



CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN / HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Halkyn Community Council,
Held in the Halkyn Parish Hall,
On Monday the 17th July, 2023, at 7.30pm.**

**1(A). 140/23
PRESENT**

Councillor David G. Roberts (Chair)
Councillor Howard Morris (Vice Chair)
Councillor Brian Coleclough
Councillor Colin R. D'Arcy
Councillor Ray Faulder-Jones
Councillor David Palmer
Councillor Nicola Richardson
Councillor Delyth Taylor

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

**1(B). 141/23
APOLOGIES**

Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough
Councillor Jean S. Davies (Community & County)
Councillor Dylan H. Roberts
Councillor Bob Robinson
Councillor Wendy Sigsworth

Councillor Simon Jones (Flintshire County)

**1(C). 142/23
ABSENT**

None

**2(A). 143/23
PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS**

Standing Orders were suspended:

The Chair of Council Councillor David Roberts welcomed two residents to the meeting.

A resident of Pentre Halkyn addressed Council Members in relation to a pre planning application that had been in the public domain previously and in particular, to a proposed planning application for a Anaerobic Digestion Plant to be built at the former Ruby Brickworks in Rhydymwyn. The application area is on the edge of the Halkyn Community Council boundary with the Cilcain and Rhydymwyn Community Council. The resident advised they were a member of a local action group against the proposal.

The resident provided information as to the action groups objections and sought that members of the Council attend a public meeting to be held in the Rhydymwyn Football Clubhouse on Wednesday 19th July at 7.30, whereby the planning applicant / agent will be in attendance. The resident was asked to provide the action groups objections in writing to the Clerk.

The Chair and Vice Chair Councillors' David Roberts and Howard Morris advised of their attendance at the public meeting in Rhydymwyn.

The Chair of Council Councillor David Roberts thanked the resident for attending the meeting and for the information provided.

2(B). 144/23

Standing Orders were restored:

3. 145/23

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest declared.

4. 146/23

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 19TH JUNE, 2023

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

5. 147/23

PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) Minute no: 5. 128/23 (1) (page 2)** – in relation to receiving results following a speed monitoring exercise on a number of roads in the Pentre Halkyn area. The Clerk recollected Members to the Excel spreadsheet that County Councillor Simon Jones had forwarded from the County Council which provided the results. The information was shown on screen and analysed.

Members agreed the following: Due to the 20mph speed reduction due for implementation in September of this year on roads with a current 30mph speed limit, the Community Council will consider a further review of traffic speed in the future, should the need arise.

- (2) Minute no: 5. 128/23 (i) (page 2)** – in relation to the Council's training plan and in particular to the attendance on a Mental Health training course by Councillor Nicola Richardson. The Clerk advised that suitable courses were held in Coleg Cambria, Northop named Highfield Level 2 Award in Introduction to First Aid for Mental Health (RQF). A two day course at a cost of £110.00.

Councillor Nicola Richardson advised that she wished to attend the course and would source suitable dates later in the year.

- (3) **Minute no: 5. 128/23 (ii (page 2)** – in relation match funding for play equipment in the Rhosesmor Play area. The Clerk advised that Flintshire County Council (Aura Leisure) had confirmed, that this Council's share of the Rhosesmor play area match funding scheme would be £14,500.00, with the project in excess of £29,000.00.
- (4) **Minute no: 6(B). 130/23 (b) (page 3)** – in relation to concerns with the number of water pipe leakages in the Halkyn Village area. The Clerk advised that following the sending of a letter together with a number of photographs to Welsh Water seeking the Water Board's plans for the future replacement of underground pipes in the Halkyn area to alleviate the water leakages.

The Clerk further advised that a lengthy reply had been received from Welsh Water, whereby a copy had been sent to Councillor David Palmer. Members were shown on screen the Water Board's reply, who advised that they were sorry for the number of leakages in the area, the asbestos cement pipe had been laid in 1970 from Rhosesmor to Halkyn. The water board are monitoring the area and fix leakages as soon as possible; teams are also working behind the scenes.

Members were shown on screen a photograph of a further recent water pipe leakage.

Members agreed the following: Councillor David Palmer to continue to monitor the situation.

- (5) **Minute no: 6(B). 130/23 (b) (page 3)** – in relation to a request for a convex mirror on the B5123 Road in Halkyn with the Jubilee junction. The Clerk advised that the Count Council had replied to the request for a convex mirror and stated the following: The County cannot authorise the use of highway mirrors due to the 'flash backs' from vehicle headlights during darkness.
- (6) **Minute no: 6(B). 130/23 (c) (page 4)** – in relation to the re-location of the projector and screen from the Parish Hall Committee room to the main Hall room, together with the purchase and installation of a new wall mounted television in the Committee room. The Clerk advised that following the June meeting he had written to the Chair of the Parish Hall Management Committee seeking their thoughts to the proposal. Whilst the request was acknowledged, there had been no further contact. Councillor Howard Morris advised that the proposal had been discussed in a recent Management meeting.

Member agreed the following: The Clerk to further contact the Chair of the Management Committee and to seek the decision of the Committee.

6(A). 148/23 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: No offences reported

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

Rhes-Y-Cae: 2 x Anti social behaviour

Rhosesmor: 1 x Other theft / 1 x Public order / 1 x Violence

The Wern: 1 x Violence

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

- ❖ Llais Cymru: Consultation ‘Have your say – to Health and Social care service in Wales’
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Information in relation to the forthcoming 20mph speed restriction in Wales
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Green Dog Walkers Campaign
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Local Toilet Strategy
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Children’s Summer Play Scheme
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Feedback information following visits to Town & Community Councils in Flintshire by Members of the Independent Members of the Standards Committee
- ❖ Welsh Blood Service: Blood donation dates and venues in Flintshire for July and August

6(B). 149/23

CLERK’S REPORT

- The Clerk advised Members that there was no report this month.
- ❖ **Street Lighting:** Councillor Delyth Taylor reported the following faulty street lamp: Lamp illuminated 24/7 – on road travelling past Foel Farm in Rhosesmor – towards The Wern (The lamp is just passed the farm on the right hand side at the junction with stone track).

The Clerk advised, that the fault would be reported to the Council’s street lighting contractor.

6(C). 150/23

HALKYN PARISH HALL TRUST – TRUSTEES MEETING

The Clerk advised the following:

- The Clerk was in receipt of the end of year annual accounts received from the Parish Hall Management Committee Treasurer for 2022 / 2023. Normally the account information would have been uploaded to the web site of the Charity Commission, however, the Commission had advised that due to maintenance work on the web site, all end of year accounts are not able to be uploaded until the end of July. The Clerk will upload when the site is available.

6(D). 151/23

TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO THE 30TH JUNE 2023

The Clerk, as Financial Officer, provided Members with a copy of the Quarterly Statement of Accounts, as at the end of June 2023, together with copies of the Council Bank account statements (electronic copies sent prior to the meeting). The Clerk further provided Members, with a breakdown in relation to the budget headings, which included income and expenditure to-date.

Members agreed the following: Approved the Statement of Accounts, whereby the document was agreed to be signed by the Chair - Councillor David Roberts.

6(E). 152/23

TO REVIEW: CEMETERY CHARGES – 2023 / 2024

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

6(F). 153/23

CLERK'S CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

The Clerk advised Members that contained in an audit report for another Council that the Clerk is employed by was a recommendation that the Clerk provide that Council with an opt-out agreement under the UK Working Time Regulations. The Clerk provided the Chair of Halkyn Community Council with a signed opt-out letter dated the 10th July 2023.

6(G). 154/23

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*)

- ❖ B5123 Road in Halkyn: Conifer hedge opposite Central Stores obstructing public footpath. *Will make contact with the farm*
- ❖ B5123 Road in Halkyn: Tree branches require cutting back on Church Hill. *Have spoken with the Castles woodman a tree thinning programme is planned*
- ❖ Martins Hill, Pentre Halkyn: Laurel hedge requires cutting back. *Will make contact with property owner*
- ❖ Church Lane, Rhosesmor: Large pot hole (reported previously). *Already listed for repair – will be chased up*

Members brought the following concerns to the meeting:

- (1) Top of Springfield Hill: White give way and other road markings – could they be repainted
- (2) Church Lane, Rhosesmor: Pot hole repaired but tarmac is now lifting

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

7. 155/23

REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (COMMITTEES, LIAISON & MEETINGS ATTENDED)

- (i) Councillor Howard Morris advised in relation to his attendance at a recent meeting of the Halkyn Parish Hall Management Committee. The Treasurer had tendered their resignation; the position is still vacant.

- (ii) Councillor Delyth Taylor as the Council’s representative on the Police Consultative Committee expressed her disappointment that there had been no meeting arranged by the local Police Inspector.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to write to the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner to ascertain if the arranging of Police Consultative Committee meetings are within their remit.

8. 156/23

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

The Clerk advised that the speed monitoring information received from County Councillor Simon Jones had been referred to under progress reports.

9(A). 157/23

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- (a) Application number: LDC/000617/23 – for removal of the agricultural tie, at Erw Fadog, Ffordd Y Graig, Lixwm.

Comment by Council: No objection.

- (b) Application number: FUL/000633/23 – Construction and operation of the three Block Valve Stations (BVS) at Cornist Lane near Flint, Pentre Halkyn and land off Racecourse Lane, Babell, Flintshire in connection with the with HyNet Carbon Dioxide Pipeline proposal

Comment by Council: No observations, as the Council are not sure if the area of land is within the Halkyn Community Council administrative area.

9(B). 158/23

PLANNING DECISIONS

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

- (a) Application number: FUL/000355/23 – for variation of condition 2 Ref: FUL/000476/22, at 12 Bryn Y Gwynt, Pentre Halkyn. Approved.
- (b) Application number: DET/000405/23 – for approval of details reserved by condition 3 Ref: FUL/000062, at Llys Hywel, Rhos Y Cae. Approved
- (c) Application number: FUL/000197/23 – for retrospective development of two detached dwellings, at The Bungalow, Rhosesmor. Approved.

10. 159/23

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
<u>Payments made – to be confirmed:</u>				

BACS: Cllr Ray Faulder-Jones (Councillor allowance) Paid: 21/06/2023	208.00		208.00
Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for June) (Quarterly payment for Cemetery administration: Payments dated: 03/07/2023			
BACS: H. M. Revenue & Customs. Clerk's PAYE & Clerk & Council NI - April, May & June: Payment dated: 11/07/2023	855.63		855.63
<u>Payments for consideration and confirmation at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u>			
Wales Audit (External audit fees for 2021 / 2022)	200.00	38.00	200.00
Palm Signs (Greenfield) As agreed quotation)	190.00		228.00
Information Commissioner's Office (Renewal of data protection licence)	40.00		40.00
Halkyn Parish Hall (£30.00 – Council meetings for March, April & May / £275.00 – Hire of room for Friday Library service)	305.00		305.00
Direct Debit: HSBC Bank (charges) Payment due: 17/07/2023	6.60		6.60
Direct Debit: Scottish Power (June - Street Lighting Electricity Account payment due: 18/07/2023	441.83	22.09	463.92

11. 160/23

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	Theatr Clwyd, Mold (Application towards funding for the redevelopment of the theatre) Application adjourned to the September Council meeting for further information.	

12. 161/23

Members agreed the payments of the above accounts as listed.

13. 162/23

Standing Orders were further suspended:

Councilor Brian Coleclough enquired if the defibrillators sited on the outside of the various Village Halls were being inspected.

The Clerk advised that during the installation each of the Hall's Committees were asked to complete weekly checks and also to report any usage to the ambulance service, who would replace the pads free of charge.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to make enquiries in relation to the inspections and to place on the September agenda.

13. 163/23

Standing Orders were re-instated:

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

**SIGNED BY THE
CHAIRMAN.....**

**DATE OF
APPROVAL.....**