

Minutes of the Meeting of  
**HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
held on  
**3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2017**

- PRESENT:** Chair: Councillor Glenys Diskin
- Councillors: Ve Amos, Joyce Angell, Cheryl Carver, Clive Carver, Alan Diskin, Alison Halford, George Hardcastle, Judith Hough, Dave Mackie, Helen Meredith, Emma Preece, Ralph Small
- Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer  
Fran Griffiths, Administrator
- Also: PC Martin Price, North Wales Police  
John Griffiths, Flintshire County Council

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Helen Brown, David Hough, Kevin Jones and Brian Williams.

**LETTER FROM RESIDENTS OF CROSS TREE LANE, HAWARDEN**

The Chair welcomed Mr and Mrs Gittens and Mrs Finnegan, residents of Cross Tree Lane, to the meeting who had been invited to address Council following the circulation of their letter outlining concerns about the proposal to trial a one way system at Gladstone Way in Hawarden. They had written directly to each Member of the Council and the Clerk.

Mrs Gittens thanked members for affording her the opportunity to speak on behalf of residents of Cross Tree Lane. She reiterated that the main concern was for the safety of children attending Hawarden Village School. Mrs Gittens said that she and residents had been disappointed that there had not been any consultation with them about the proposal to trial a One Way System and circulated a copy of a presentation pack outlining their concerns and observations.

The Chair thanked Mrs Gittens for her detailed presentation.

A lengthy discussion took place and Members expressed their disappointment that they had been unaware that it appeared to be the school staff cars that had caused the major problems with parking. Members said that several car parks within the area could be used by staff which could help alleviate the problem and allow parents to use the area around the school as a 'pick up' and 'drop off' area only. Permission to park at the Masonic Hall had been given in the past, but would need to be re-applied for, if necessary.

Councillor Clive Carver said he had attended a meeting that had been called by residents in January prior to the meeting at the School with representatives from the County Council and Community Council to review proposals for a one way system. The County Council had proposed two schemes and the outcome of the meeting had been to trial the two one-way systems in order to determine the merits of either scheme. However, following recent discussions with residents and members, Councillor Carver strongly opposed this option for a number of reasons, one of which related to the issues that might be prevalent for mourners attending the cemetery on Ash Lane.

All Councillors present echoed these concerns and were strongly opposed to the trial. Several options were put forward by members to alleviate the problem including double yellow lines, widening the lane, removing railings, closing the pedestrian side gate to the cemetery, re-instating the walking bus and enhance enforcement via the Enforcement Officer.

PC Martin Price said that he had been aware of the problem since commencing patrols in the area and had suggested a one way system to Flintshire County Council who had disapproved of the scheme a number of years ago. He felt that the option had been feasible but noted Member concerns and the concerns of residents. He said that similar parking problems were evident in a number of schools across the County but that he would consider alternative suggestions and welcomed a further meeting.

The Chair concluded that further discussions would need to take place with all agencies as soon as possible.

**IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:**

- i) The Clerk arrange a meeting with the Head Teacher, Flintshire County Council, PC Price and members as soon as possible.
- ii) The Clerk to contact Flintshire County Council to cancel the proposed trial for a one way system.
- iii) Residents to be kept informed of developments.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were none.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 be approved as a correct record.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

There were none.

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings of the following Committees held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 be received:

Staff & General Purposes Committee  
Lighting Committee  
Playing Fields Committee  
Planning Committee  
Community & Environment Committee  
Finance Committee

**EXTERNAL AUDIT OF THE COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTS**

A report outlining the process and timetable for the External Audit of the Council's accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the report.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS:**

The Chair advised that the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales had published its Annual Report a copy of which would be circulated to Members. Any changes would be implemented with effect from May 2018.

The Chair wished Members luck in the forthcoming elections and thanked Councillor Halford for her sterling work with the Community Council over the years and wishes her a long, happy and healthy retirement.