

# CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN

## HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL



### Local Government and Elections

### (Wales) Act 2021 (Section 52)

### Annual Report

### Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2026

### The Council

Community Councils were established under the Local Government Act 1972 and replaced the previous system of Parish Councils. There are over 730 Town & Community Councils in Wales, with over 8,000 Councillors.

The administrative area of Halkyn Community Council covers the following villages: Halkyn, Moel Y Crio, Pentre Halkyn, Rhes Y Cae, Rhosesmor, The Nant, The Wern and The Windmill.

The population of the area is 2,271 (January 2026 Register of Electors).

During the reporting year all Council meetings were held hybrid with the face to face venue being the Halkyn Parish Hall.

Council meetings are held on the third Monday of the month (no meetings held in August and December) and commence at 7.30pm, except for November which commences at 7.00pm to facilitate a joint meeting between the Community Council and the Halkyn Parish Hall Management Committee. Non-scheduled meetings can be held in an emergency or possibly in relation to an urgent planning application – especially during the months of December and August. All meetings will be publicly advertised.

The agenda for the meetings are advertised locally including the Council's web site a few days prior to the meeting. Residents of the community and press are welcome to attend all meetings. Residents are also able to address the Council Members for a reasonable period of time at the commencement of the meeting on matters appertaining to the community.

Should any resident, or press member wish to connect to a meeting by audio, please advise the Clerk to the Council by providing at least three days notice prior to the meeting date.

### Complaints

During the reporting year there were no complaints made against the Council, to either the Flintshire Standards Committee or the Wales Public Services Ombudsman

**Councillors**

During the reporting year there were thirteen members of the Halkyn Community Council, with Councillor Delyth Taylor as Chair of Council and Councillor Brian Coleclough as Vice Chair. During this reporting year there have been no changes to Council Members.

Councillor attendances at meetings can be viewed in the minutes of meetings which are available on the Council web site. The following were Council Members during the 2025 / 2026 reporting period.

**Councillor names and contact details**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Halkyn Mountain Ward</u></b></p> <p>Councillor David Case * 07907 578577</p> <p>Councillor Howard Morris 07740 922190</p> <p>Councillor David Palmer 01352 780634 *</p> <p>Councillor Jennifer Parry * 07983 933956</p> <p>Councillor David G. Roberts 01352 781448</p> <p>Councillor Bob Robinson 01352 780775</p> <p>Councillor Wendy Sigsworth 01352 780394 *</p>	<p>Councillor Delyth Taylor 01352 781630 *</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Pentre Halkyn Ward</u></b></p> <p>Councillor Brian Coleclough 01352 780271</p> <p>Councillor Glyn B. Coleclough 01352 780271</p> <p>Councillor Colin R. D’Arcy 01352 780630</p> <p>Councillor Matthew Lister 07792 110354</p> <p>Councillor Nicola Richardson 01352 780353 *</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* denotes co-opted</p>
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**Freedom of Information Act**

During this reporting year no Freedom of Information requests were received.

**Local Committees and Outside Bodies**

Council Members who serve on Local Committees and Outside Bodies during 2025/ 2026

<b>Name of Organisation</b>	<b>Councillor Representative</b>
Aberdo and Bryn Mawr Quarry Liaison	Councillor Howard Morris

Flintshire County Council – County Forum	Councillors' Colin D'Arcy / David Roberts
Halkyn Cemetery	Councillors' Brian Coleclough / Howard Morris / Wendy Sigsworth / Nicola Richardson /
Halkyn Parish Hall Trust	(All Council Members) *Councillor David Case is in the process of joining
Halkyn Parish Hall Management Committee	Councillors' David Palmer / Nicola Richardson / Wendy Sigsworth
Hendre Quarry Liaison	Councillor Howard Morris
Pant Quarry Liaison	Councillor Howard Morris
Pant y Pwll Dwr (Cemex) Quarry Liaison	Councillor Howard Morris
Pentre Halkyn Community Centre	Councillors' Brian Coleclough / Howard Morris
Planning Sub-Committee	(All Council Members)
Police Community Consultative Group	Councillors' Matthew Lister / Delyth Taylor
Rhosesmor Institute	Councillors' Bob Robinson / Wendy Sigsworth
Rhos Helyg School Governor	Councillor David Roberts

### **Contacting the Council**

Contact details for the Clerk and Financial Officer to Halkyn Community Council

R. Phillip Parry, Ty Cornel, 51, St. Michael's Drive, CAERWYS, Flintshire, CH7 5BS.	Tel: 01352 720547  E-mail: <a href="mailto:clerk@halkyn.org.uk">clerk@halkyn.org.uk</a>  Web site: <a href="http://www.halkyn.org.uk">www.halkyn.org.uk</a>
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### **Council's objectives - 2025 / 2026**

*(Update in italics)*

During the 2025 / 2026 financial year, apart from the general powers and lawfully required duties, the Community Council have agreed the additional following priorities:

- ❖ To continue to support and enhance the Community Council area for the benefit of the residents. *On-going.*

- ❖ To continue to provide and repair street lighting to the community. *On-going.*
- ❖ The Community Council will continue to be proactive in reporting concerns to Flintshire Street Scene, such as pot holes, fly-tipping, overgrown hedges, trees obstructing visibility on highways, together with other highway related concerns, including public footpaths. *On-going.*
- ❖ Halkyn Mountain News. *The Community Council provided a donation of £2,000.00 towards the quarterly printing costs of the publication – to ensure that all households within the community were able to receive a free copy*
- ❖ Community Award: To seek nominations for a 2025 Community Award. *Following advertising the 2025 Community Award there were a number of nominations for both individuals and local Committees and Groups. Awards were presented to the winners in both sections who received bouquets of flowers, framed certificates and crystal glassware.*
- ❖ Annual Inspection of Halkyn Community Council Cemetery. *Following the annual inspection there were no health & safety concerns identified.*
- ❖ To continue to provide funding for:
  - Library Service at Halkyn Parish Hall. *Funds awarded.*
  - Children's Summer Play Scheme in Rhosesmor. *Successful Summer Play Scheme held in Rhosesmor.*
  - Local Committees and Groups, including local and national charities who support the community. *A number of local Groups and Committees, including national charities were financially supported.*
  - Community / Village Halls. *There were no applications received from the various Village Halls, apart from Halkyn Parish Hall towards repairs.*
  - Further enhancement including equipment within the Children's play area in Rhes Y Cae (Match funding with Flintshire County Council). *The enhancement of Rhes Y Cae children's' play area was completed at a cost of £10,000 with funding of £5,000 from the Community Council.*
- ❖ Continue to work with Flintshire Bio-diversity Officers, including others, to enhance bio-diversity within the Community Council area. *The Community Council have sought the assistance of the County Bio-diversity Officer to identify potential sites within the community that could be suitable for bio-diversity projects.*
- ❖ Training budget (Councillors & Clerk). *Two Councillors attended induction and Code of Conduct courses.*
- ❖ *During this reporting year the following additional actions were either completed or discussed:*
  - (i) Inconsiderate Parking in Pentre Halkyn
  - (ii) Speeding traffic across the community

- (iii) Installation of an additional step and handrail at the side entrance to Halkyn Parish Hall
- (iv) Correspondence with the Welsh Government in relation to traffic concerns in the area of The Nant, Pentre Halkyn on the A55 road
- (v) Correspondence with Scottish Power in relation to an unacceptable increase in electricity supply for the Council's street lighting
- (vi) Request for additional street lighting lanterns in Rhosesmor. This was not possible due to the cost aspect
- (vii) Request from resident for additional bench seating and Community Garden in Rhes Y Cae. This is in progress

### **Council's objectives - 2026 / 2027**

During the 2026 / 2027 financial year, apart from the general powers and lawfully required duties, the Community Council have agreed the additional following priorities:

- ❖ To continue to support and enhance the Community Council area for the benefit of the residents.
- ❖ To continue to provide and repair street lighting to the community.
- ❖ The Community Council will continue to be proactive in reporting concerns to Flintshire Street Scene, such as pot holes, fly-tipping, overgrown hedges, trees obstructing visibility on highways, together with other highway related concerns, including public footpaths.
- ❖ To carry out the Annual Inspection of Halkyn Community Council Cemetery.
- ❖ Community Award: To seek nominations for a 2026 Community Award.
- ❖ To continue to provide funding for:
  - Library Service at Halkyn Parish Hall.
  - Children's Summer Play Scheme in Rhosesmor.
  - Local Committees and Groups, including local and national charities who support the community.
  - To financially assist the Village Halls within the community.
  - To continue to support financially the Halkyn Mountain News, to ensure that all households within the community were able to receive a free copy
- ❖ Continue to work with Flintshire Bio-diversity Officers, including others, to enhance bio-diversity within the Community Council area.
- ❖ To seek rectification as to the ownership of the Halkyn Parish Hall

- ❖ To further discuss request from resident for additional bench seating and Community Garden in Rhes Y Cae.
- ❖ Training budget (Councillors & Clerk).
- ❖ Additional projects that may arise during the financial year.

(Funding for the above projects, if required, will be utilised from the annual precept and reserves)

## **Financial**

### **Asset Register**

The value of the Community Council's asset register totals £64,070.00. A copy of the register can be obtained from the Clerk to the Council.

### **Council budget**

The Halkyn Community Council precept for the financial year 2025 / 2026 was £53,000.00. This amount is precept on residential properties within the community, and equates to a figure of £39.01 per household on a Band D property. There were 1,358 Band D household properties within the Halkyn Community area – as at January 2025.

The Band D household precept for the Halkyn Community Council area, is made up as follows:

Flintshire County Council £1,815.78  
Police & Crime Commissioner £372.15  
Halkyn Community Council £39.01

The Community Council's precept for 2026 / 2027 was set at £63,000.00

### **Financial Assistance**

Each year, Halkyn Community Council considers requests for financial assistance to support the work of its local groups, organisations and charities. Grants are specifically made by the Council in the interest of its local area and its residents. The Council allocates grants for financial assistance from the annual precept, in accordance with Section 137 (Local Government Act 1972) and other National and Wales Government Acts

During the reporting year the Community Council granted a number of applications for financial assistance, which totalled: £1,900.00 under Section 137 and £1,825.00 under various Local Government Acts. Details of these grants are included in the Council's minutes of meetings

### **Members Allowance**

Payments (Allowances) to Members of Halkyn Community Council - 2025 / 2026

In accordance with Section 151 of the Local Government Measure 2011, Community and Town Councils must publish within their authority area the remuneration received by their Members by 30<sup>th</sup> September following the end of the year to which the payment relates. The information must also be sent to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPFW) by the same date.

Halkyn Community Council provided the previous years return prior to the required date to the (IRPFW). A copy of the information can be viewed on the Council's web site at: [www.halkyn.org.uk](http://www.halkyn.org.uk) (public notices and financial). The return for this reporting year will be published on the above web page in due course

### **Publication of audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026**

Regulation 15(5) of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended) requires that by 30 September 2026, Halkyn Community Council publish its accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2026 together with any certificate, opinion, or report issued, given or made by the Auditor General

The Community & Town Councils in Wales – Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2026, will be submitted to Wales Audit following confirmation at the May 2026 Council meeting. A copy of the Annual Return will thereafter be published on the Council's notice board and web site at: [www.halkyn.org.uk](http://www.halkyn.org.uk) (public notices and financial). Following audit, the certificate and other documents will be uploaded to the web page

### **Environmental (Wales Act) 2016 (S6)**

Under the above Act a Public Authority in Wales must prepare and publish a biodiversity plan. This Council's plan can be found at: [www.halkyn.org.uk](http://www.halkyn.org.uk) (public notices and financial).

### **Flintshire County Council**

In 2014 the Community Council agreed to adopt the following: A Shared Community – Charter between Flintshire County Council and Town & Community Councils in the County. Two Councillors and the Clerk to the Council represent this Council at the County Forum meetings, which are generally held twice a year, together with representatives from all 34 Town & Community Councils in Flintshire. The Flintshire County Council did not arrange meetings during this reporting year.

### **Planning Applications**

The Community Council is not a planning authority and as such does not make final decisions on planning applications; this is the responsibility of Flintshire County Council.

However, the Community Council is a statutory consultee and as such receives all planning applications relating to the community. The Community Council do make their respective comments and suggestions on all planning applications, including requesting site meetings.

Details of the planning applications that this Council made comment upon, can be found in the monthly meeting minutes – on the following web site: [www.halkyn.org.uk](http://www.halkyn.org.uk) (minutes of meetings).

### **Street Lighting**

The street lighting in the Halkyn Community Council area is administered jointly between the Community Council and Flintshire County Council. Whilst the majority of the street lights on the adopted housing estate roads are the responsibility of Flintshire County Council, the street lighting, generally sited on roadside wooden poles, are the responsibility of the Community Council.

To report a Community Council faulty street light, please contact the Clerk. Contact details for Flintshire County Council: 01352 701234, or e-mail the Street Scene Department on:

[streetscene@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:streetscene@flintshire.gov.uk) or by completing an on-line form at:

[www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Streetscene/Street-lighting.aspx](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Streetscene/Street-lighting.aspx)

### **Training plans**

Under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 Section 67 - all Town & Community Councils in Wales are required to produce a training plan for Councillors and Clerk. This Council's Training Plan can be found at: [www.halkyn.org.uk](http://www.halkyn.org.uk) (public notices and financial).

**This End of Year report was adopted by the Members of Halkyn Community Council,  
on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 - Minute number: 10(E). 85/26**