



CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN / HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Halkyn Community Council,
Held in the Halkyn Parish Hall,
On Monday the 16th September, 2024, at 7.30pm.**

No Council meeting was held in August

1(A). 165/24

PRESENT

Councillor Howard Morris (Chair)
Councillor Brian Coleclough
Councillor Matthew Lister
Councillor Nicola Richardson
Councillor David G. Roberts
Councillor Bob Robinson
Councillor Wendy Sigsworth

County Councillor Simon Jones (Flintshire County Council)

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 166/24

APOLOGIES

Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough
Councillor Colin R. D'Arcy
Councillor David Palmer
Councillor Dylan H. Roberts
Councillor Delyth Taylor

County Councillor Frances Lister (Flintshire County Council)

1(C). 167/24

ABSENT

None

2. 168/24

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

- Request from a resident for the provision of a bus shelter in the area of the Blue Bell Inn, Halkyn (Mold direction). The correspondence advises that during inclement weather the

school children are drenched getting on the bus and arrive at the school in wet clothing. Residents also use the bus service from this area.

County Councilor Simon Jones advised that he had previously requested a bus shelter in the area, however, the County Transportation Officer had advised that due to the low numbers using bus services in the area, it was not financially practicable to install a bus shelter.

The Clerk outlined the requirements to install a bus shelter on common land, which included a number of permissions.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk in the first instance to write to Natural Resources Wales and to seek their views as to the installation of a bus shelter at the requested site.

3. 169/24

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared

4. 170/24

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 22ND JULY, 2024

- (i) General Council Meeting
- (ii) Supplementary Minutes

The Minutes were proposed as correct by (i) Councillor David Roberts and seconded by Councillor Howard Morris (ii) Councillor David Roberts and seconded by Councillor Howard Morris, with the two sets of minutes thereafter formally agreed by the Members present.

5. 171/24

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 that the Land Registry required a form named ID1 to be completed by the Clerk and witnessed by a Solicitor with a fee payable. This had been completed and sent to the Land Registry. However, the Land Registry now require a form ID2 to be completed and witnessed as above. This has been completed and sent to the Land Registry. The fee invoice has not been received to-date.
- (2) **Street lighting Electricity Supply:** The Clerk recollected Members to the difficulty in securing a new street lighting energy supplier. Members were shown various costings on screen from three suppliers, the Clerk further recollected Members to a costing provided by Flintshire County Council and also to discussions with the Welsh Government Procurement Office in Cardiff.

The Clerk had provided the Chair and Deputy with details in relation to joining the Welsh Government Procurement Energy Contract, whereafter it had been agreed that the Clerk complete an application to join the contract for an initial 24 months. The contract could be ceased after one month. The actual kilowatt and daily standing charge will be advised to this Council in approximately six weeks time.

Members agreed the following: Confirmed the signing of an initial street lighting energy supply with a Welsh Government Procurement Contract.

- (3) **Convex Mirror – Adjacent to B5123 in Halkyn:** The Clerk advised that despite a further request to the Flintshire County Council, a plan of the underground services as requested by the Grosvenor Estate had not been received. The Clerk will escalate the request.
- (4) **Concern with Police Response:** The Clerk advised that a reply from a Police Inspector in Mold, stated the following: The initial advice to the dog attack by the force control room was incorrect. The local officers reviewed the level of risk and attended at the property. The dog remains seized and will remain until the investigation is completed under Section 3 of the Dangerous Act 1991.
- (5) **Council Cemetery:** The Clerk advised that the Council's Cemetery grass cutter had confirmed the following will be completed at the Cemetery: Remove cuttings from the pathway; following the nesting season cut the hedge alongside the ashes plots; to cut the grass from the last burial row to the hedge.
- (6) **Request for GoSafe to visit Rhosesmor:** The Clerk advised that following a request to GoSafe to visit the Rhosesmor area, and in particular, to carry out speed enforcement on the B5123 road, a reply had been received to confirm their attendance.
- (7) **Community Award:** The Clerk advised that the recipients of the award had confirmed their acceptance. The Council will present the award to Lyn Fernhead and Natalie Griffiths at the October Council meeting. The joint award to John & Vicky Thomas will be presented at their home as they are unable to attend the October Council meeting.

Members agreed the following: The Chair and Vice Chair of Council to agree suitable crystal glassware, together with a framed certificate to be presented to the recipients.

6(A). 172/24 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: No offences reported

Pentre Halkyn: 1 x Criminal damage / 4 x Violence

Rhes-Y-Cae: 2 x Violence

Rhosesmor: 1 x Other crime

The Wern: 2 x Violence

- (1) Flintshire County Council (Chief Officer Governance): Notification for the annual joint meeting with Members of the County Standards Committee and Town & Community Councils, to be held virtually on Monday 4th November at 6.00pm.

The Clerk advised as to the agenda items together with a questionnaire in relation to training that required a response.

Members agreed the following: The Chair and Vice Chair of Council to attend the virtual joint meeting. The Clerk to complete the questionnaire.

- (2) Flintshire County Council (Chief Officer Governance): Notification in relation to two mandatory training dates covering the Code of Conduct – to be held virtually on both Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th October at 6.00pm. Councillors were required to attend one of the above training dates.

Members provided their availability dates to the Clerk. The Clerk advised that they would receive the virtual meeting link prior to their chosen date direct from the Office of the County Legal Officer.

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

- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Notification of road closure from 19th August for three days to a maximum period of five days, at Nant Road – between its junctions with Cornist Lane and Bryntirion Road.
- ❖ North Wales Police & Crime Commissioner: Bilingual survey named ‘Have your say on how your neighbourhood is policed’ (Members to complete on a personal basis)
- ❖ Boundary Commission Cymru: Link to the 2026 Review of Senedd Constituencies
- ❖ North Wales Police: Volunteer Cadet Program
- ❖ Hannah Blythyn MS: Link to survey named ‘Our Home, Our Health’. (Members to complete on a personal basis)
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Well-being objectives and priorities plan (2023 – 2028)
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Link to a consultation and engagement hub

6(B). 173/24

CLERK’S REPORT

- (a) The Clerk advised Members in relation to the following deposit to the Council’s bank account:
- £16,666.67 - Flintshire County Council: Second precept payment for financial year 2024 / 2025
- (b) The Clerk advised that the Council section of the Pentre Halkyn notice board had once again become defective. The Council joiner has completed a repair.
- (c) The Clerk recollected Members that following the installation of the defibrillators in the following locations: Halkyn, Pentre Halkyn, Rhosesmor and Rhes Y Cae the North Wales Ambulance Service advised that they would change the pads when used, or once a year, together with batteries when required. This agreement has now ceased, whereby the First Responder (Guardian of the defibrillators) has requested new pads (including a spare) together with defibrillator accessories. The purchase reimbursement to the Clerk for these items is listed within this evening’s accounts for payment.
- (d) The Clerk advised to further mole infestation in the Council owned Cemetery adjacent to St. Mary’s Church in Halkyn. A local molecatcher had been asked to visit. An invoice is listed for payment in this evening’s accounts.
- (e) Halkyn Parish Hall: The Clerk advised that the accounts for year 2023 and part 2024 had been received from the Parish Hall Management Committee. The Clerk confirmed, that the

account figures have been uploaded to the Charity Commission web site, with acknowledgement received

- (f) The Clerk advised that he was to be hospitalised in early November and would not be able to attend the listed November meeting. The Clerk provided Members with a number of scenarios to ensure the work of the Council continued.

Members agreed the following: The listed November meeting will be cancelled and held virtually either towards the end of November or early December. Decision to be made in mid November and to provide the required three days clear notice of the meeting date.

6(C). 174/24

COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR VACANCY (HALKYN MOUNTAIN WARD)

The Clerk recollects Members to a Public Notice advertising the Councillor vacancy which had been displayed on the Council's web site and notice boards.

The Clerk further advised, that following the closing date of 12 Noon on Monday 9th September, one Expression of Interest had been received; this was read out in full to the Members who also viewed on screen.

Members agreed the following: To co-opt Jennifer Parry a resident of The Nant as a Community Councillor.

6(D). 175/24

ANNUAL REVIEW OF CEMETERY FEES FOR 2024 / 2025 (ADJ FROM JULY MEETING)

The Clerk brought to the attention of Members the current Council Cemetery fees, together with a number of fees for other Council Burial Authorities in Flintshire which were shown on screen.

Members agreed the following: (1) Not to increase the burial fees for residents within the Community Council area (2) The fees for non-residents to be increased by 10% and rounded up to the nearest £5.00. The fees to take effect for the 2024 / 2025 financial year.

6(E). 176/24

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 (Update in italics)

- (1) 30mph signs obscured by foliage: Between the A55 and The Britannia Inn, Halkyn: *Work Order Issued*
- (2) Hedges overgrown and obscuring driving visibility: Gwern Y Gaer (Northop Road): *Please can you provide a more accurate location (additional information provided)*
- (3) Buxton Lane (One way street): Increasing number of vehicles travelling the wrong way. Could the signage be inspected / replaced: *I will inspect and seek advice from our Traffic Team*

- (4) Rhosesmor Children's play area: At least one or two further rubbish bins are required. (Could at least one be multi-use to encourage recycling): *No new bins available at present but I'll earmark one as soon as we receive our new stock*

Members brought the following concerns to the meeting:

- (1) Cattle grid adjacent to Black Lion Farm, Rhes Y Cae. Fence side has been damaged and is dangerous – as per attached photograph
- (2) Between Rhes Y Cae and Martin's Hill: Overgrown vegetation restricting vision to right hand side of junction: The following web link to pinpoint the area has been provided:
//worker.sweeten.hubcaps <https://w3w.co/worker.sweeten.hubcaps>
- (3) Bottom of Wheeler Hill – A541 road at Nannerch: Overgrown vegetation to the right hand side (turning towards Denbigh). This is especially dangerous given the speed limit in the area (Not the Halkyn Council area but apparently in the Officers Street Scene area)
- (4) Bottom of Sand and Gravel Hill: Request for give way lines to be re-painted due to a number of near-miss accidents
- (5) Casino Junction (Near Springfield Hotel): Request for give way lines to be re-painted due to a number of near-miss accidents
- (6) Speed indicator signage covered by foliage: Junction from A55 to Britannia Inn
- (7) Shones Lane, Berth Ddu: All drains in the area are blocked with road flooding during rainfall
- (8) Near to the former Miners Arms, Rhes Y Cae: Gutter / drain blocked with road flooding during rainfall

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

7. 177/24

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. 178/24

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

The Clerk advised in relation to the following concerns received from two Halkyn Councillors who were unable to be in attendance at the meeting this evening:

- (1) Request for speed monitoring tubes to be placed on Brynford Road, Pentre Halkyn, due to increased speeding traffic. *Councillor Jones will pass on the request to the County.*
- (2) The two Vehicle Activated Speed flashing signage that this Council funded to Flintshire County Council in Pentre Halkyn are still covered up since the introduction of the 20mph speed limit. Could the County Councillor ascertain as to when the signage will be recalibrated and operative again. *Councillor Jones will make enquiries.*

- (3) Complaints in relation to several areas of the Halkyn Mountain whereby pathways are becoming impassible. The Councillor advised that they are the worst seen in over 25 years. The Clerk further advised that when the footpaths are identified, Councillor Jones would be advised.
- (4) Over past two Saturday's there has been loud music emanating from just outside Halkyn Village which appears to be from open air events. Could the County Councillor advise if appropriate licences have been applied for and granted. *Councillor Jones confirmed, that he had not received notification of a music licence application. It was emphasised that licences are only required under certain circumstances.*

County Councillor Simon Jones advised in relation to the following:

- (i) The Leader of Flintshire County Council had resigned. New appointment will be made
- (ii) Halkyn children's play area, report of rope broken. *The Clerk advised he would report this to Aura Leisure*
- (iii) A public meeting arranged jointly by Councillor Jones and Councillor Fran Lister will be held in Halkyn Parish Hall
- (iv) Speeding concern in Rhosesmor. Councillor Fran Lister is currently organising a Community Speed Watch group
- (v) Reported blocked grids in Rhosesmor – at least twelve are blocked
- (vi) Three weekly bin collection has been passed. Residents will be formally advised

The following concerns were expressed to County Councillor Jones

- Missed waste collections in The Nant area which continuously occurred over a number of weeks. Reported to Flintshire on each occasion but no attendance to collect until the third report.
- Road resurfacing in the Brynford area whereby roads within the Halkyn area are still awaiting resurfacing. *Councillor Jones advised that some resurfacing had been completed in Rhes Y Cae, with other areas on a waiting list, including the area of The Britannia Inn.*

9(A). 179/24

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications had been received:

- LDC/000530/24 – for a Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing 2 bedroom bungalow which has been in use prior to July 1994, at Ashford Farm, Caeau Gleision Lane, Halkyn.

Comment by Council: The Community Council are unable to provide any documentary, or other evidence, to support the application.

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

9(B). 180/24

Members formally confirmed the above decision.

9(C). 181/24

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

- (1) Application number: FUL/000665/24 – for proposed blockwork / rendered building to replace existing temporary shipping container, at Bryn Teg, Rhes-y-Cae

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

- (2) Application number: FUL/000647/24 for proposal to fit an air source heat pump to the side of the property, at 5, Uwch y Mor, Pentre Halkyn.

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

9(D). 182/24

PLANNING DECISIONS

No planning decisions issued by the County since the July Council meeting

10. 183/24

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: 01/08/2024			
	BACS: Ningbo (Wrexham) 70 x Steel back chairs (As agreed in July meeting – to be donated to Rhes Y Cae Village Hall) Payment dated: 04/08/2024 – authorised by two Councillor bank signatories	1,716.50	343.30	2,059.80
	<u>Payments for consideration during August recess to be paid by BACS: (Below payments authorised by two Councillor Bank signatories)</u>			
	R. P. Parry - Clerk (Reimbursement of DHL courier fee for delivery of full accounts for 2023 / 2024 to Audit Wales, Cardiff – as per receipt)	12.14		12.14
	Direct Debit: HSBC Bank (charges) Payment dated 15/08/2024	5.80		5.80
	Direct Debit: Scottish Power (July - Street Lighting Electricity Account) Payment due: 20/08/2024	477.01	23.85	500.86
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<u>Payments made – to be confirmed:</u>			
Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for August) Payments dated: 02/09/2024			
<u>Payments for consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u>			
One Voice Wales: Training fee for Councilor Matthew Lister	31.50		31.50
R. Jones (The Moleman): Mole removal from Council Cemetery	135.00		135.00
R P Parry – Clerk (Reimbursement of bulk / yearly stationery purchases from Viking, Ryman and Cartridge People – as per receipts)	134.92	26.99	161.91
R P Parry – Clerk (Reimbursement of Zoll defibrillator pads): 2 x St John’s Ambulance £100.00 plus VAT / 3 x Defibstore £135.00 plus VAT / 3 x Defibstore (Defibrillator Ready Kits) £69.77 plus VAT – (for Council owned defibrillators as requested by First Responder) – as per receipts	304.97	60.99	365.96
R P Parry – Clerk (Reimbursement of postage stamps from Post Office – as per receipt)	32.40		32.40
Direct Debit: HSBC Bank (charges) Payment due: 15/09/2024	6.50		6.50
Direct Debit: Scottish Power (August - Street Lighting Electricity Account payment due: 17/09/2024	477.01	23.85	500.86

11. 184/24

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	No applications received	

12. 185/24

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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