



CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN / HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Halkyn Community Council,
Held in the Halkyn Parish Hall,
On Monday the 19th June, 2023, at 7.30pm.**

**1(A). 122/23
PRESENT**

Councillor Howard Morris (Vice Chair)
Councillor Brian Coleclough
Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough (Chair for Planning (Part))
Councillor Colin R. D'Arcy
Councillor David Palmer
Councillor Nicola Richardson
Councillor Bob Robinson
Councillor Wendy Sigsworth
Councillor Delyth Taylor

Councillor Simon Jones (Flintshire County)

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

**1(B). 123/23
APOLOGIES**

Councillor Jean S. Davies
Councillor Ray Faulder-Jones
Councillor David G. Roberts
Councillor Dylan H. Roberts

**1(C). 124/23
ABSENT**

None

**2. 125/23
PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS**

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

**3. 126/23
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Declarations of Interest were Declared:

- (i) Councillor Brian Coleclough: **Minute number: 6(B). 130/23 (e) on page 4 below**
- (ii) Councillor Glyn Coleclough: **Minute number: 6(B). 130/23 (e) on page 4 below**
- (iii) Councillor Howard Morris: **Minute number: 9(A). 135/23 (3) on page 6 below**

4. 127/23

TO APPROVE (A) GENERAL MINUTES AND (B) SUPPLEMENTARY MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH MAY, 2023

Both sets of Minutes were proposed as correct by Councillor Glyn Colclough and seconded by Councillor David Palmer and formally agreed by the Members present.

5. 128/23

PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) **Minute no: 9. 104/23 (1) (page 3)** – in relation to speed monitoring tubes in Pentre Halkyn. Councillor Simon Jones advised that the results had been received and he would forward to the Clerk to thereafter forward to the Councillors.
- (2) **Minute no: 9. 104/23 (5) (page 4)** – in relation to the replacement vinyl table inlays in the Committee Room of Halkyn Parish Hall. The Clerk advised that the work had been completed. As the meeting was held in the Committee Room, the Councillors expressed their delight with the completed work.
- (3) **Minute no: 10(H). 112/23 (3) (page 6)** – in relation to concerns with vehicles parking overnight in areas across the mountain. The Clerk advised that he had written to the Grosvenor Estate seeking their thoughts in relation to overnight parking, but there had been no reply.

Members agreed the following: As the vehicle owners appear to not leave any litter or disturb the land in general, the matter to be left on file.

Pending Matters:

The Clerk advised, in relation to the following pending matters:

- (i) Council Training Plan. It was suggested at a previous meeting that possibly one or more Councillors could attend a First Aid Mental Health awareness course. Members viewed on screen details of a suitable course that is held monthly in Coleg Cambria in Northop.

Members agreed the following: Councillor Nicola Richardson to consider attending the course. The Clerk to provide the details to Councillor Richardson.

- (ii) Flintshire County Council match funding for Rhosesmor Children's play area. Members viewed on screen information received from Aura Leisure in relation to various equipment and costs – with two options / projects at: (1) £14,000.00 and (2) £15,000.00. The County had advised that the projects could be completed over a two year period. Whilst the total amounted to £29,000.00 – the Community Council's share would be 50% at £14,500.00.

Members agreed the following: To complete both projects during this financial year at a cost to this Council of £14,500.00. The Clerk to advise Aura Leisure (Flintshire County Council).

6(A). 129/23

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:

Berth Ddu: 1 x Other theft

Halkyn: No offences reported

Pentre Halkyn: 4 x Anti social behaviour / 1 x Criminal damage / 4 x Violence

Rhes-Y-Cae: 1 x Anti social behaviour

Rhosesmor: No offences reported

- (2) Cemex Quarries: Notification of Liaison Quarry meeting to be held on Wednesday 21st June. Councillor Howard Morris advised that he was unable to attend the meeting and would send his apologies.

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

- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Visits by Independent Members of the Standards Committee to Town & Community Councils
- ❖ Welsh Government: Review of the Local Government Ethical Standards Framework
- ❖ One Voice Wales: Welsh Government 20mph speed limit in Wales
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Consultation on the implementing of a Dog Control and Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Flintshire. Consultation dated from 5th June to Friday 14th July
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Local Toilet Strategy

6(B). 130/23

CLERK'S REPORT

- (a) The Clerk advised that Councillor David Palmer had received a report in relation to broken glass and other rubbish in the Bus shelter in The Windmill. This was cleared by Councillor Howard Morris.
- (b) The Clerk further advised that Councillor David Palmer had expressed his concern with the number of water pipe leakages, with three known instances during this particular year in the area of the Blue Bell, Halkyn. There have been 11 leakages over the past few years leaving residents with no water supply. The most common area of concern is Jubilee Drive, with other instances in the junction area of the B5123 road.

Councillor Palmer provided Members with further information, together with photographs - shown on screen, which indicated patched tarmac areas where repair work had been completed.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to write to Welsh Water seeking to be made aware as to the Water Boards plans for the future replacement of underground water pipes in the Halkyn area.

- (c) The Clerk enquired with Council if the whiteboard could be moved higher up the wall, which would enable Members to view the screen more clearly. Members discussed the usage of the projector and screen in the Committee Room, whereby if re-located to the main room in the Parish Hall, the equipment could be utilised more frequently for community usage.

Members agreed the following: (1) The Clerk to purchase a new 75 inch television for the committee room – at an approximate cost between £800.00 and £900.00 (2) To arrange the installation of the television on a wall bracket at an approximate cost of £250.00 (3) The Clerk to enquire with the Parish Hall Management Committee, to seek their views with the projector and screen being re-located to the main room in the Hall, whereby the Community Council would cover the costs.

- (d) The Clerk advised that the organisers of the King’s Coronation Party in Pentre Halkyn had provided a report together with photographs following the event. The Clerk read out the report with photographs being shown on screen.

- (e) The Clerk recollected to Members that this Council had previously assisted financially with an annual fundraising event that provided a donation to a charity that covers the area. Councillor Glyn Coleclough provided Members with details of this years ‘Annual Scarecrow Competition’ and sought if the Council could consider funding the UV printed banners advertising the competition. The Clerk advised that a quoted cost of each banner was £38.00 – with five banners at a total cost of £190.00 plus VAT.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to issue a purchase order for the signage with Palm Signs, Greenfield at a cost of £190.00 plus VAT.

Note: Councillor Brian Coleclough and Councillor Glyn Coleclough Declared an Interest and did not vote. **Minute number: 3. 126/23 (i) and (ii) on page 2 above**

6(C). 131/23

TO RECEIVE REPORT: ANNUAL CEMETERY INSPECTION

The Clerk advised that the Annual Cemetery Inspection had taken place on Wednesday 14th June, 2023 at 7.00pm: In attendance: Councillors’ Howard Morris and Wendy Sigsworth, together with the Clerk.

There were no memorial stones found to be defective and no other concerns identified within the cemetery area.

The last full interment had recently taken place in row 6, whereby all plots in this row had been utilised. The next full interment will be in row 7 and numbered plot 1.

Members agreed the following: Councillor Glyn Coleclough to contact the Council’s cemetery grass cutter seeking to increase the grass cutting coverage to enable the seventh row to be utilised for future full interments.

6(D). 132/23

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

- No update in relation to previously reported concerns had been received from Street Scene.

Members brought the following concerns to the meeting:

- (1) B5123 Road in Halkyn: Conifer hedge opposite Central Stores obstructing public footpath
- (2) B5123 Road in Halkyn: Tree branches require cutting back on Church Hill
- (3) Martins Hill, Pentre Halkyn: Laurel hedge requires cutting back
- (4) Church Lane, Rhosesmor: Large pot hole (reported previously)
- (5) B5123 Road in Halkyn at Junction with Jubilee Drive: Request for a convex traffic mirror (see further information below)

Councillor David Palmer expressed concerns with the junction opposite the entrance to Jubilee Drive in Halkyn with the B5123 Road. Around 30 to 40 properties are accessed by this lane and whilst exiting the visibility is almost nil due to the corner and the residents are requesting some visibility assistance. Could a request be made to the County to provide a convex mirror. The residents have indicated they would assist with the cost. Councillor Palmer would be amicable to attend a site meeting. Photographs of the junction were provided.

The above request was sent in a separate e-mail to the Street Scene Officer for this Council area.

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

7. 133/23

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. 134/23

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

Councillor Simon Jones advised in relation to the following:

- (a) Updated and recent speed / traffic survey completed in the Pentre Halkyn area
- (b) Request by residents for speed bumps in the area of Village Road, Pentre Halkyn – near shop / post office. The County Council refused the request and stated that the road will in due course be subject to a 20mph restriction.
- (c) Attending a meeting in Cemex Quarry in July with County Council Officers; discussions in relation to dust emanating from the quarry together with alleged speeding lorries carrying from the Quarry will be discussed.

- (d) Due to a number of Planning Officer vacancies there are delays in processing planning applications.
- (e) Held meeting in relation to off-road bikers on the mountain with North Wales Police Officers. Whilst the Police will monitor the concerns they will also endeavour to arrange with other agencies a joint operation. A request to residents to report off-road vehicles to the Police by calling 101.

**9(A). 135/23
PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

- (1) Application number: COU/000493/23 – for temporary change of use of small 4 berth touring caravan from ancillary use to holiday let, at Top Pen-y-Parc 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.

- (2) Application number: FUL/000544/23 – for alterations and extensions to existing dwelling, at Arfryn, Buxton Lane, Pentre Halkyn.

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

- (3) Application number: FUL/000540/23 – for demolition of existing bungalow, erection of 4 no. detached dwellings with associate works, at Redroof, Halkyn.

Comment by Council: The Community Council as a general consultee, leave to the appointed Planning Officer or full Planning Committee to consider the application, taking into consideration the County planning policies and guidance notes.

Note: Councillor Howard Morris - Declared an Interest in the above application at Redroof and left the meeting room during Council deliberations. **(Minute number: 3. 126/23 (iii) on page 2 above).**

Councillor Glyn Coleclough took the Chair for the above planning application at Redroof.

**9(B). 136/23
PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

- (i) Application Ref: FUL/000307/23 – for single storey side & rear extension, at 1 Pen Y Parc Bungalows, Berth Ddu. Permits.
- (ii) Application Ref: FUL/000601/22 – for demolition of existing bungalow to be replaced with new dwelling and Garage, at Oakdene, Buxton Lane, Pentre Halkyn. Permits.

**10. 137/23
APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £

<u>Payments made – to be confirmed:</u>			
Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for May) Payments dated: 01/06/2023			
Direct Debit: HSBC Bank (charges) Payment dated 15/06/2023	5.80		5.80
<u>Payments consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u>			
One Voice Wales (Chairing Skills Course – Cllr David Roberts)	59.00		59.00
Parish Online (Geosphere Ltd) (Mapping software licence renewal) Discount provided))	7.50	1.50	9.00
French Polishing Emporium (Alex Webster) Re-covering Committee Room tables with new vinyl – as agreed quotation)	360.00		360.00
Direct Debit: Scottish Power (May - Street Lighting Electricity Account payment due: 20/06/2023	456.29	22.81	479.10

11. 138/23

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	<u>Authorised to be paid by BACS:</u> Rhosesmor Village Community Group (Towards running costs) (Section 19 - 3 LGA (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976)	£250.00

12. 139/23

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.....**