



CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN / HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Halkyn Community Council,
Held in the Halkyn Parish Hall,
On Monday the 20th March, 2023, at 7.30pm.**

**1(A). 49/23
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 David Palmer
Councillor Wendy Sigsworth

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

**1(B). 50/23
APOLOGIES**

Councillor Jean S. Davies
Councillor Howard Morris
Councillor Nicola Richardson
Councillor Dylan H. Roberts
Councillor Bob Robinson
Councillor Delyth Taylor

Councillor Simon Jones (Flintshire County)

**1(C). 51/23
ABSENT**

None

**2. 52/23
PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS**

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

**3. 53/23
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared.

4. 54/23

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH FEBRUARY 2023

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

5. 55/23

PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) Minute no: 5. 37/23 (1) (page 2)** – in relation to speed monitoring tubes in Pentre Halkyn. The Clerk advised that County Councillor Simon Jones has requested the traffic / speed data, but to date, the information had not been provided by the County. Councillor Jones will endeavour to expedite with the County.
- (2) Minute no: 5. 37/23 (3) (page 2)** – in relation to concerns reported to Council with horses on the A5026 Road in The Nant. The Clerk advised, that correspondence had been sent to the North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency, together with photographs of the area, seeking the Agencies observations to a survey being completed to ascertain if the length of slip road from a property entrance to the A55 – is acceptable – in the interests of safety, taking into consideration the number of HGV's using this particular road. An acknowledgement had been received but no formal reply to date.

The Clerk further advised that a copy of the above referred to correspondence had been sent to the Welsh Government Member for the area Hannah Blythyn, who had responded advising, that she has also requested a reply to this Councils letter.

- (3) Minute no: 5. 37/23 (4) (page 2)** – in relation to white marker stones on Halkyn Mountain. Councillor David Palmer advised Members, that he had made contact with Flintshire Street Scene, whereby it was further confirmed that the stones were not the responsibility of the County. Discussion by Members included the following: Volunteers re-painting the stones, placing upright stones that had moved, not to place additional stones.

Members agreed the following: To approach the Whitford Young Farmers to discuss the re-painting of the stones. Members thanked Councillor Glyn Coleclough for agreeing to make contact with the Young Farmers Committee. The Council would provide a financial donation to the Young Farmers, purchase the paint, brushes and personal protective clothing / equipment.

- (4) Minute no: 6(C). 40/23 (page 4)** – in relation to Community Award Policy and Nomination form. The Clerk provided the following time-line:
 - ❖ Public Notice placed in the Halkyn Mountain News
 - ❖ Public Notice, Community Award & Nomination form placed on the Council's web site
 - ❖ Public Notice placed on all Council notice boards
 - ❖ Councillors to upload the Public Notice to the various Village Facebook pages
 - ❖ Agenda item for April to consider nomination(s)

Pending Matters

The Clerk advised that the following item remains in the pending file:

- The cutting of the hedge and tree branches in the Community Council Cemetery. The Clerk advised that possibly this will not be completed due to the close of cutting season.

6(A). 56/23

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 Violence

Pentre Halkyn: 2 x Anti social behaviour / 1 x Criminal damage / 1 x Drugs / 2 x Other crime

Pentre Halkyn A55: 1 x Theft / 1 x Violence

Rhes-Y-Cae: No offences reported.

Rhosesmor: 1 x Anti social behaviour / 1 x Public order / 1 x Violence

- (2) Flintshire County Council: Visits to Town & Community Councils by Members of the Standards Committee. Report from County Monitoring Officer following further visits during January, February and March
- (3) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. Annual Report for 2023. The Clerk recollected the information forwarded to Members, whereby the report provided details in relation to allowances and reimbursement amounts allowed by Town & Community Councillors in Wales. The Clerk advised that the information will be again referred to in the April Council meeting. The requirement of a policy was noted.
- (4) One Voice Wales and Society of Local Council Clerks: Training needs survey 2023. The Clerk advised that the on-line questionnaire had been completed.
- (5) Welsh Government: Results from a survey conducted late last year in relation to the Digital Health of Community and Town Councils. Councillors were provided with a bilingual link to a Cabinet Written Statement whereby a report named LGCDO was available. The Clerk recollected Members that the survey results had been forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting and provided the following information:
Only 21.7% of all Town and Community Councils in Wales submitted a response (159 out of 732). The Clerk was pleased to confirm, that he was one Clerk that did complete the survey on behalf of this Council. The Clerk further confirmed, that the Council web site is up to-date with all the requirements contained under the various Wales Measures and Local Government Acts, together with the web site being to an accessibility standard. This Council are also able to hold hybrid meetings.

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

- ❖ North Wales Community Health Council: Notification of face to face and online events – in relation to waiting times for operations

- ❖ Diolch am 20 / Thanks 20: Information in relation to the forthcoming 20mph speed limit in Wales

6(B). 57/23

CLERK'S REPORT

(a) Received from and deposited into the Council's bank account:

- ❖ £30.00 from the Parish Hall Librarian for the sale of Queen's Jubilee Mugs (The Clerk advised that as the payment received was in cash, he had retained same and transferred the £30.00 into the Council's bank account from his personal account. This was due to the HSBC bank charges for banking cash).

(b) The Clerk advised that the NHS in partnership with the British Heart Foundation were offering Defibrillator awareness and training sessions in Wales, at no cost. The Clerk had registered the Council.

(c) Pentre Halkyn notice board – the locked Council side the lock is damaged. The Council's appointed joiner has been asked to repair.

(d) Halkyn Junior Football Club: Members were shown on screen photographs of the newly erected fence around the Pentre Halkyn Football field, that this Council had agreed to part financially fund.

(e) **STREET LIGHTS**

- (i) A street lantern near Foel Farm, Wern Y Gaer had been reported as faulty. (*now repaired*)
- (ii) Reported at meeting. Faulty street light on B5123 Pentre Road, Pentre Halkyn (Near Old Vicarage and Cricket Club (Lamp burning 24/7).

(f) **The following items to be placed on the April Agenda:**

- ❖ To Consider: Repair to Table Leather Inlays (Parish Hall Meeting Room)
- ❖ To Consider: New Signage in Council Cemetery

6(C). 58/23

HALKYN PARISH HALL TRUST – TRUSTEES MEETING

The Clerk advised, that there were no items for discussion or to be brought to Council's attention under this agenda item.

6(D). 59/23

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.

The Clerk provided the following update from Mr. Neil Hickie (StreetScene) Officer (update in italics)

- (1) Shone's Lane, Berth Ddu: Pot holes (these have been reported previously). *Listed and awaiting resource to attend.*
- (2) Rhes Y Cae: Near Black Lion Farm: damage to land and tarmac churned up and damage to cattle grid fencing. *Inspected again today and unable to see damaged cattle grid fencing, land?*

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to arrange a site meeting with Councillor Nicola Richardson, together with the Street Scene Officer, to identify and discuss item 2 above.

- (3) Siglan Pond, Pant Y Gof, Halkyn: Request for two signs - opposite pond on Middle Lane – with suggested wording: Passing Place / No Parking. *Unfortunately if the parking is on adopted highway we can't stop and enforce without a Traffic Order and this scheme wouldn't score very well on a matrix against other schemes, I could possibly erect Passing Bay signs?*

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to advise the Street Scene Officer, that the Council wish Passing Bay signage to be erected.

Members brought the following concerns to the meeting:

- (a) A horse sign erected outside the Haven Garage in The Nant: The sign is creating a visibility hazard
- (b) Middle Mill Lane: Travelling past the pond, cattle grid, Pen Y Parc and Plas Y Parc – and known locally as Gamfer Lane on the bend. The left hand side of the road has been washed away. This is quite dangerous when a vehicle wheel enters this area.
- (c) Near Tarmac Quarry: The speed sign appears to have been damaged by a vehicle (Near parking area).
- (d) Windmill sign: Have the County installed a new sign. The Clerk advised that he will firstly enquire with Councillor Howard Morris – as the concern has not been reported previously to the County.

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

7. 60/23

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. 61/23

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

The Clerk advised that County Councillor Simon Jones had provided the following written report:

- (a) Cattle grid near the boundary with Brynford ward. Reported the damage caused to the fencing following last months meeting and received a reply that FCC were waiting for a contractor to provide quotes to repair the damaged fencing. I can now report that the fence has been repaired and the area has been restored to its previous condition.

- (b) Trees in Cae'r Ffynnon. Made a request to StreetScene to assess the trees near number 4, following last months meeting. An inspection has been carried out and it was found that there was rot present in numerous branches. A job has been raised for the works team to visit the site and remove the branches in question.
- (c) Road between the Britannia Inn and Pentre Road. After multiple chases, I can report that the potholes in this road have now been patched.
- (d) County Business. This month at County Hall was dominated by two events. At the end of last month, we set the Budget for the year. I am pleased to say an alternate budget proposed by a coalition of the Independent group and the Conservatives was voted down. This budget would have seen around a third of a million pounds wiped off the education budget to enable a £0.04 per week reduction in council tax for an average band D property. This was something I could not agree to and thankfully the original budget passed.

Last Friday we had a civic event where we gave the freedom of the county of Flintshire to Lord Barry Jones. Chambers was filled with County Councillors, Members of the Senedd, representatives from MPs and Police and fire chiefs. The session ended with a unanimous vote to pass the motion.

9(A). 62/23

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application was considered by Members at the meeting:

- Application number: FUL/000197/23 – for retrospective development of two detached dwellings, at The Bungalow, Rhosesmor.

Comment by Council: No comment.

9(B). 63/23

PLANNING DECISIONS

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

- (1) Application number: NMA/000104/23 for non-material amendment to Planning Ref 064260 at Bryn Ffynnon, Halkyn. Approved
- (2) Application number: DET/000018/23 – for approval of Details Reserved by Condition 3 and 6 of 061464, at Plas Newydd Farm, Halkyn. Fully discharges
- (3) Application number: FUL/000659/22 – for erection of a store/garage, at Halkyn Old Hall Mews, Pentre Road, Pentre Halkyn. Permits
- (4) Application number: DET/000463/22 – of details reserved by conditions, at The Stores House, The Bakery, Rhes-y-Cae. Fully discharges
- (5) Application number: 064424 – for erection of new Oak Timber frame Garage to South West corner of the plot, at Gwysaney Saw Mills Rhosesmor. Refused
- (6) Application number: 064425 – for erection of new Oak Timber frame Garage to South West corner of the plot (Listed Building), at Gwysaney Saw Mills Rhosesmor. Refused
- (7) Application number: DET/000090/22 – for a Discharge of Conditions, at The Bungalow Rhosesmor Road, Rhosesmor. Withdrawn

(8) Application number: 064280 – for Listed Building Application for Change of Use from Class B1 to C1, at Old Church School Halkyn. Approved

10. 64/23

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 February) Payments dated: 02/02/2023			
	Standing Order BACS: H. M. Revenue & Customs. Clerk's PAYE & Clerk & Council NI. Payment dated: 06/03/2023	855.63		855.63
	Direct Debit: Scottish Power (February - Street Lighting Electricity Account payment dated: 17/03/2023	195.79	9.79	205.58
	Direct Debit: HSBC Bank (charges) Payment dated: 18/03/2023	5.00		5.00
	<u>Payments for consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u>			
	Halkyn Parish Hall (Hire of room for library – (December, 2022, January & February 2023) - £330.00 / Room hire for Council meetings (January & February) - £20.00	350.00		350.00
	Deeco Lighting: Street light repair in Wern Y Gaer	205.00	41.00	246.00
	Caerwys Town Council 1/4 share of Photocopier hire fee (£204.00 a year - VAT paid by Caerwys)	51.00		51.00
	R. P. Parry (Clerk) Travelling expenses from March 2022 to March 2023 (as per detailed auditor schedule)	287.10		287.10
	R. P. Parry – Clerk (Re-imburement of computer security software – as per receipts – £117.45 plus VAT £23.49 – Total £140.95 / HM Revenue & Customs (Additional Home Working Allowance - for 2022 – 2023 £312.00 (Not taxable)	429.95	23.49	452.94

11. 65/23

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Amount granted £

	<p>Name of organisation</p> <p>Halkyn Junior Football Club (Application towards secure fencing in Pentre Halkyn football pitch) Invoice received from Lloyd Fencing Ltd., for this Councils share of cost – as per Council Minute number: 11. 47/23 dated the 20th February 2023) Councillors were shown photographs of the previous and completed new fencing (Section 19 - 3 LGA (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976)</p>	<p>£6,000.00 plus VAT £1,200.00 Total £7,200.00</p>
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12. 66/23

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.....**