



# **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 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2025, at 7.30pm.**

**1(A). 27/25**

**SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AS COUNCILLOR  
(DAVID CASE)**

Co-opted Councillor David Case signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office, following being co-opted to the Council at the January, 2025 Council meeting. The Declaration was witnessed and signed by the Clerk.

The Chair of Council Councillor Howard Morris welcomed Councillor Case to the meeting.

**1(B). 28/25**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Howard Morris (Chair)  
Councillor Delyth Taylor (Vice Chair)  
Councillor David Case  
Councillor Brian Coleclough  
Councillor Matthew Lister  
Councillor David Palmer  
Councillor Jennifer E. Parry  
Councillor David G. Roberts  
Councillor Wendy Sigsworth

County Councillor Frances Lister (Flintshire County Council)

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

**1(C). 29/25**

**APOLOGIES**

Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough  
Councillor Colin R. D'Arcy  
Councillor Nicola Richardson  
Councillor Bob Robinson

County Councillor Simon Jones (Flintshire County Council)

**1(D). 30/25**

## **ABSENT**

None

### **2. 31/25**

#### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS**

- (1) The Clerk advised that two objections has been received, one direct to the Clerk and one sent to a Halkyn Councillor in relation to planning application number: COU/000037/25 - for proposed change of use of land to provide small scale luxury glamping site consisting of 6 glamping pods, together with other works at, Bryn y Gelli, Rhydymwyn. The Clerk further advised that this Council's comments had been submitted to County Planning prior to receipt of the above objections.

The Clerk provided Members with extracts from the Local Development Plan

- (2) Application for financial assistance received from a 16 year old pupil who attends Ysgol Maes Garmon in Mold and resides within the Community Council area of Halkyn. The application was towards travelling and other expenses. The full letter was read out to members. The Clerk provided legal advice, and in particular, that financial assistance cannot be provided to an individual person, only to a Committee or Group and a charity.

**Members agreed the following:** The Council unfortunately are unable to provide financial assistance to an individual on a personal basis. The Clerk was asked to provide the applicant with the following message: 'The Councillors are sorry to send a disappointing reply, however, we are impressed with your many achievements and wish you well as Captain for Wales in the under 17s in Belfast during March. The Councillors send their best wishes to you for your Netball future'.

### **3. 32/25**

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared.

### **4. 33/25**

#### **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2025**

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

### **5. 34/25**

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

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) **Request for Bus Shelter in Halkyn:** The Clerk advised that County Councillor Simon Jones has endeavoured to seek further information from a County Officer as to the present position in relation to the provision of a bus shelter, but has received no reply. Councillor Jones will continue to pursue.
- (2) **Convex Mirror:** Councillor David Palmer advised that he is still endeavouring to arrange a meeting with a Grosvenor Estate representative.
- (3) **Footpaths on Halkyn Mountain:** Councillor David Palmer advised that he will be attending a site meeting next week with a County Footpath Officer and will provide a report at the March meeting.

## **Pending Matters:**

**The Clerk advised, that the following matter remains in the pending file:**

- **Street Lighting Electricity Supply:** The Clerk advised that despite reminders there had still been no response from the Welsh Government Procurement Office. The Clerk has written to Hannah Blythyn MS on behalf of five Councils seeking her assistance in ascertaining the reasons for the delay.

**6(A). 35/25**

## **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 Violence

**Pentre Halkyn:** 2 x Anti social behaviour / 1 x Other theft / 4 x Violence

**Rhes-Y-Cae:** 1 x Anti social behaviour / 1 x Violence

**Rhosesmor:** 2 x Burglary / 1 x Violence

**The Nant (A55):** 1 x Drugs

- (2) Notification received from the Chairman and Secretary of Rhys & Cae & Moel Y Crio Sheepdog Trials & Show advising, that following a Committee meeting the show was to cease. The Committee thanked the Community Council for their support and financial assistance over a substantial number of years. Councillors Brian Coleclough provided further information, including that the show had commenced in 1957.

**Members agreed the following:** Were sorry to be advised that the Show Committee had decided to cease and thanked the Committee for their voluntary work over a good number of years.

- (3) Flintshire County Council: Consultation on the Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance, and in particular, the three following areas:

(a) Space around dwellings (b) Retention of local facilities (c) Affordable housing

**Members agreed the following:** The Clerk to resend the information and link to Members to complete the consultation on a personal basis.

- (4) North Wales Police Consultative Committee: Invitation received from Police Inspector Iwan Jones for the two Halkyn Councillor representatives to attend a meeting in Mold Police Station on 13<sup>th</sup> February between 5pm and 7pm. Councillors' Matthew Lister and Delyth Taylor advised of their attendance. Feedback provided under Representatives Reports.

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

- ❖ **Ambition North Wales: Regional Transport Plan Consultation.** Members to complete on a personal basis

- ❖ Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales: Policy and Practice document in preparation for the 2025 Electoral Review Programme. Councillors to complete on a personal basis.

## **6(B). 36/25**

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

- (a) The Clerk advised that the moles had returned to the Council Cemetery adjacent to St. Mary's Church in Halkyn. The mole catcher had been asked to attend whereby a number of moles have been eradicated. The Clerk advised that the invoice for this work was included in the list of payments to be considered later in the meeting.
- (b) Flintshire County Council: Following notices of road closures:
  - (i) At Village Road between the junctions of Martin's Hill to Springfield Hill - on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February for 1 day.
  - (ii) At Buxton Lane junction to Windmill junction – between its junctions with Rhes Y Cae Road and Buxton Lane - from 4<sup>th</sup> March for 3 days.
- (c) The Clerk advised that Councillor Wendy Sigsworth had been approached by PCSO Hannah Taylor who was amicable to attend a future meeting of the Community Council.

**Members agreed the following:** To invite the PCSO to a meeting of the Community Council, the Clerk to provide the PCSO with future Council meeting dates.

## **6(C). 37/25**

### **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) B5123 Road, Halkyn: Pothole opposite entrance to St. Mary's Church and one travelling further down the hill
- (2) Middle Lane, Pant Y Gof to Northop: Potholes in a number of areas
- (3) Buxton Lane, Pentre Halkyn: Potholes
- (4) Gorse at the top of Martin's Hill where the Windmill Road and Buxton Lane join; Could the gorse be cut back as it obscures the view at the junction. Whilst it is appreciated that the land is not County Highway, it is assumed that as the gorse is impacting vehicle visibility the County will either cut back the gorse or issue a notice to the Grosvenor Estate

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

## **7. 38/25**

### **REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (COMMITTEES, LIAISON & MEETINGS ATTENDED)**

- Councillors' Matthew Lister and Delyth Taylor reported on their attendance at a Police Consultative meeting held recently in Mold Police Station. The Councillors provided details of items discussed with Police Inspector Iwan Jones, which included offence statistics together with an Anti Social Behaviour initiative - whereby Ysgol Rhos Helyg in Berth Ddu had been involved with the project. Inspector Iwan Jones had advised that any concerns could also be copied into himself.
- The following concern was raised: Two cars that continually park in such positions causing a hazard and visibility concerns at the junctions of Martin's Hill and Village Road in Pentre Halkyn (Vehicle descriptions were provided).

**Members agreed the following:** The Clerk to forward the above concern and vehicle details to the PCSO for the area and to copy into the mail Inspector Iwan Jones.

## 8. 39/25

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

#### County Councillor Simon Jones advised in relation to the following:

The Clerk advised that Councillor Simon Jones had provided the following update:

- ❖ White line painting at junction of B5123 with A541 in Rhydymwyn, has been completed.

#### County Councillor Frances Lister advised in relation to the following:

- (1) Highways concerns on road Middle Lane (Pant Y Gof) to Northop: Addressed concerns with condition of highway and verge areas with County Highways. The licensing of vehicles request for information had been submitted to County Planning, who would not have any reason to object to the vehicle licensing application.

The Street Scene Officer had advised that there was no indication that HGV's had caused damage to the grass verges in Middle Lane.

- (2) Fallen tree branches on B5123 road – Near Halkyn Castle Woods. Landowner advises Street Scene that work was to commence but had been delayed due to the weather.
- (3) Cattle grid on Martin's Hill: Scheduled for repair including welding together with fencing repairs. The work will take place over a weekend due to the quarry traffic.
- (4) Road cleaning between Pentre Halkyn to Rhosesmor. The road sweeper has visited the area and will return in the near future.
- (5) Wind turbine concern at Ysgol Rhos Helyg:
  - (i) The turbine was installed in 2013 and has been regularly serviced by Flintshire. A County Officer is due to visit to complete a sound test.
  - (ii) Flintshire County Council had advised the following: After discussions with our servicing contractor we have decided to have the turbine decommissioned. County Councillor Fran Lister provided additional information, including reasons for the decommissioning.

- (6) Councillor Lister provided additional County information, which included budget costings for the financial year 2025 / 2026 and advised the County were seeking a 10% reduction in

all departments budget spending.

- (7) The following question received by e-mail to the Clerk from Community Councillor Colin D'Arcy to County Councillor Fran Lister:

‘When the refuse collection goes to a 3 weekly cycle in April, what are the procedures in place for missed collections - as we are in a rural area and hard to reach properties; the amount of recycling will increase, it cannot be left out when missed’.

Councillor Lister advised, that currently missed bins reported one day are generally collected the following day, apart from Saturday missed collections, where it would be a Monday. The new schedule does not include Saturday collections. The County will be issuing a new notification in relation to missed bin collections in due course.

- (8) Councillor Jennifer Parry advised that she had been approached by a resident of Och'r Y Bryn, in relation to the assisted bin / recycling collections. The letter appeared to advise that the collections will cease.

Councillor Lister advised that all current assisted residents have received a letter advising that they are required to renew their application to continue with the service. If no renewal application is made then the service will cease.

#### **9(A). 40/25**

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- Application number: COU/000037/25 - for proposed change of use of land to provide small scale luxury glamping site consisting of 6 glamping pods, including installation of new package treatment plant and all other associated works relating to the proposal location, at Bryn y Gelli, Rhydymwyn.

**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). 41/25**

**Members formally confirmed the above decision.**

#### **9(C). 42/25**

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

- ❖ Application number: FUL/000083/25 – for proposed balcony to rear elevation, at Bryn Tirion, Brynford Road, Pentre Halkyn.

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

#### **9(D). 43/25**

#### **PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

- (a) Application number: FUL/001044/24 – for Variation of Condition 2 attached to application Reference: 048657 – at land to the rear of Stores House, Rhos Y Cae. Approved.

(b) Application number: FUL/000865/24 - for proposed erection of a holiday let chalet, at Abbots Hey, Ffordd y Graig, Lixwm. Approved.

10. 44/25

**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: 03/02/2205			
	<b>Direct Debit:</b> HSBC Bank (charges) Payment dated: 15/02/2025	5.00		5.00
	<b><u>Payments for confirmation and consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u></b>			
	Richard Roberts (The Mole Man). Mole eradication at Council Cemetery (Adjacent to St. Mary’s Church)	135.00		135.00
	<b>Direct Debit:</b> Scottish Power (January - Street Lighting Electricity Account payment due: 17/02/2025)	478.42	23.92	502.34
	(All invoices listed have been ‘examined, verified and certified’ by the Clerk)			

11. 45/25

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	<b><u>Authorised to be paid by BACS:</u></b>	
	Halkyn Cricket Club (Application for financial assistance towards a capital purchase) (Section 19 – 3 (b) LGA (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976)	£1,000.00

12. 46/25

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.....**