



CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN / HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Halkyn Community Council,
Held in the Halkyn Parish Hall,
On Monday the 17th June, 2024, at 7.30pm.**

**1(A). 119/24
PRESENT**

Councillor Howard Morris (Chair)
Councillor Delyth Taylor (Vice Chair)
Councillor Brian Coleclough
Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough
Councillor Colin R. D'Arcy
Councillor Matthew Lister
Councillor David Palmer
Councillor Nicola Richardson
Councillor David G. Roberts
Councillor Bob Robinson
Councillor Wendy Sigsworth

County Councillor Frances Lister (Flintshire County Council)

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

**1(B). 120/24
APOLOGIES**

Councillor Dylan H. Roberts

County Councillor Simon Jones (Flintshire County Council)

**1(C). 121/24
ABSENT**

None

**2. 122/24
PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS**

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

3. 123/24

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared.

4. 124/24

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH MAY 2024

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

5. 125/24

PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) **Halkyn Parish Hall:** The Clerk recollected Members to the difficulty in making a name and address change to the Halkyn Parish Hall building with the Land Registry. The current situation is that legal documents are required to be confirmed by professional persons who are required to produce a copy of their passport to the Land Registry. Hannah Blythin MS has been advised by the Welsh Government that she is unable to assist. Hannah has kindly written to the Land Registry expressing concern with the requirement. The Land Registry have replied but will not change the requirement.

The Clerk further advised that a visit to a Solicitor to complete the requirement, whereby a verbal quotation from a legal firm in Mold was quoted at £175.00 plus VAT. Another fee is required by Flintshire County Council to complete a street numbering change with the Post Office at a cost of £70.00.

Members agreed the following: Agreed to the above two fees of £175.00 and £70.00.

- (2) **Overhanging Tree Branches:** The Clerk advised that the concern in relation to the overhanging tree branches on the B5123 Road in the area of St. Mary's Church and the cattle grid had been referred to Street Scene. The Street Scene Officer has advised the following: Some tree branches have been removed with the larger tree branch removal have been added onto a schedule for the autumn / winter to complete.
- (3) **Traffic Mirror adjacent to B5123 Road in Halkyn:** The Clerk advised that a reply had been received from the Grosvenor Estate. Whilst the Estate have no objection to the mirror installation, there would be a number of conditions that the Community Council would have to agree to. The area of proposed installation will be surveyed by their environmental consultant. The Community Council will be contacted further in due course.
- (4) **Community Award - Timeline:** The Public Notices advertising the Community Award have been placed on all Council notice boards, web site and inserted in the latest edition of the Halkyn Mountain News. The closing date for nominations is 12 Noon on Monday 8th July whereafter the Council will consider at their meeting on Monday 15th July.
- (5) **Halkyn Play Area:** The Clerk advised the following: Mr. Richard Roberts (Aura Leisure) has confirmed that the match-funding for the Halkyn and Rhosesmor children's play areas can be utilised from this financial years allocation. Richard will be drawing up plans for both play areas and forward to this Council for consideration.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to advise Richard Roberts that the Council wish to have an accessible item of play equipment in the Rhosesmor play area, together with the picnic tables made from recyclable materials with one being wheelchair friendly.

- (6) **Request to County Returning Officer:** The Clerk advised that the County Returning Officer had replied to the request for information as to the identity of residents who had called for an election in the Pentre Halkyn Ward. The reply stated the information is only publicly available during a certain period of time, and is also not available under the Freedom of Information Act.
- (7) **Councillor Vacancy:** The Clerk advised that the required Public Notice had been displayed in the Halkyn Ward (Halkyn & Rhosesmor notice boards) with a copy sent to the County Returning Officer, who had acknowledged.
- (8) **Eastbound Slip road at Casino Junction (A55):** The Clerk recollects to Members that it was agreed to send a letter to Ken Skates MS (Cabinet Secretary for North Wales and Transport) at the Welsh Government, in relation to concerns with the eastbound slip road at Casino junction on the A5026 leading from The Nant area to the A55. The letter also sought Mr. Skates attend a site meeting. The Clerk read out the reply from Mr. Skates, which provided statistical information and stated there were no recorded incidents at this junction over the past 5 years. Mr. Skates further advised that his diary had significant pressures and was unable to attend a site meeting.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to seek from the North Wales Police under the Freedom of Information Act the number of reported incidents during the last three years at the Casino junction.

- (9) **The Old Bier House, Halkyn:** The Clerk advised that a quotation had been received from a local painter and decorator named Les Matthews for the sum of £475.00 to repaint the former Bier House. The Clerk advised as to the specification.

Members agreed the following: (1) Accepted the above quotation for £475.00 from Les Matthews (Painter & Decorator). The Clerk to issue a work order (2) The Clerk was authorised to arrange a local locksmith to gain entry to the building, if required.

- (10) **Street Lantern Electricity supply:** The Clerk advised in relation to difficulty in obtaining quotations for a new electricity supply to the street lanterns, this was due to the number of other Councils across the country also attempting to source an alternative supply following the letter from Scottish Power that they would cease the contract in 2025. However, one quotation had been received which was £2,089.00 extra a year to the current annual cost. The Clerk further advised that he was working with other Clerks and would report further at the July Council meeting.

6(A). 126/24

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received, that was required to be either advised to, or dealt with by the Members:

- 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

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

Rhes-Y-Cae: No offences reported

Rhosesmor: 1 x Anti social behaviour

The Wern: 1 x Theft

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

- ❖ Welsh Government: Survey named ‘Give Feedback’ on roads with a 20mph speed limit review. Councillors to respond on a personal basis:
 - (1) Change from 20mph to 30mph
 - (2) Change from 30mph to 20mph
 - (3) Stay at 20mph
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Notification in relation to the above Welsh Government speed limit review
- ❖ Welsh Government: Notification from Ken Skates MS Cabinet Secretary for North Wales and Transport, in relation to the Welsh Government’s ‘Our Listening Programme on 20mph’
- ❖ One Voice Wales: Courses available named; Biodiversity 1, Biodiversity 2 and Nature Project Management. Councillors to advise the Clerk should they wish to attend
- ❖ One Voice Wales: Courses available over the following three months. Councillors to advise the Clerk should they wish to attend
- ❖ Flintshire County Council (Aura Leisure): Summer play scheme details (Councillors asked to upload to the various village Facebook pages)
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Notification of road closure from 17th June for 3 days at Ty Coch Junction to B5123 Junction – Jubilee Drive and Och’r Y Bryn, Halkyn
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Notification of road closure from 17th June for 5 nights (between 20.00hrs to 06.00hrs) at Pentre Road Junction with A55 and B5123

6(B). 127/24

CLERK’S REPORT

- (a) Community and Town Council’s in Wales Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2024. The Clerk confirmed the following:
 - (i) Requested information and documents have been submitted to Audit Wales
 - (ii) Notice of Appointment of the date for the Exercise of Electors’ Rights. Date of announcement 4th June 2024, commencing on 1st July to 26th July. Public Notice placed on Council’s notice board (photograph taken) and uploaded to Council’s web site
 - (iii) The Halkyn Community Council is subject to a full audit for the year ending 2023 / 2024. The requested additional documents will be sent by courier to the Audit Wales Office in Cardiff in July, as per instructions
- (b) Budget / Precept information sent to Council Members in relation to all Town & Community Councils in Flintshire.

6(C). 128/24

TO ARRANGE: ANNUAL CEMETERY INSPECTION

The Clerk advised that this agenda item is to arrange the Annual Inspection of the Council Cemetery adjacent to St. Mary's Church, Halkyn.

Members agreed the following: Inspection to take place on Wednesday 10th July at 6.30pm. The Clerk to advise the Cemetery Sub-Committee.

6(D). 129/24

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

- (1) B5123 Road with A541 junction in Rhydymwyn: Tree branches obstructing visibility on the Rhydymwyn side. *To be inspected and will arrange the cutting back for visibility*
 - (2) Rhes Y Cae (unnamed road) From the top area of Rhys Y Cae to the former shop – overhanging hedge at first house on left hand side causing difficulty for passing vehicles (Concern reported on more than one occasion to Street Scene by residents). *Will be inspected*
 - (3) Berth Ddu: Pot holes on Shone's Lane. *Already listed for repair*
 - (4) Berth Ddu: Graffiti still not removed from bus shelter – as previously reported. *Unable to remove residue as the type of cleaner needed to remove the graffiti is corrosive and stains the Perspex, to replace the Perspex is a County problem.*
- ❖ County Councillor Fran Lister to discuss with Street Scene to endeavour to have the glass replaced
- (5) Rhosesmor children's play area. Could a litter bin be installed please. *Will check what stock we have*

Members brought the following concerns to the meeting:

- (1) Nant Road, The Nant: Manhole cover raises during rainfall
- (2) Rhes Y Cae: Cattle grid sides appear to be damaged (Near Black Lion Farm)
- (3) Pentre Halkyn: Weeds on public footpaths

The following concerns were forwarded to Richard Roberts (Aura Leisure)

- (4) Pentre Halkyn & Rhosesmor play areas: Could 'No Dogs Allowed' bilingual sign(s) be erected in this play area
- (5) Pentre Halkyn & Rhosesmor play areas: Could recycling bins be placed in these two play areas

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

7. 130/24

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. 131/24

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS (COUNCILLORS' SIMON JONES & FRANCES LISTER)

County Councillor Frances Lister advised in relation to the following:

- (1) Requested additional signage warning of sheep in area of highway
- (2) Home Start Flintshire – Providing support within the community
- (3) Health & Wellbeing / Age Friendly Flintshire
- (4) Discussion in relation to the 20mph speed limit and in particular, residents are able to request a review to current speed limits that were reduced to 20mph

9(A). 132/24

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application had been received:

- (a) Application number: FUL/000331/24 – for proposed new build detached garage, at Orsedd, Rhosesmor.

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

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

9(B). 133/24

Members formally confirmed the above decision.

9(C). 134/24

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

- (1) Application number: FUL/000431/24 – for proposed variation of condition 2 attached to application ref: 048657 – at land to the rear of the Stores House, Rhes-y-Cae.

Comment by Council: Whilst the Council offer no objection to the application, as long as planning policies and planning guidance notes are complied with. However, the following is raised: To ensure that the locations of the new garages do not infringe the curtilage of the adjacent properties to the development.

- (2) Application number: LBC/000427/24 – for proposed internal drylining of walls and insulation of pitched ceilings to improve the thermal performance of the building. creation of an external trench to house 12no. air-conditioning condensing units to serve the building, at Old Church School, Halkyn.

Comment by Council: Whilst the Council offer no objection to the application, as long as planning policies and planning guidance notes are complied with. However, the following concerns are raised (1) the noise pollution from the conditioning units (2) the units are operational for 24 hours (3) adjacent to a Church (4) the building is in a conservation area.

9(D). 135/24

PLANNING DECISIONS

The following planning decision has been received from Flintshire County Council:

- Application number: FUL/000345/22 – for proposed internal /external alterations to existing building including the construction of a new external platform and porch, at Tan Yr Allt, Old A541, Rhyd Y Goleu, Mold. Approved

10. 136/24

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: 02/06/2024			
	Direct Debit: HSBC Bank (charges) Payment dated: 15/06/2024	5.00		5.00
	<u>Payments for consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u>			
	Fredricks (Electrical) Buckley (Hot water tank power supply in Halkyn Parish Hall)	65.00		65.00
	MB Maintenance Services (Rhyl) Removal of old kitchen water heater, pipework and supply and installation of new kitchen hot water heater £654.17 / Supply and install new replacement hot water heater for toilets £675.00 (both plus VAT) – in Halkyn Parish Hall	1,329.17	265.83	1,595.00
	Halkyn Parish Hall: Library room hire fees £220.00 (April & May) / Council meeting room hire fees £30.00 (March, April & May)	250.00		250.00
	Parish On-Line (Mapping software) Annual renewal	67.50	13.50	81.00
	Direct Debit: Scottish Power (May - Street Lighting Electricity Account payment due: 18/06/2024	477.01	23.85	500.86

11. 137/24

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	No applications received	

12. 138/24

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.....**

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