Cae:** No offences reported.

**Rhosesmor:** 1 x Drugs offence.

**Members agreed the following:** The Clerk to seek that future Police reports include a detailed description of the offence area; such as street names. Members were concerned that an increase in drug related reported offences should be known to Councillors; including the number of reported breaches of non-compliance to the current Covid restrictions.

- (2) Flintshire County Council: Attendance of Street Scene Area Coordinator at Council meetings. Area Coordinators can be invited to join virtually to address any concerns and or updates within this Council area. If possible, items to be advised in advance.
- (3) Flintshire County Council: Proposed Summer Play Scheme for 2021. The County Council confirm, that providing grant funding from the Welsh Government is allocated for the scheme; the cost to each Town & Community Council will be £1,428.90 for a three week period. The Clerk advised, that as this Council had agreed to fund the play scheme in the budget setting process at the January Council meeting; the Clerk had confirmed to the County, the play scheme in Pentre Halkyn and Rhosesmor for a three week period.
- (4) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales: Review of the Remuneration Framework for Community and Town Councils. Expressions of Interest are invited by 1<sup>st</sup> March, from individual Councils to participate in the process; which will undertake a review of the framework for the remuneration of Community and Town Councils, prior to the election of new Councils in May 2022.

**Members agreed the following:** As the Councillors generally do not claim the annual allowance; there was no benefit in registering an interest.

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

- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Consultation for Integrated Youth Provision ‘Young Person’s Survey’. Councillors were asked to complete the survey on a personal basis.
- ❖ Menter Iaith (Fflint & Wrecsam): Bilingual information in relation to St. David’s Day in Wales 2021.
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: St. David’s Day celebrations.

- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Emergency road closures; due to winter conditions.
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Bus timetable update.
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Vacancy for two independent members of the Standards Committee.
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: 2021 Census.
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Open letter to the people of Flintshire; from Councillor Ian Roberts (Leader of Council). Coronavirus information
- ❖ Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: New draft guidance on the Code of Conduct for Members of Town & Community Councillors.

**Members agreed the following:** No comment on the new draft guidance.

#### **5(B). 36/21**

##### **CLERK'S REPORT**

- The Clerk had provided Members prior to the meeting by e-mail; with copies of the estimates for end of financial year 2020 / 2021, together with estimated precept for 2021 / 2022 – following agreement by Council at the January Council budget meeting.

#### **5(C). 37/21**

##### **STREET LIGHTS (REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE)**

The Clerk recollected Members to the January agenda item, which discussed the street lighting repair and maintenance; under Minute number: 5(C). 10/21 on page 5, dated the 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

The Clerk advised, that he had facilitated two virtual meetings in relation to street lighting repairs, and in particular, inspections under BS:7671: with an adjoining Clerk to more than one Council, together with the Flintshire Street Lighting Manager. The Clerk had also contacted the Project Manager (Street Lighting) at Scottish Power. The Clerk provided Members with details from the above referred to meetings, together with information received from Scottish Power.

Councillors perused a number of photographs virtually that were taken by the Clerk; which identified three current types of circuit connections from the Scottish Power cable to the lantern supply. The Clerk provided Members with standard price-list fees from two electrical contractors; in relation to BS:7671 electrical inspections, together with call-out and repair costs:

**Members agreed the following:** (1) To complete the BS: 7671 electrical inspections during the 2021 / 2022 financial year on all street lighting units (2) To await a third quotation for both the electrical inspections and general maintenance of the Council's street lighting stock (3) The Clerk to place on the agenda for the March meeting.

#### **5(D). 38/21**

##### **STREETSCENE SCHEDULE (FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL)**

**The following has been reported to Street Scene:**

- Request received by Councillor Colin D'Arcy, for the provision of two salt bins in the areas of Cae'r Ffynnon / Cae'r Rhos and the junction to the two estates in Rhosesmor. A plan identifying the areas was provided and sent to Street Scene. **(See (a) below).**

**The following update report has been received from Street Scene:**

- (a) One salt bin will be positioned at the junction of the road leading to Cae'r Ffynnon / Cae'r Rhos – as above (plan provided by Street Scene indicating area of salt bin).
- (b) Damaged salt bin: junction Bryn y Foel, Rhosesmor. Bin inspected and considered that it will last the winter. Will be replaced before next winter.
- (c) Salt bin installed against the wall on the left as you enter the Pentre Halkyn Community Centre Car Park: Numerous requests received at this location; whereby the street cleaning vehicle has encountered difficulties during the recent adverse weather.

**Members brought the following concerns to the meeting:**

- (1) Condition of the road in Ffordd Y Graig Rhes Y Cae (Also known as Ffordd Y Gefn); many pot holes and tarmac has disappeared. (Map identifying the area provided).
- (2) Cattle grid near Black Lion Farm, Rhes Y Cae; also on Ffordd Y Graig. Apparently some repair work was commenced a long time ago; but was never completed (Map identifying the area provided).
- (3) Oxygenated cylinders have been deposited on the following road: Halkyn to Rhes Y Cae – near the Lime Kiln

**The Clerk advised that the above concerns would be brought to the attention of StreetScene.**

**6. 39/21**

**REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (COMMITTEES, LIAISON & MEETINGS ATTENDED)**

There were no reports specific to the Local Committees and Outside Bodies schedule, or Council Members who had attended meetings on behalf of the Council.

**7. 40/21**

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

Councillor Miss Jean S. Davies advised in relation to the following:

- (i) Concern expressed by residents that deliveries being made to addresses in Martins Hill, Pentre Halkyn; whereby the delivery companies are unable to locate, despite a sign identifying that area as Martins Hill. It was conformed; that the correct name of the area is Allt Y Plas. Apparently, the name of Martins Hill originated many years ago due to a local garage named Martins.
- (ii) Concern expressed by residents in the Pentre Halkyn area, in relation to the lack of fiber optic internet installation.
- (iii) Concern expressed by residents in the Pentre Halkyn area, in relation to a number of missed black bin, food waste and recycling; on a number of weeks.

**8(A). 41/21**

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**The following planning application had been received:**

- Application number: 062367 – for approval of details reserved by condition no's 4 (Routing Agreement), 5(Signage), 7(Noise Monitoring Scheme) attached to Planning Permission reference 050313 – at Tarmac Central Ltd Pant Quarry, Halkyn.

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

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

**8(B).42 /21**

**Members formally confirmed the above decision.**

**8(C). 43/21**

**The following planning application to be considered by Members at the meeting:**

- (a) Application number: 062314 – for application for removal or variation of a condition following grant of planning permission (052300), at The Old School House, Halkyn

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

**Note:** Declaration of Interest declared by Councillor G. T. Robinson (Minute number: 2. 32/21 above on page 2)

**8(D). 44/21**

## **PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

- (a) Application number: 061852; for erection of single storey extensions and porch, at Bryn Newydd, Brynford Road, Pentre Halkyn. Approved.
- (b) Application number: 062112; for erection of 3 bay garage with store over, at Caeau Glesion, Halkyn. Approved.

**9. 45/21**

## **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Net £</b>	<b>Vat £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
	<p><b><u>Payments made to be confirmed:</u></b></p> <p><b>Standing Order:</b> R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary &amp; home working allowance for January) Payments dated: 01/02/2021</p> <p><b><u>Payments for confirmation and consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u></b></p> <p>R P Parry (Clerk) Quarter share with other Councils: purchase of 12<sup>th</sup> Edition – Local Council Administration (This purchase was agreed by the Chair &amp; Vice Chair in-between meetings)</p>	29.75	1.20	30.95

	Deeco Lighting (Call-out fee, purchase and installation of new replacement LED lantern in Pentre Halkyn).	320.00	64.00	384.00
	<b>Direct Debit:</b> Scottish Power (January - Street Lighting Electricity Account payment due: 18/02/201)	124.92	6.25	131.17

**10. 46/21**

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	<p><b><u>Authorised to be paid by BACS:</u></b></p> <p>Rhes Y Cae Village Hall Committee (Application for funding towards running costs, including various repairs and improvement projects to the Village Hall) (Section 19 LGA 1976)</p> <p>(1) <b>Note:</b> Councillors’ during their deliberations agreed the substantial payment to Rhes Y Cae Village Hall, by taking into account the following: The Hall was not registered for non-domestic rates; which resulted that the Hall did not qualify for the Welsh Government grants that have been received by the other three Community Halls in the Council area – which to date; amount to £17,000.00. The Community Council provide the Rhes Y Cae Village Hall Committee with this grant; taken from their annual ear-marked reserves and project budgets.</p> <p>(2) Councillor Nicola Richardson, together with the Clerk to arrange to meet with the Village Hall Management Committee - when social distancing allows - to assist with registering the Hall with the Land Registry.</p>	£10,000.00

**11. 47/21**

**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.....**