



CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN / HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Halkyn Community Council,
Held in the Halkyn Parish Hall,
On Monday the 18th September, 2023, at 7.30pm.**

No Council meeting was held in August

1(A). 164/23

PRESENT

Councillor Howard Morris (Vice Chair)
Councillor Brian Coleclough
Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough
Councillor Colin R. D'Arcy
Councillor David Palmer
Councillor Dylan H. Roberts
Councillor Bob Robinson
Councillor Delyth Taylor

Councillor Simon Jones (Flintshire County)

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 165/23

APOLOGIES

Councillor Jean S. Davies
Councillor Ray Faulder-Jones
Councillor David G. Roberts
Councillor Nicola Richardson
Councillor Wendy Sigsworth

1(C). 166/23

ABSENT

None

2(A). 167/23

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

Standing Orders were suspended:

The Vice Chair of Council Councillor Howard Morris welcomed Mr. Rory Wilkinson.

Mr Wilkinson addressed Members and advised that he resided in Rhes y Cae and was concerned with the condition of a number of roadside embankments whereby both the grass, nettles and brambles required cutting. Mr. Wilkinson had approached County Councillor Simon Jones seeking that the County complete the cutting. The County advised that the areas were in the ownership of the Grosvenor Estate. Mr. Wilkinson had contacted the Grosvenor Estate who confirmed, that they would have no objection to others cutting the areas in their ownership. Mr. Wilkinson advised that he had paid personally for the area to be cut by a private contractor and wished that future cuts were funded by the Community Council.

The Clerk advised that under the Highways Act 1980, the Community Council powers were limited, whereby the Act stated that Community Councils can only provide financial assistance to cut roadside grass on land that is adopted and or in the ownership of the Local Authority. There is no provision in the Act for the Community Council to cut land in private ownership. The Above referred to Act was shown on screen.

Councillor Howard Morris as Vice Chair, thanked Mr. Wilkinson for attending and expressed his disappointment that the Community Council could not assist.

2(B). 168/23

Standing Orders were restored:

The following concerns were received by e-mail:

- (1) Complaint received from resident in relation to the condition of the road travelling from Halkyn to Rhes Y Cae. The resident is concerned with the dangerous and uneven surfaces. The Clerk advised, that the concern had been notified to County Councillor Simon Jones and to Street Scene. *Councillor Simon Jones confirmed, that the road had been inspected and pot holes due to be repaired.*
- (2) Information received from a concerned resident in relation to two male cold callers in the Halkyn area. The resident was advised by the Clerk to contact the Police on 101 and if possible on the local Facebook page.

3. 169/23

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared.

4. 170/23

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 17TH JULY 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. 171/23

PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) Anaerobic Digestion Plant: The Clerk recollected Members to the attendance at the July council meeting by a member of a local Acton Group who were against a pre-planning application for the above facility in the village of Hendre and sited on the border between this Council and Cilcain and Rhydymwyn Community Council.

The Chair of Council Councillor David Roberts together with Vice Chair Howard Morris had attended a public meeting held in Rhydymwyn. Both the Cilcain and Rhydymwyn Community Council and Chair of the Acton Group had written to thank the Halkyn Councillors for their attendance and provided copies of various reports. A further public meeting will be arranged should a full planning application be submitted by the developers.

- (2) Projector screen and television: The Clerk advised that the Chair of Halkyn Parish Hall had written to advise that the Hall Management Committee appreciated the offer of the projector and screen, but felt that a large wall mounted television would be more productive, in particular, for Hall bookings whereby presenters and others would be able to use the television.

The Clerk advised that he had met with the Chair of the Hall Management Committee, together with the President of the local Woman's Institute in the Parish Hall. Should the Council grant the request for a large television a suitable wall position was identified. To ensure health and safety a data socket would be beneficial which would alleviate loose / hanging wires.

The Clerk further advised that he had made contact with the Chair of the Halkyn Mountain Cinema Group to discuss the projector. The Group had visited the Committee Room and would be pleased if the Council were to dispose of the ceiling projector, the Group would be delighted to receive same.

Members agreed the following: (1) The projector to be donated to the Halkyn Mountain Cinema Group (2) The Clerk to obtain quotations for consideration at the October Council meeting, as follows: (i) To remove and dispose of the wall mounted white board in the Committee room and to disconnect and remove the ceiling projector (ii) Purchase cost of a 65 inch television in the Committee Room and 85 inch television in the main Hall room (iii) Cost to wall mount both televisions and to provide data sockets in the Committee room and main Hall room.

- (3) Police & Crime Commissioner: The Clerk advised that he had written to the Police & Crime Commissioner seeking their assistance with the re-introduction of the Police Consultative Meetings. The Commissioner had replied to advise, that the correspondence had been sent to Inspector Iwan Jones in Mold. The Inspector had replied stating, that a meeting could be called at the request of Community Councils or alternately, the Inspector could attend a meeting provided a note of topics to be discussed was provided prior.

The Police Commissioner also advised in his reply that he would be pleased to attend a future meeting of the Community Council.

Members agreed the following: Noted the offer to attend a Council meeting by the Police & Crime Commissioner, together with reply from Inspector Iwan Jones.

6(A). 172/23

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: 4 x Anti social behaviour / 1 x Public Order

Pentre Halkyn: 1 x Public Order / 1 x Violence

Rhes-Y-Cae: No offences reported

Rhosesmor: 1 x Anti social behaviour / 3 x Violence

Rhosesmor (The Wern): 1 x Violence

- (1) Cemex Quarry: Notification in relation to grants available from the Quarry. The Clerk advised that the information had been circulated to the local Groups and Committees.

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

- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Notification of road closure in Halkyn for 27th July for 1 day in the area of Swn Y Mynydd Junction B5123
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Land Inspection Strategy
- ❖ North Wales Fire & Rescue Authority: On-line consultation on improving the future of emergency cover
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Statutory consultation to identify exceptions to the 20mph speed limit
- ❖ Ombudsman Wales: Annual Report for 2022 / 2023
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Received from County Councillor Simon Jones – information in relation to exceptions to the 20mph speed limit in 30mph areas within this Council area
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Additional information in relation to the 20mph Hub on the County web site
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Feedback letter from members of the County Independent Standards Committee following further visits to Town & Community Councils
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Notice of variation of car park charges

6(B). 173/23

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 2023 / 202

- (b) The Clerk advised that a request had been received from Scottish Power to attend a site meeting with a view to the Community Council re-positioning a street light at the junction of Halkyn Village Road and the turning to The Windmill (Bryn Rodyn), with the cost to be paid by this Council. The site meeting was arranged for Tuesday 1st August together with the Clerk and Chair of Council David Roberts. The Clerk met with two Scottish Power representatives (Councillor Roberts was not able to attend). Scottish Power representatives advised that the lamp had been installed underneath overhead electricity supply wires which was not allowed under a Health & Safety rule. The Clerk provided evidence that the street lantern was in situ prior to the installation of the overhead wires, which had been installed to

provide supply to a local quarry. Councillor Howard Morris – a nearby resident provided Members with further information.

The Clerk advised that the evidence had been provided to Scottish Power by e-mail and advised that the Community Council would be pleased to re-site the lamp with Scottish Power paying the cost. To date no reply had been received. Members were shown photographs of the lamp and area on screen.

Members agreed the following: To await further contact from Scottish Power.

- (c) The Clerk advised that the Chair of the Halkyn Hall Management Committee had forwarded a request from the Hall's Insurance Company to ascertain the correct name of the Hall. The Hall is registered with the Charity Commission as Halkyn Parish Hall Trust, whereas the insurance policy states Halkyn Parish Hall Management Committee. The Clerk perused the Land Registry web site which stated the Hall was registered as Halkyn Parish Hall Trust Limited, with a registered address as: Halkyn Library, Pentre Halkyn. The Clerk had downloaded the deeds and plan of the building at a cost of £6.00. The Land Registry deeds and plan were viewed by Members on screen.

The Clerk discussed this anomaly with Members.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to complete Land Registry forms to amend the Hall name to Halkyn Parish Hall, together with the correct postal address. The Clerk authorised to pay any Land Registry fees for the amendments. The Clerk to change the name of the Hall with the Charity Commission to Halkyn Parish Hall. These changes will ensure that the name of the Hall is consistent.

- (d) The Clerk advised in relation to correspondence from the Head teacher of Ysgol Rhos Helyg, who advised that the School's outside notice board was dilapidated and requires replacement. The Head teacher was requesting that the Council consider purchasing a replacement.

The Clerk advised that the current notice board was paid for by the Council several years ago.

Members agreed the following: To purchase a new notice board for Rhos Helyg School. The Clerk to contact the School with a request that they source a suitable board together with cost. To provide details to the Clerk for this Council to further consider at the October meeting.

6(C). 174/23

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 concerns reported in-between meetings

The following update report has been received from Street Scene: *Update in italics*

- ❖ Manhole defect reported direct to Street Scene by a resident in Pentre Halkyn. *Notice served upon Welsh Water to rectify defect*

Members brought the following concerns to the meeting:

- (1) Complaint received from resident in relation to the condition of the road travelling from Halkyn to Rhes Y Cae. The resident is concerned with the dangerous and uneven surfaces
- (2) Shone's Lane, Berth Ddu. The top area of the road is in an appalling condition. A number of pot holes have been patched, other have not whereby the condition has further deteriorated
- (3) Shone's Lane, Berth Ddu. A previous request for a dog bin was to be followed up with a site visit; this did not occur, could it please be re-arranged
- (4) Village Road, Halkyn: Pot hole near Holly House
- (5) Cattle Grid sited at Bottom of Buxton Lane: The latch is broken
- (6) B5123 Road - entering Rhosesmor from Mold side: The 20mph sign near Red Lion is obstructed by the hedge and cannot be easily seen

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

7. 175/23

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. 176/23

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

- (a) Correspondence in relation to the a proposed new National Park in Wales. Councillor Simon Jones provided the following update: Natural Resources Wales on behalf of the Welsh Government are consulting in relation to a North East Wales National Park. Councillor Jones provided details from an Evaluation Timeline.

Members expressed their concerns with the area being included within a new National Park and provided a number of reasons.

Councillor Jones further advised that the next stage in the consultation will be to hold public meetings whereby Councillors and residents will be able to express their views. An update will be provided in the October Council meeting.

- (b) Councillor Jones provided an update to the implementation of the 20mph speed limit that had commenced on Sunday 17th September. There were a number of signage concerns whereby County Highways would attend to. A number of areas would remain at 30mph including Rhys Y Cae. Councillor Jones to meet with the County to discuss residents concerns that the Rhys Y Cae limit was not reduced.

9(A). 177/23

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications have been received:

- (a) Application number: Ful/000753/23 – for proposed demolition of existing detached outbuilding to be replaced with proposed detached garage/storage space, at Trem yr Afon, Pant y Goff, 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/000758/23 – for proposed demolition of existing 2 bedroom bungalow and construction of a replacement 3 bedroom bungalow, at Ashford Farm, Caeau Gleision Lane, Halkyn.

Comment by Council: The Community Council have been made aware that local knowledge suggests that the current construction referred to as an existing 2 bedroom bungalow is seemingly a static mobile home / lodge. The Community Council are unaware if planning permission was granted for this existing structure.

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

9(B). 178/23

Members formally confirmed the above decisions.

9(C). 179/23

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

- (1) Application number: FUL/000801/23 – for extension of existing garden into adjacent field to provide improved vehicle access to existing dwelling , at Tan Y Wal, A541 Factory Pool Road To B5123, Rhosesmor.

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

- (2) Application number: FUL/000554/23 – for proposed steel building to replace existing, at Y Bwthyn, Rhes-y-Cae.

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

- (3) Application number: FUL/000392/23 – for amendments to submitted application, for the erection of a new house to replace an old house destroyed by fire, at Bryn Gwiog Cottage, Hendre.

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

9(D). 180/23

PLANNING DECISIONS

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

- (a) Application number: DET/000685/23 – for Approval of Details reserved by condition No. 3 Oakdene, Buxton Lane, Pentre Halkyn. Approved
- (b) Application number: FUL/000534/22 - for proposed two storey rear extension and single storey side extension, at Cefn Y Gildia, Ffordd Y Graig, Rhes-y-Cae. Approved

10. 181/23

TO DISCUSS: COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATORS (CLLR BRIAN COLECLOUGH)

Councillor Brian Coleclough recollected to Members that this Council placed a number of defibrillators on the outside walls of the following Village Halls: Halkyn, Pentre Halkyn, Rhos & Cae and Rhosesmor. Councillor Coleclough advised that a defibrillator in another area had not been working and enquired in relation to the inspections of the above units.

The Clerk advised that following the initial installation the Hall Committees were asked to complete inspections, however, a local First Responder together with a colleague have registered the defibrillators on a National Database named: The Circuit (British Heart Foundation), The First Responders have confirmed in writing to the Clerk, that they will complete the necessary inspections of the units.

The Clerk advised that the defibrillator in Rhos Y Cae had recently become faulty and had been rectified by the First Responder.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to thank the First Responders for their kind service to the Community.

11. 182/23

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
<u>AUGUST</u>				
<u>Payments made – to be confirmed:</u>				
	Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for July) Payments dated: 01/08/2023			
	Direct Debit: HSBC Bank (charges) Payment dated: 15/08/2023	5.00		5.00
<u>Payments for consideration to be paid by BACS: (Below payments authorised by two Councillor Bank signatories)</u>				
	Deeco Lighting (Street light repair in Rhosesmor)	205.00	41.00	246.00
	R P Parry – Clerk (Reimbursement of quarter share of stationery & ink purchases with other Councils) – as per receipt	107.76	21.55	129.31
	Flintshire County Council: Children’s Summer play scheme in Pentre Halkyn & Rhosesmor	3,722.60		3,722.60
	Direct Debit: Scottish Power (July - Street Lighting Electricity Account payment due: 17/08/2023)	456.99	22.85	479.84
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>				
<u>Payments made – to be confirmed:</u>				

	<p>Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for July) Payments dated: 01/09/2023</p> <p>Direct Debit: HSBC Bank (charges) Payment dated: 15/09/2023</p> <p><u>Payments for consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u></p> <p>Halkyn Parish Hall (Library room hire fees – 12 weeks @ £27.50 = £330.00 / Council meeting room hire – June & July £25.00</p> <p>R. P. Parry – Clerk: Reimbursement: 3 x books 1st class stamps £26.40 / H M Land Registry (copy of Halkyn Parish Hall deeds and plan £6.00 / HDMI cable £6.66 plus VAT £1.33 (as per receipts)</p> <p>Direct Debit: Scottish Power (August - Street Lighting Electricity. Account payment due: 19/09/2023</p>			
		5.00		5.00
		355.00		355.00
		39.06	1.33	40.39
		478.42	23.92	502.34

12. 183/23

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	<p><u>Authorised to be paid by BACS:</u></p> <p>Theatr Clwyd, Mold (Application for donation towards new building) Adjourned from July meeting for further information (Section 145 LGA 1972)</p>	£250.00

13. 184/23

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.....**