



CYNGOR CYMUNED HELYGAIN / HALKYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Halkyn Community Council, Held in the Halkyn Parish Hall, On Monday the 21st September, 2026, at 7.30pm.

No Council meeting was held in August

1(A). 139/26

PRESENT

Councillor Brian Coleclough (Chair)
Councillor Howard Morris (Vice Chair)
Councillor B. Glyn Coleclough
Councillor Colin R. D'Arcy
Councillor David Palmer
Councillor Jennifer E. Parry
Councillor Nicola Richardson
Councillor David G. Roberts
Councillor Wendy Sigsworth

County Councillor Frances Lister (Flintshire County Council)

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 140/26

APOLOGIES

Councillor David Case
Councillor Matthew Lister
Councillor Bob Robinson
Councillor Delyth Taylor

County Councillor Simon Jones (Flintshire County Council)

1(C). 141/26

ABSENT

None

1(D). 142/26

COMMUNITY AWARD PRESENTATION

The Chair of Council, Councillor Brian Coleclough welcomed the 2026 Halkyn Community Award recipients namely, John and Elizabeth Tooke and Geoff North
Councillor Coleclough provided extracts from the nominator's application forms:

John and Elizabeth Tooke: 'They have been working so hard for over twelve years picking other peoples rubbish and litter to make this mountain a place we can all be proud of. Their dedication ensures the Halkyn and Rhosesmor areas are always tidy and a pleasure to see and ramble around. They never expect any reward or thanks, they quietly do it with out being asked, and it is us the community, as well as visitors that have most to gain from their endeavours. They are committed what ever the weather, when some of us may be indoors reading, doing a jigsaw or having a snooze, they are out there facing the inclement weather picking litter'.

Geoff North: 'Geoff has for 40 years been known for his voluntary assistance to the Rhosesmor Village Hall – previously known as The Village Institute. He has a cheerful smile and also regularly assists the residents who need a hand, such as a lift to a hospital appointment, or help with something at their home. For decades Geoff has managed the bookings for the Village Hall – turning up at all hours to open and lock the building and putting out the chairs. He has arranged funding events to ensure the Hall was financially stable. He was also instrumental in the planning, design and funding for the alterations to the Hall'.

Councillor Coleclough addressed the recipients John, Elizabeth and Geoff. On behalf of the Halkyn Community Council and residents, we all thank you for your voluntary contributions to this area over a substantial period of time. Please accept these engraved crystal vases, bouquets of flowers and framed certificates – as appreciation from this Council together with the residents of the Halkyn Mountain area.

2. 143/26

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

- (1) Concern by resident to two faulty street light in the area of Pentre Halkyn Community Centre. One lantern appears to belong to the Community Centre with the second lantern in the ownership of Flintshire Steet lighting. Members were shown on screen photographs of the lanterns.

Members agreed the following: (1) The street light with the round lantern is in the ownership of the Pentre Halkyn Community Centre: Councillor Fran Lister will arrange an inspection (2) The street light on the pathway is in the ownership of the County Council: The Clerk has advised this to Flintshire Street Lighting.

- (2) Notification by resident that youths were seen in the area prior to the Halkyn Mountain fire. A number of vehicles with youths were observed and thereafter the remains of a fire, together with alcohol cans and alleged drug paraphernalia. The Police have made contact with the resident.
- (3) Complaint received from resident in Rhosesmor that all the street lights were faulty on their estate. The lights were in the ownership of Flintshire Count Council.

3. 144/26

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared.

4. 145/26

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 20TH JULY, 2026

(A) Monday 20th July 2026 (General)

(B) Monday 20th July 2026 (Supplementary)

The Minutes (General) were proposed as correct by Councillor Wendy Sigsworth and seconded by Councillor Jennifer Parry and formally agreed by the Members present.

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5. 146/26

PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) Halkyn Parish Hall – Vesting Process:** As Councillor David Case was unable to attend the meeting the Clerk advised, that Councillor Case continues the process of gathering information to support the Vesting procedure.
- (2) Vehicle Activated Speed Signage:** Members were shown on screen a photograph of the newly erected sign. Councillor Colin D’Arcy confirmed the signage is in working order.
- (3) Road Name Signage:** The Clerk advised that whilst photographs of the Pentre Halkyn signage with two different spellings (Bryn Felin and Bryn Felyn) had been sent to Street Scene for their observation together with a request to replace one sign with the correct spelling, there had been no response. The Clerk to make further contact.
- (4) Scottish Power Invoices:** The Clerk advised further in relation to the non-receipt of invoices that include VAT – with the monies taken from the Council’s bank account by direct debit. The Clerk has been in correspondence and telephone calls over the past three months whereby to force Scottish Power to issue invoices the direct debit had been cancelled. Prior to this Scottish Power were provided with seven days notice to resolve the invoice concern but failed to do so – hence the direct debit cancellation. The Clerk further advised that the back dated invoices have been received, together with assurance that future invoices will be sent. The Clerk advised Scottish Power the direct debit will only be re-set up again if the September invoice is received towards the end of September or early October. Members agreed with the Clerk’s actions.

Pending Matters:

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

- **Street lighting supply:** There had been no further update received from another Community Council who had completed an application to be included in the Government’s Procurement Contract.

6(A). 147/26

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: 2 x Anti social behaviour / 2 x Other crime / 1 x Theft / 5 x Violence

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

Rhes-Y-Cae: 1 x Anti social behaviour / 1 x Other theft / 1 x Public order

Rhosesmor: 1 x Anti social behaviour / 2 x Vehicle crime / 1 x Violence

The Nant: 1 x Violence

- (1) Flintshire County Council: Re-commencement of the County Forum. Whilst provisional dates provided Councillor Colin D'Arcy will attend on behalf of this Council
- (2) Cemex: Notification of meeting to be held on 14th October at 2.00pm in The Springfield Hotel. Councillor Howard Morris advised of his provisional attendance.
- (2) Flintshire County Council: Notification of Town & Community Councils in Flintshire – Joint Standards Committee: Meeting to be held on Monday 2nd November. Councils are requested to submit any items on the Code Of Conduct by Friday 23rd October.

Members agreed the following: No items for submission by this Council

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

- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Have your say on future bus services in North Wales
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Active Travel Network Map Statutory Consultation
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Licensing Policy Consultation: Councillors to complete on a personal basis

6(B). 148/26

CLERK'S REPORT

- (a) The Clerk advised Members in relation to the following deposit to the Council's bank account:
 - £21,000.00 - Flintshire County Council: Second precept payment for financial year 2026 / 2027
- (b) E-mail received from Ben Corran newly appointed Street Scene Officer introducing himself and looked forward to working with the Community Council, following the retirement of Neil Hickie

(c) STREET LIGHTS

The two faulty street lights near to The Cottage and Shifna Hir in Moel y Crio have been repaired by Scottish Power. The faults were due to a lightning strike.

6(C). 149/26

TO DISCUSS: WREATHS LAYING IN THE COMMUNITY

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to arrange three general sized wreaths from the local branch of the Royal British Legion. Wreaths to laid at Christchurch, Rhos Y Cae; St Mary's, Halkyn; St Paul's, Rhosesmor. Councillor Nicola Richardson will arrange the wreath laying

6(D). 150/26

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 the 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) Middle Mill Lane – travelling from Halkyn: Increase in large HGV's using the road that is not suitable for these vehicles. Could the County Council consider a weight limit on this stretch of roadway
- (2) Nant Road, The Nant – opposite Llygyn Y Wern: The road surface requires attention
- (3) Bryn Awel at the junction up from Allt Y Plas, Pentre Halkyn: Road sign damaged

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

7. 151/26

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. 152/26

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

County Councillor Frances Lister advised in relation to the following:

- (i) Work in place to improve noise levels for neighbouring property in Halkyn
- (ii) Tiger Tim amended planning application. Site visited by Members of the Flintshire Planning Committee
- (iii) Planning application (Adjoining Council area of Rhydymwyn). Members of the Flintshire Planning Committee to visit

9(A). 153/26

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications had been received:

- (1) FUL/000613/26 – for proposed mixed use of existing agricultural shed for continued domestic and smallholding function (involving the storage of tractor, trailer, agricultural

machinery, tools, sheep/lambs, animal foods) combined with supporting a mobile welding business, at Ty Cerrig, Rhydymwyn. (Halkyn Community Council administrative area)

Comment by Council: Whilst the Community Council does not object in principle to the application, the Council note the Operational Statement and wish the Planning Officer to consider enforceable conditions, should the application be successful.

(2) Pre Planning Application: For proposed Parc Gwysaney Luxury Lodge Park.

Comment by Council: Whilst it appears from the boundary map for the proposed development, it is not within the Halkyn Community Council area. However, this Council do not have any adverse comments to the proposed development.

(3) FUL/000666/26 – for proposed retrospective planning permission for the erection of a perimeter bund, levelling and stoning and the erection of new fencing, at land associated with former Ruby Brick Works, Rhydymwyn.

Comment by Council: Whilst there is no objection, in principle, to the application, as long as planning policies and planning guidance notes are complied with, the Council express their concern that the application is retrospective.

(4) FUL/000591/26 – for proposed ground floor and first floor extension / additional dormer to the front / replace all existing render / new double garage / remove existing conservatory and garage, at Hawthorn Cottage, Halkyn.

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

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

9(B). 154/26

Members formally confirmed the above decisions.

9(C). 155/26

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

(a) FUL/000704/26 - Proposed conversion and extension of existing office into ancillary accommodation, at Bryn Haul, Moel Y Crio.

Comment by Council: Application withdrawn.

(b) FUL/001055/25 - Amendments to submitted application, for proposed full planning permission for the demolition of existing warehouse and office building and erection of new storage facility with ancillary office space, reconfiguration/provision of parking, landscaping, alterations to internal road layout, installation of new pump house & sprinkler tanks and capping of mine shaft (retrospective element), Tiger Tim Rhosesmor.

Comment by Council:

(1) The Community Council support the request by County Councillors' Fran Lister and Simon Jones for the full Planning Committee to determine the above application.

(2) The Community Council are aware that both County Councillors for the Ward area – Fran Lister and Simon Jones have indicated their attendance at a full Planning Committee,

including a member of a Resident Group who will also advise the Planning Committee, as to concerns with the application, on behalf of a number of residents. The Community Council feel that there is sufficient representation to speak in relation to the application, therefore, the Community Council will not be represented at the hearing.

- (c) FUL/000743/26 – proposed change of use of an existing single-storey residential building, known as the bungalow, to provide a gym and fitness facility ancillary to the Springfield Hotel together with associated internal and external alterations, at location: The Bungalow, Springfield Hotel, Pentre Halkyn.

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

9(D). 156/26

PLANNING DECISIONS

No planning decision(s) received from Flintshire County Council:

10. 157/26

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee (Authorised to be paid by BACS)	Net £	Vat £	Total £
<u>AUGUST</u>			
<u>Payments made – to be confirmed:</u>			
Direct Debit: Scottish Power (July - Street Lighting Electricity Account) payment dated 31/07/2026	342.23	17.11	359.34
Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for July) Payments dated: 03/08/2026			
BACS: Engraveitnow (Glassware and engraving for Community Award presentations)	189.95	37.99	227.94
Direct Debit: Scottish Power (August - Street Lighting Electricity Account) payment dated 20/08/2026	372.90	18.65	391.55
(Above payments authorised by two Councillor Bank Signatories)			
<u>September</u>			
<u>Payments made to be confirmed:</u>			
Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for August: Payments dated: 01/09/2026			
<u>Payments for consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u>			

Halkyn Parish Hall (Library room hire £710.00 / Council room hire for meetings £40.00)	750.00		750.00
R P Parry (Clerk) Re-imbursement: Community Award – 2 x certificate frames £30.00 plus VAT £6.00 / 2 x bouquet of flowers £83.33 plus VAT £16.67 – as per receipts (All invoices listed have been ‘examined, verified and certified’ by the Clerk)	113.33	22.67	136.00

11. 158/26

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

No applications received	Amount granted £
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12. 159/26

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

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