



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

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Halkyn Community Council,  
Held in the Halkyn Parish Hall,  
On Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2023, at 7.30pm.**

**1(A). 31/23  
PRESENT**

Councillor Colin R. D'Arcy (Chair)  
Councillor David G. Roberts (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Brian Coleclough  
Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough  
Councillor Ray Faulder-Jones  
Councillor Howard Morris  
Councillor Nicola Richardson  
Councillor Dylan H. Roberts  
Councillor Bob Robinson  
Councillor Wendy Sigsworth  
Councillor Delyth Taylor

Councillor Simon Jones (Flintshire County)

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

**1(B). 32/23  
APOLOGIES**

Councillor Jean S. Davies  
Councillor David Palmer

**1(C). 33/23  
ABSENT**

None

**2. 34/23  
PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS**

No attendance at meeting by public, no questions, comments or representations received prior to meeting.

**3. 35/23  
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared.

#### **4. 36/23**

### **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023**

The Minutes were proposed as correct by Councillor Glyn Coleclough and seconded by Councillor David Roberts and formally agreed by the Members present.

#### **5. 37/23**

### **PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) **Minute no: 5. 07/23 (3) (page 2)** – in relation to the speed monitoring tubes in Pentre Halkyn. The Clerk advised that despite a further reminder the speed data had not been received. The Clerk suggested that the County Councillor take the matter forward with Flintshire.

**Members agreed the following:** County Councillor Simon Jones to seek the speed data. The Clerk to forward to Councillor Jones copies of correspondence.

- (2) **Minute no: 6(B). 09/23 (b) (page 3)** – in relation to the Council's notice board sited at the entrance to Halkyn Parish Hall. Following a visit by the joiner work was completed including a new lock. Invoice on list of payments for this evening's meeting.
- (3) **Minute no: 6(K). 19/23 (page 6)** – in relation to concerns with horses on the A5026 Road in The Nant. The Clerk advised that as requested in the January Council meeting he had written to the North Wales Police. The Clerk read out the reply, which stated that the Police would take no action. The Clerk read out guidance notes in relation to horses on highways.

Discussion in relation to the number of horses riding side by side which in turn slows down vehicles, especially HGV's – whereafter, the length of the highway to the A55 road junction does not allow vehicles to gain enough speed to enter the A55 speed limit of 70mph.

**Members agreed the following:** (1) The Clerk to write to the North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency, to seek a survey to ascertain if the length of the slip road from a property entrance named Hafod to the A55 is acceptable – in the interests of safety, taking into consideration the number of HGV's using this particular road (2) To send to Hannah Blythyn MS/AS a copy of the letter.

- (4) **Minute no: 10.23/23 (pages 6 & 7)** – in relation to the white marker stones on Halkyn Mountain. This was adjourned to the March Council meeting for Councillor David Palmer's report.

#### **Pending Matters:**

**The Clerk advised, that the following item remain in the pending file:**

- The cutting of the hedge and tree branches in the Community Council Cemetery adjacent to St. Mary's Church, Halkyn. Councillor Glyn Coleclough advised that he would make contact with the contractor.

#### **6(A). 38/23**

### **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 Anti social behaviour / 3 x Violence

**Pentre Halkyn:** 3 x Anti social behaviour / 1 x Criminal damage / 2 x Violence

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

**Rhosesmor:** No offences reported.

- (2) Aberdo Quarry Liaison meeting to be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00pm. Invitation forwarded to Councillor Howard Morris as the Council's representative on the liaison committee.
- (3) Pre- planning consultation under Schedule 18 – Publicity and Consultation before applying for planning permission Notice under Articles 2C and 2D – Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012. Application made by Caulmert Engineering Environmental Planning on behalf of N W Energy Ltd., for proposed development at The Former Ruby Brickworks, Rhydymwyn, for a proposed Anaerobic Digestion Facility with associated development. Information sent to Councillor prior to meeting to peruse the application and plans on applicants agents web site.

The application was considered with general planning applications (**Minute number: 9(A). 33/23 (c) on page 6 below**)

- (4) The Clerk recollected Members to an e-mail forwarded from Councillor David Palmer which advised in relation to a news article – that Flintshire County Council were offering free SIM cards and digital vouchers. A link to the article was included with a note for Councillors to forward to any interested residents.

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

- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Adoption of Flintshire Local Development Plan.

**6(B). 39/23**

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

- (1) Clerk advised, that the following concern had been reported by Councillor Wendy Sigsworth. Request for tree branches to be cut in the area of Cae'r Ffynnon, Rhosesmor. The branches overhang a walkway and are dangerous for the elderly pedestrians who reside in the area. The Clerk had issued a request to the County Tree Inspector to visit.

The Clerk advised the following reply had been received. The department is currently not dealing with trees on Council land due to other tree related work. Please forward request to the County Housing Department. The Clerk confirmed, that the request had been forwarded.

- (2) (i) **Street Lighting:** The following street light had been reported out of order: Village Road, Pentre Halkyn (Top of Springfield Hill – first lamp on left travelling towards village shop). (*Lamp repaired and new fuse fitted*).

(ii) The following street light was reported out of order: Near Foel Farm, Wern y Gaer. Lamp illuminated continuously.

#### **6(C). 40/23**

#### **TO CONSIDER APPROVING: COMMUNITY AWARD (POLICY & NOMINATION FORM) ADJOURNED FROM JANUARY MEETING)**

The Clerk advised Members that a Community Award was held successfully in a number of Council areas and wished this Council to consider, if a Community Award was appropriate for this Council. The Clerk had sent prior to the meeting a draft policy and nomination form for information.

**Members agreed the following:** Adopted a Community Award Policy and Nomination Form. The Clerk to advertise the scheme and report further at the March Council meeting.

#### **6(D). 41/23**

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

**The Clerk advised in relation to the following concern(s) that had been reported to StreetScene, since the last Council meeting:**

- No matters of concern had been received and reported since the last Council meeting.

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

- (1) Shone's Lane, Berth Ddu: Pot holes (these have been reported previously)
- (2) Rhes Y Cae: Near Black Lion Farm: damage to land and tarmac churned up and damage to cattle grid fencing
- (3) Siglan Pond, Pant Y Gof, Halkyn: Request for two signs - opposite pond on Middle Lane – with suggested wording: Passing Place / No Parking

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

#### **7. 42/23**

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

- (i) Councillor Howard Morris advised of his attendance at a liaison meeting held in the Aberdo Quarry. Items discussed included the following:
  - ❖ New wash plant installed; this should create less dust
  - ❖ Quarry running low on stone
  - ❖ Process to change
  - ❖ 7 Million tonnes are estimated to be utilised in the future
- (ii) Councillor Dylan Roberts advised of his attendance at a liaison meeting held in the Tarmac (Hendre) Quarry. Items discussed included the following:
  - New site manager
  - Approximately three years to work on left side of quarry
  - 1 Million tonnes estimated to be utilised in the future
  - 4,000 tonnes a day being removed
  - Crusher changed from diesel to electric; this should reduce noise

- Six complaints received during 2022
- Landscaping work to be completed during 2023

#### 8. 43/23

#### COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS (COUNCILLOR MISS. JEAN DAVIES & COUNCILLOR SIMON JONES)

#### Councillor Jones provided the following County report:

- (a) Newly adopted Local Development plan to 2030. No large developments within the Halkyn County Ward
- (b) Setting of County Budget
- (c) Discussions in relation to a 3 x weekly general bin collection – from possibly next year
- (d) Meeting held with Grosvenor Estate and Natural Resources Wales in the Brynford area, in relation to signage to deter off-road bikers. A similar meeting will be arranged in the Halkyn area; area of signage will have to be agreed.

#### Councillor Simon Jones advised in relation to the following:

- (i) Concerns has also been reported to Councillor Jones in relation to the overhanging tree branches in the area Cae'r Ffynnon, Rhosesmor. Photographs will be sent to the Housing Officer.
- (ii) The following was reported to Councillor Jones:
  - Near the entrance to the Cemex Quarry a fence has been demolished. Councillor Jones advised that he would report the damage.
  - Bryn Rodyn, Halkyn. Concerns reported to both a Halkyn Councillor and Councillor Jones in relation to inconsiderate parking. Councillor Jones advised that he will make contact with the Housing Officer.

#### 9(A). 44/23

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- (a) Application number: FUL: 000062/23 – for demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey extension to front / side. Single storey extension at rear and double garage, at Llys Hywel, Rhes Y Cae.

**Comment by Council:** Whilst there is no objection to the application in relation to the extensions to the main property, as long as planning policies and planning guidance notes are complied with, the Council are concerned with the application for a double garage, for the following reasons: there appears to be no scale on the drawing in relation to the garage height; the size of the garage; the closeness of the garage to the highway junction will cause visibility concerns to both vehicles and pedestrians.

- (b) Application number: FUL: 000125/23 – for proposed removal of existing UPVC conservatory and erection of stone clad structure over existing footprint, including other works, at Bryn Ffynnon Halkyn.

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

- (c) Pre- planning consultation under Schedule 18 – Publicity and Consultation before applying for planning permission Notice under Articles 2C and 2D – Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012. Application made by Caulmert Engineering Environmental Planning on behalf of N W Energy Ltd., for proposed development at The Former Ruby Brickworks, Rhydymwyn, for a proposed Anaerobic Digestion Facility with associated development.

**Comment by Council:** No observations.

**9(B). 45/23**

**PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

- (1) Application number: FUL/000467/22 – for minor internal alterations to the rear veranda and adjoining window, at Stable Block The Old Hall Halkyn. Granted
- (2) Application number: LBC/000469/22 – for minor internal alterations to the rear veranda and adjoining window to create a Stable Block The Old Hall Halkyn. Granted
- (3) Application number: FUL/000371/22 Creation of studio space for client's hobbies, at Glenville Rhosesmor. Granted
- (4) Application number: FUL/000332/22 – for conversion of former Chapel to Residential Holiday Let Use, at The Old Nant y Fflint Chapel, Nant Road, The Nant. Granted
- (5) Application number: FUL/000098/22 – for demolition of existing bungalow - development of 4no. detached dwellings, at Redroof, The Catch Halkyn. Refused
- (6) Application number: FUL/000281/22 – for proposed erection of 8 handmade timber glamping Pods, at Top Pen-Y-Parc Farm, Pant Y Goff, Halkyn. Granted

**10. 46/23**

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
	<b><u>Payments made – to be confirmed:</u></b>			
	<b>Standing Order:</b> R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for January) Payments dated: 01/02/2023			
	<b>Direct Debit:</b> HSBC Bank (charges) Payment 15/02/2023	5.00		5.00
	<b><u>Payments for confirmation and consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u></b>			

<b>Direct Debit:</b> Scottish Power (February - Street Lighting Electricity Account payment due: 20/02/2023)	216.83	10.84	227.67
Deeco lighting (Street light repair & fuse in Pentre Halkyn)	205.00	41.00	246.00
Gwyn R Jones (Joiner) Repair and replacement lock – Halkyn notice board	98.00		98.00
R P Parry (Clerk) Reimbursement of quarter share with other Councils of Microsoft 365 Business renewal (£112.80 / £28.20) plus VAT £22.56 (VAT paid by Caerwys Town Council)	28.20		28.20

11. 47/23

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Name of organisation</b>	<b>Amount granted £</b>
	<b><u>Authorised to be paid by BACS:</u></b>	
	Macmillan Cancer Care (General donation) (Section 137 LGA 1972)	£200.00
	Halkyn Junior Football Club (Application for financial assistance toward King's Coronation Celebration in Pentre Halkyn) (Section 137 LGA 1972)	£400.00
	Halkyn Junior Football Club (Application to review provisional agreement pledging the sum of £4,000.00 by this Council) Adjourned from January Council meeting for copy of new fencing quotation and breakdown of funding / pledges to date (Section 19 - 3 LGA (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976)	£6,000.00 plus VAT ( <b>see note</b> )
	<b>Note:</b> Quotations for new fencing and breakdown of funding / pledges received. The Community Council are aware that Flintshire County Council have pledged the sum of £7,000.00 towards the new secure fencing. This Council agreed to pay the sum of £6,000.00 plus VAT direct to the fencing company towards the project. Reasons: The Community Council were the Asset	
	Lease holder of the Pentre Halkyn Community Football Club pitch and surrounding area. The lease was surrendered to the Flintshire County Council who thereafter are now in the process of granting to the Halkyn Junior Football Club an Asset Transfer Lease.	

	<p>It is during the time that this Council held the lease, the fence had become dilapidated. (The Community Council await an invoice for payment from Lloyd Fencing Limited. To be paid once the Clerk is satisfied that the work has been completed satisfactorily and confirmed by the Football Club in writing).</p>	
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**12. 48/23**

**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.....**