



# **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 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, at 7.30pm.**

**1(A). 27/24  
PRESENT**

Councillor David G. Roberts (Chair)  
Councillor Howard Morris (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Brian Coleclough  
Councillor Colin R. D'Arcy  
Councillor David Palmer  
Councillor Dylan H. Roberts  
Councillor Wendy Sigsworth  
Councillor Delyth Taylor

Councillor Simon Jones (Flintshire County)

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

**1(B). 28/24  
APOLOGIES**

Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough  
Councillor Ray Faulder-Jones  
Councillor Nicola Richardson  
Councillor Bob Robinson

**1(C). 29/24  
ABSENT**

None

**2. 30/24  
PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS**

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

**3. 31/24  
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared.

#### **4. 32/24**

### **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2024**

The Minutes were proposed as correct by Councillor Delyth Taylor and seconded by Councillor Howard Morris and formally agreed by the Members present.

#### **5. 33/24**

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

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) Halkyn Parish Hall – Land Registry name amendment:** The Clerk advised that the matter is still pending.
- (2) Request for white arrow markings on A5026 Road in The Nant:** Councillors advised that the additional white road markings had not been completed. The Clerk suggested that possibly the County are awaiting a number of areas to require similar line painting, hence the delay.
- (3) Natural Resources Wales:** The Clerk advised that a reply had been received from Natural Resources Wales, who apologised for the delay. The reply advised that the meetings held were early engagement and not formal consultations – which will take place in late 2024. The areas where meetings held were balanced with practical considerations, such as accessibility. 291 responses were received from both attendees at the meetings and written from the Halkyn area.
- (4) Condition of adopted highway – area of Black lion Farm to The Graig, Rhys Y Cae:** The Clerk advised that he had further written seeking a response, which had been received from Darell Jones. Mr. Jones advised that he would be meeting up with Neil Hickie whereby a visit to the area would be arranged. To-date there had been no further reply. The Clerk advised that he would further contact Darell Jones.

#### **6(A). 34/24**

### **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 / 2 x Violence

**Pentre Halkyn:** 1 x Violence

**Rhes-Y-Cae:** 1 x Criminal damage

**Rhosesmor:** 2 x Anti social behaviour / 1 x Public order / 1 x Violence

**The Nant:** 1 x Violence

- (2) Flintshire County Standards Committee: The Clerk recollected Members to previous correspondence in relation to the appointment of a Town & Community Councillor representative to the Standards Committee.

Five nominations had been received by the Flintshire County Chief Officer – Governance. This Council were requested to choose their preferred nomination. Each candidate had provided pen-portraits which had been sent to each Council Member prior to this evening's meeting. The pen-portraits were also shown on screen.

**Members agreed the following:** Councillor David Ellis (Buckley Town Council) – as this Council's preferred candidate nomination.

- (3) Flintshire County Council: Notification in relation to three temporary road closures:

- (i) Ty Eurgain Farm to Gwen Y Marl Farm Junction in Rhosesmor, on 12<sup>th</sup> February for approximately three days
- (ii) Ty Coch Junction to B5122 Junction – between its junctions with Jubilee Drive and Och'r Y Bryn, Halkyn, on 12<sup>th</sup> March for approximately three days
- (iii) Lleprog Lane junction to Lygan Y Wern A5026 junction – between its junctions with A5026 and Bryntirion, on 13<sup>th</sup> March for approximately three days

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

- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Link to new County Facebook page
- ❖ Natural Resources Wales: Virtual sessions for Town & Community Councils to discuss a proposed new National Park in Wales. Councillors to register their attendance directly
- ❖ Litter Pick in Pentre Halkyn: Notification and information received from two residents in Pentre Halkyn, in relation to a Community Litter pick to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March between 10am to 12 noon. The Litter Pick will be held in conjunction with Keep Wales Tidy who will kindly supply the equipment together with insurance cover.

## **6(B). 35/24**

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

- (a) The Clerk advised that a letter of resignation had been received from Councillor Jean Davies. Councillor Davies thanked the Council and Clerk and advised that the resignation is due to ill health.

The Clerk advised that he would commence the co-option procedure by displaying the required first Public Notice with a copy to the Flintshire County Electoral Officer

- (b) The Clerk advised that the Council burial ground adjacent to St. Marys, Church, Halkyn has an infestation of moles. The Clerk had asked the pest control company to attend. The cost for a normal treatment is £280.00.
- (c) Notification from Aura Leisure (Flintshire County Council) that the Rhes y Cae children's play area had been closed due to fallen tree branches (Photographs were shown on screen of the area (supplied by Aura Leisure)).

## **6(C). 36/24**

### **TO CONSIDER: CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE**

The Clerk advised Members that a request had been received from the Flintshire County Monitoring Officer – Governance, seeking all Town & Community Councils to consider signing up to a national pledge named Civility and Respect. The Clerk recollects Members to the web site link sent prior to the meeting which provided information in relation to the pledge, together with a statement that was to be confirmed by Council. The pledge was supported by The National Association of Local Councils, Society of Local Council Clerks and One Voice Wales.

**Members agreed the following:** To sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge and confirmed the contents of the pledge statement. The Clerk to complete the Council's registration.

#### **6(D). 37/24**

#### **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) Water flowing down road: Pen Y Parc area
- (2) Road collapsed: Below the bends in Pant Y Gof
- (3) Overhanging dead trees: Between St Mary's church and cattle grid. This is on the Halkyn Castle side of B5123 in their land – as attached photograph
- (4) Dead branch: Approx 250m further south on B5123, Halkyn Castle grounds dead branch is suspended in a tree overhanging the road. Position is between 30 mph repeater sign and a black door in the wall, opposite property known as, Rock Cottage – as attached photographs
- (5) Pot Hole: Near to Cemex Quarry, Pant-y-Pwll Dwr, Pentre Halkyn
- (6) Pot hole (around gully): B5123 road in Halkyn and opposite the Old Central Stores

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

#### **7. 38/24**

#### **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. 39/24**

#### **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS (COUNCILLOR SIMON JONES)**

This agenda item was discussed earlier during the meeting to enable Councillor Jones to attend a second commitment on the same evening.

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

- (i) Resignation as a County Councillor by Jean Davies. A County by-election will be held possibly in June
- (ii) Speed limit in Rhes Y Cae. Complaints received that the limit did not reduce from 30mph to 20mph during the Wales National rollout in late 2023. Whilst the County are reviewing the limit, it appears that the reduction did not occur due to the footway street lighting distances. A review will be held by the County.
- (iii) The highway in the area of The Britannia Pub & Restaurant, Halkyn - was originally due to be completely re-tarmacked. Unfortunately, it will at this time only be patched.

**The following was brought to the attention of Councillor Jones:**

- (a) The road from Halkyn to Rhes Y Cae is in an appalling condition. The Clerk advised that this had been reported to Street Scene on a number of occasions. Councillor Simon Jones advised, that he would consult with Street Scene
- (b) New National Park in Wales consultation. Item to be placed on the March Council meeting agenda.

**9(A). 40/24**

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

- (i) Application number: LDC/000059/24 – for Certificate of lawfulness for existing caravan site, at Britannia Inn, Pentre Road Junction, Halkyn.

**Comment by Council:** No objection to the application.

**(ii) Planning Inspectorate:**

- Reference number: EN010166 - Connah's Quay Lower Carbon Power Project - EIA Scoping Notification and Consultation

**Comment by Council:** No observations.

**9(B). 41/24**

**PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

- (1) Application number: FUL/000931/23 for the erection of a field shelter/stable block complex to allow the stabling of two horses plus tack room and feed room to the rear, at Keepers Cottage, Groes Farm, Pant Y Goff, Halkyn. Approved
- (2) Application number: FUL/000633/22 for proposed conversion of outbuilding into holiday accommodation, at The Granary, Pant Y Goff, Halkyn. Approved

**10. 42/24**

**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: 01/02/2024				
<b>Direct Debit:</b> HSBC Bank (charges) Payment dated: 15/02/2023		5.00		5.00
<b><u>Payments for confirmation and consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u></b>				
R. P. Parry (Clerk) Re-imburement of 1/4 share of Microsoft Renewal with other Councils (as per receipt)		30.90	6.18	37.08
<b>Direct Debit:</b> Scottish Power (January - Street Lighting Electricity Account payment due: 20/02/2024		477.01	23.85	500.86

**11. 43/24**

**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>		
	Holywell Leisure Centre (Application for annual grant) Section 19 – 3 (a) & (b) LGA (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976	£500.00
	Marie Curie Cymru (Application for Daffodill Appeal – 2024) (Section 137 LGA 1972)	£100.00

**12. 44/24**

**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.....**