

CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN / HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Halkyn Community Council, Held in the Halkyn Parish Hall, On Monday the 26th September, 2022, at 7.30pm.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, 1926 – 2022

The Acting Chair of Council – Councillor David Roberts made the following statement:

'On behalf of the Halkyn Community Council and residents, I would like to offer our heartfelt condolences to the Royal Family on the death of her Majesty the Queen.

Our thoughts are with the Royal Family at this time'.

Members held a minutes silence in memory of HM Queen Elizabeth II

- No Council meeting was held in August
- The September Council meeting was re-scheduled from the 19th to the 26th, following the Official Mourning Period for HM Queen Elizabeth ll
- The Acting Chair Councillor David Roberts, welcomed both elected and co-opted Members to the first face to face meeting for over two years.

1(A). 160/22 SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Nicola Richardson signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Officer, following being cooption to the Community Council at the July 2022 Council meeting.

1(B). 161/22 PRESENT

Councillor David G. Roberts (Vice Chair)

Councillor Brian Coleclough

Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough

Councillor Ray Faulder-Jones

Councillor Howard Morris

Councillor David Palmer

Councillor Nicola Richardson

Councillor Dylan H. Roberts

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(C). 162/22 APOLOGIES

Councillor Colin R. D'Arcy Councillor Jean S. Davies Councillor Bob Robinson Councillor Wendy Sigsworth Councillor Delyth Taylor

Councillor Simon Jones (Flintshire County)

1(D). 163/22 ABSENT

None

2. 164/22

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

The Clerk advised in relation to concerns raised by a resident some months ago to the damaged road sign that was lying flat on top of a hedge, in the area of the Cambrian Block and Nant Road – B5123 Rhosesmor. Whilst Flintshire Street Scene had previously advised the sign would be replaced, the resident was concerned that it had not. Following the Clerk contacting Street Scene, the sign had apparently been ordered but not delivered. The concern has been referred to a Highway Manager.

3. 165/22

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declarations of Interest were Declared:

- (i) Councillor Ray Faulder-Jones: Minute number: 6(A). 168/22 (2) on page 4 below.
- (ii) Councillor Wendy Sigsworth: Minute number: 9(A). 180/22 (5) on page 8 below. (Interest declared prior to meeting).
- (iii) Councillor Howard Morris: Minute number: 9(A). 180/22 (6) on page 8 below. (Interest declared prior to meeting).

4. 166/22

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 18TH JULY 2022

The Minutes were proposed as correct by Councillor Ray Faulder-Jones and seconded by Councillor Brian Coleclough and formally agreed by the Members present.

5. 167/22

PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

(1) **Minute no: 5. 143/22** (1) (page 2) – in relation to Vehicle Activated Signage in Pentre Halkyn. The Clerk advised that Councillor Colin D'Arcy had confirmed, that the signage had been turned to the correct position.

- (2) Minute no: 5. 143/22 (2) (page 2) in relation to the distribution of Queen's Commemorative Jubilee Mugs. The Clerk advised the following: (i) The Librarian at the Friday library in Halkyn Parish Hall had kindly agreed to place the mugs on show for sale (ii) The Clerk had placed an advert in the next edition of the Halkyn Mountain News, which advised that the mugs were for sale at the library (iii) Agreed with the librarian that any children within the Council area who had not received their mug, could collect from the library.
- (3) **Minute no:** 5. 143/22 (3) (page 2) in relation to parking restrictions in The Nant area. The Clerk advised that following the site meeting, no further contact had been received from Flintshire Highways. The Clerk will seek an update for the October meeting.
- (4) **Minute no: 5. 143/22** (4) (page 3) in relation to a request to Flintshire County Council to consider a one way system at Buxton Lane, Pentre Halkyn. The Clerk advised that whilst an acknowledgement had been received, no further contact had been received from Flintshire Highways. The Clerk will seek an update for the October meeting.
- (5) Minute no: 7. 151/22 (A) (2) (page 6) in relation to the Clerk contacting Tom Woodall (Access and Natural Environment Manager) Flintshire County Council, to ascertain the recommencement date for the Halkyn Joint Consultative Committee. The Clerk advised that Mr. Woodall had replied and stated the following: 'The Welsh Government grant has now been completed and with the retirement of the Halkyn Ranger, things are at a standstill. The Grosvenor Estate have been approached, but nothing forthcoming'.

Pending Matters:

The Clerk provided the following update in relation to pending matters:

- (i) Cemex Quarry, Pant-y-Pwll Dwr, Pentre Halkyn. The Clerk advised that he had written to the Head Office of Cemex in Rugby, enquiring as to when the next liaison meeting will be held. A telephone call had been received which advised the member of staff who facilitated the previous meetings had left the company and they were unable to locate the liaison file. The Clerk had provided the company with a list of committee names and contact details which were located from past meeting minutes. The Company thereafter advised, they would set up a meeting, whereby this Councils representative Councillor Howard Morris would be invited.
- (ii) Speed Monitoring Tubes in Pentre Halkyn. The Clerk advised that despite requests the results from the monitoring tubes had not been received. A further request had been sent to the County Highways Officer.

6(A). 168/22 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 / 1 x Violence

Pentre Halkyn: 3 x Anti social behaviour / 1 x Violence

Rhes-Y-Cae: 1 x Anti social behaviour

Rhosesmor: 2 x Violence

(2) Flintshire County Council: Pen portraits for six candidates for the position of Flintshire Town & Community Council Representative on the County Standards Committee. Members were sent copies of the pen portraits prior to the meeting to peruse:

Members agreed the following: 1st Nominee - Councillor Ray Faulder-Jones (Halkyn Community Council / 2nd Nominee - Councillor Jayne Morris (Caerwys Town Council)

Note: Councillor Ray Faulder-Jones declared an interest in item (2) above (**Minute number: 3. 165/22 on page 2 above.**

(3) Flintshire County Council: Code of Conduct training for Councillors. The Clerk advised that further Code of Conduct training courses had been arranged by the Office of the County Legal Officer, to be held virtually on the 12th and 25th October.

Note: Item 3 above was dealt with under Minute number: 7(G). 191/22 on page 7 below)

(4) Flintshire County Council: Joint meeting with Flintshire Standards Committee and Town & Community Councils, to be held virtually on Monday 7th November at 6.00pm. The Clerk enquired if any Councillors wished to propose any agenda items for the meeting and also Members who were wishing to connect virtually.

Members agreed the following: (1) No agenda items (2) Councillor David Roberts together with the Clerk to attend.

- (5) Flintshire County Council: Notification that Members of the County Standards Committee will be vising all Town & Community Councils over the next twelve months, to promote good conduct at meetings.
- (6) The Clerk advised that a member of the Flintshire Standards Committee had been in contact, whereby this Council will receive a member visit to the Council meeting on Monday 17th October.

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

- ❖ North Wales Community Health Council: Press release in relation to Ysbyty Glan Clwyd
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Grass cutting policy
- ❖ Welsh Government: Bilingual survey in relation assessing the capacity and capability to digital skills by Town & Community Councils
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Road closure notification in The Wern area from the 4th October

6(B). 169/22 CLERK'S REPORT

(a) The Clerk advised Members in relation to the following deposits to the Council's bank account:

- £16.666.67 Flintshire County Council: Second precept payment for financial year 2022 / 2023
- (b) The Clerk advised that the tall and heavy wooden dividing doors in the Halkyn Parish Hall had become faulty and dangerous. The main room had been closed as a safety precaution. As this was urgent the Chair of the Management Committee was requested to seek urgent quotations, which had been received as follows: T C Joinery (Buckley) repairs at a cost of £880.00 and purchase of wood from R M Jones (Ruthin) at a cost of £210.00 plus VAT. The quotations were sent to the Chair and Vice Chair, who agreed both.

Members agreed the following: Confirmed both quotations and also agreed that the suspension of financial standing orders was necessary, due to the urgent repair, health & safety and financial loss to the Hall with the closing of the large function room.

(c) The Clerk advised that the Council Cemetery had a further infestation of moles, whereby P. Morris (Pest & Vermin Control) had been called out with an expected fee of £245.00.

Members agreed the following: Confirmed the above fee.

- (d) The Clerk advised Members that a Work Order for BS7671 inspections of the Community Council's street lighting, that was issued in March, 2021 following discussion with the Flintshire Street Lighting Manager, the Work Order has been re-issued with no increase to the agreed cost of £2,048.00.
- (e) A second Work Order also dated March, 2021 issued to Flintshire Street Lighting, for the removal of three street lights sited in the Wern area, at a cost of £660.00, had also been reissued with no increase.
- **(f)** The Clerk advised that the notice board sited at the entrance to Halkyn Parish Hall had suffered damage during the summer months. The Council's joiner had visited and advised, that the hot summer had affected the woodwork and also the internal cork backing. The joiner was asked to repair.
- (g) The Clerk advised that the work on the bench seat adjacent to the B5123 in Halkyn had been completed. Members were shown a photograph of the seat which has been secured to a new concrete area.
- (h) The Clerk advised that Councillor Wendy Sigsworth had placed the following agenda for the October Council meeting: To Discuss: Ways to Commemorate the life of HM Queen Elizabeth II. Whilst Councillor Sigsworth looks forward to the views of Members, a request that the residents are also approached for their views.

6(C). 170/22

LIST OF LIAISON, LOCAL COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES FOR YEAR 2022 / 2023 (ADJ FROM JULY MEETING)

This list was updated and appears on page 12 below of these minutes.

6(D). 171/22 ANNUAL REPORT (DRAFT)

The Clerk recollected to Members the draft annual report which had been sent prior to the meeting to Members for their perusal.

Members agreed the following: To adopt the annual report.

6(E). 172/22 ANNUAL TRAINING PLAN (DRAFT)

The Clerk recollected to Members the draft training plan for both Councillors and Clerk which had been sent prior to the meeting to Members for their perusal.

Members agreed the following: To adopt the training plan.

6(F). 173/22

COUNCILLOR TRAINING (CODE OF CONDUCT) SECTION 67 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021

- The Clerk sought to confirm the names of Council Members who had attended the previous training sessions: The following Members confirmed their attendance: Brian Coleclough, Glyn Coleclough, Ray Faulder-Jones and David Roberts.
- Councillors to attend on the following course dates: Wednesday 12th October Howard Morris, David Palmer, Dylan Roberts, Wendy Sigsworth, Delyth Taylor / Tuesday 25th October – Colin D'Arcy and Nicola Richardson.

6(G). 174/22

TO UPDATE: COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS (HYBRID MEETINGS & VENUE)

The Clerk recollected to Members that following the commencement of the pandemic, the Wales Government under emergency powers allowed Councils to meet virtually, whereby this Council's Standing Orders were amended to allow access by residents of the Council area and press to remotely gain access by providing the Clerk with three days' notice.

Under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Statutory Guidance for Community and Town Councils, allows for hybrid meetings which include the requirement that members are able to hear and be heard by others.

The Clerk further advised that as Council meetings are held face to face from this month, the public agenda notice advises that any resident or member of the press may gain access remotely. The Council's Standing Orders require further amendment to reflect this. The Council have the necessary equipment to facilitate remote audio access to meetings.

Members agreed the following: To update the Council's Standing Orders to allow remote audio access for Councillors, residents of the Council area including press, by providing the Clerk with three days' notice.

6(H). 175/22

TO ARRANGE: ANNUAL INSPECTION OF COUNCIL CEMETERY

The Clerk advised that the Annual Inspection of the Council Community Cemetery requires to be arranged.

Members agreed the following: The Cemetery sub-committee: Councillors' Brian Coleclough, Howard Morris, Nicola Richardson, Wendy Sigsworth, together with the Clerk, to complete the inspection on Wednesday 5th October at 5.00pm.

6(I). 176/22

TO REVIEW CEMETERY FEES – FOR 2022 / 2023

Members agreed the following: The Cemetery fees to remain as at present for this financial year.

6(J). 177/22

STREETSCENE SCHEDULE (FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL)

The Clerk advised in relation to the following concerns that had been reported to StreetScene, since the last Council meeting: *Street Scene Update in italics:*

- (1) Buxton Lane, Pentre Halkyn: Retaining wall collapsing into roadway (*Update from Street Scene: following the installation of a pipeline, that wall appears to have been reinstated nearer the edge of the highway. The owners of the land (Cemex Quarries) will be contacted)*)
- (2) Buxton Lane, Pentre Halkyn: Tree canopy restricting safe passage for motorists (photographs provided). *The area will be inspected*.

Members brought the following concern(s) to the meeting:

No concerns were raised at the meeting.

7. 178/22

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.

8. 179/22

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). 180/22

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications had been received:

(1) Application number: 064466 – for additional stable attached to the side of existing stable block, at The Old Royal Oak, Pant Y Gof, Halkyn.

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

(2) Application number: FUL/000332/22 – for the proposed conversion of former Nant y Fflint (Bethel) Presbyterian Chapel (FLF) to residential [holiday let] use (C3). with potential ancillary use (ad hoc during low season) to use the building as a 1:1 therapy space, for speech and language /art / music or other individualised therapies as part of our established business, at The Old Nant Y Fflint Chapel, Nant Road, Pentre Halkyn.

Comment by Council: Whilst the Council offer no objection to the application, as long as planning policies and planning guidance notes are complied with, the following extracts are noted in the

current Flintshire Local Development Plan: Section 16 - T3 Self-Catering Tourist Accommodation at:

- C. where appropriate, be accessible by a choice of modes of travel, particularly by foot, cycle or public transport.
- **16.18** Where rural buildings are reused as tourist accommodation they could then easily serve as permanent residences.
- (3) Application number: FUL/000371/22 for creation of studio space for client's hobbies, at Glenville, Rhosesmor.

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

(4) Application number: FUL/000345/22, for proposed replacement of modern windows and doors, replacement of existing skylight, construction of platform to from back door, porch to east elevation, repointing of building, installation of two wood burning stoves and associated flue liners, limecrete / glascrete flooring to ground floor, lime plaster to walls, including some insulation, at Tan yr Allt, Old A541 cut off, Rhyd y Goleu, Mold.

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

(5) Application number: LDP/000295/22, for a lawful development certificate - existing use of use of caravan as holiday let. Planning permission was granted on 16/4/2007 Ref 041100 for the static caravan, at Midlist Farm, Pant Y Goff, Halkyn.

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

Note: Councillor Wendy Sigsworth declared an interest in the above application number (5) **Minute number: 3. 165/22 on page 2 above.**

(6) Application number: FUL/000098/22, for proposed demolition of existing bungalow - development of 4no. detached dwellings, at Redroof, The Catch, Halkyn

Comment by Council: The Community Council have received a number of objections to the application, which include references suggesting that the proposal is contrary to the current Flintshire Local Development Plan. Other information contained within the objections possibly requires investigation by a professional – whereby this Council does not have the authority under the Local Government Act to arrange. Whilst the Community Council acknowledge the residents concerns to the proposal, the Council, as a general consultee, leave to the appointed Planning Officer or full Planning Committee to consider the objections, taking into consideration the County planning policies and guidance notes.

However, the Community Council are concerned with a number of unsubstantiated libellous comments made both within the body of some objections and covering e-mails - which are potentially a defamation of the character of both the planning applicant and a family member.

Note: Councillor Howard Morris declared an interest in the above application number (6) **Minute number: 3. 165/22 on page 2 above.**

(7) Application number: FUL/000281/22 – for proposed erection of a total of 8 handmade timber glamping pods, at Top Pen-Y-Parc Farm, Pant Y Goff, Halkyn.

Comment by Council: The Community Council have received a number of objections to the application, which include references suggesting that the proposal is contrary to the current Flintshire Local Development Plan. Whilst the Community Council acknowledge the residents concerns to the proposal, the Council, as a general consultee, leave to the appointed Planning Officer or full Planning Committee to consider the objections, taking into consideration the County planning policies and guidance notes.

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

9(B). 181/22

Members formally confirmed the above decisions.

9(C). 182/22

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

(a) Application number: LBC/000469/22 – for listed building application, for minor internal alterations, new entrance and worship room, alterations to carport, installation of gates with lanterns, replace the existing roof to former bakehouse with a slate roof and install to lantern style lamp posts on both sides of drive, at Stable Block, The Old Hall, 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/000467/22 - for minor internal alterations, new entrance and worship room, alterations to carport, installation of gates with lanterns, replace the existing roof to former bakehouse with a slate roof and install to lantern style lamp posts on both sides of drive, at Stable Block, The Old Hall, 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/000448/22 – for first floor extension to single storey section of house, at Tan Y Wal, Rhosesmor.

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

(d) Application number: FUL/000416/22 – for an Edwardian conservatory to side of property, at Tawelan, Rhes Y Cae.

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

9(D). 183/22 PLANNING DECISIONS

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

- (a) Application number: DET/000025/22 for approval of details reserved by various conditions, at Plas Newydd Farm, Halkyn. Partially discharges.
- **(b)** Application number: 064461 for the erection of single storey annex accommodation for parent, at Keepers Cottage, Rhydymwyn. Approved.

- (c) Application number: 064426 for proposed extensions and alterations at, Bryn Eithin Farm, Halkyn. Approved
- (d) Application number: 064038 for extension to dwelling, at Ael Y Bryn, Moel y Crio. Approved.

10. 184/22 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total
	Payments made – to be confirmed:			
	Paid following July Council meeting by BACS			
	Gwyn Jones – Joiner (New concrete base for metal seat – quotation agreed previously by Council)	435.00		435.00
	Gwyn Jones – Joiner (Bus shelter refurbishment and station – quotation agreed previously by Council)	750.00		750.00
	Wall-Lag, Mold (Roof installation in Halkyn Parish Hall – quotation agreed previously by Council)	612.00		612.00
	Cllr Bob Robinson (Councillor allowance)	150.00		150.00
	Shaw & Sons (Receipt & other Cemetery books)	63.17	12.63	75.80
	(Above payment authorised by two Councillor bank signatories)			
	August Payments (BACS)			
	Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for July) Payments dated: 01/08/2022)			
	Cllr Dylan Roberts (Councillor allowance)	150.00		150.00
	HSBC (Bank charges) June / July	5.00		5.00
	Cllr Brian Coleclough (Councillor allowance) Donated to RABI (Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution)	150.00		150.00
	Cllr Glyn Coleclough (Councillor allowance) Donated to RABI (Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution)	150.00		150.00
	Direct Debit: Scottish Power (July - Street Lighting Electricity Account payment 19/08/2022)	478.42	23.92	502.34

(Above payments authorised by two Councillor bank signatories)			
Payments for confirmation and consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:			
T C Joinery (Buckley) Urgent repairs to tall sliding doors in Halkyn Parish Hall) Quotation and payment agreed by Chair & Vice Chair of Council)	880.00		880.00
Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for August) Payments dated: 01/09/2022)			
R P Parry – Clerk (Refund of quarter share of Jabra Speak 759 UC MS Teams Speakerphone – as per receipt)	41.25	8.25	49.50
R P Parry – Clerk (Refund of quarter share of various stationery – as per receipts)	99.14	19.83	118.97
Gwyn Jones – Joiner (removal of metal bench seat, refurbishment by second company, other work and secure re-installation – quotation agreed previously by Council)	1,100.00		1,100.00
Direct Debit: Scottish Power (July - Street Lighting Electricity Account payment 19/08/2022)	478.42	23.92	502.34
HSBC (Bank charges) July / August	5.80		5.80
Halkyn Parish Hall (Hire of Library room: 12 weeks - June to August)	330.00		330.00
Flintshire County Council (Summer play scheme in Pentre Halkyn & Rhosesmor)	3,080.00		3,080.00

11. 185/22 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	Cerebral Palsy (Cardiff)	No grant

$12.\ 186/22$ Members agreed the payments of the above accounts as listed.

SIGNED BY THE
CHAIRMAN.....

DATE OF

APPROVAL.....

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the

meeting.

LIST OF LIAISON, LOCAL COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE

BODIES FOR YEAR 2022 / 2023

NAME OF ORGANISATION COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES NAME(S)

Aberdo and Bryn Mawr Quarry Liaison Councillor Howard Morris Flintshire County Council – County Forum Councillor Colin D'Arcy / David Roberts Halkyn Cemetery Councillors' Brian Coleclough / Howard Morris / Wendy Sigsworth / Nicola Richardson (All Council Members) Halkyn Parish Hall Trust Councillors' Howard Morris / Bob Robinson / Halkyn Parish Hall Management Committee Wendy Sigsworth Councillors' Howard Morris / Dylan Roberts Hendre Quarry Liaison Joint Consultative Committee Councillors' Brian Coleclough / Wendy Sigsworth Councillor Howard Morris Pant Quarry Liaison Pant y Pwll Dwr (Cemex) Quarry Liaison Councillor Howard Morris Pentre Halkyn Community Centre Councillors' Brian Coleclough / B. Glyn Coleclough / Howard Morris Planning Sub-Committee (All Council Members) Police Community Consultative Group Councillors' Ray Faulder-Jones and / or Delyth **Taylor Rhosesmor Institute** Councillors' Bob Robinson / Wendy Sigsworth Rhos Helyg School Governor Councillor David Roberts