

Minutes of the Meeting of
HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
8th OCTOBER 2018

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Dave Mackie

Councillors: Ve Amos, Joyce Angell, Helen Brown, Clive Carver, Cheryl Carver, Kevin Jones, Wendy Mallin, Helen Meredith, Ryan O’Gorman and Darren Sterry.

Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer
Fran Griffiths, Administrator

Councillor Dave Mackie announced that he had received written notification from Councillors Alan and Glenys Diskin that, for personal reasons and with immediate effect, they had resigned from the Community Council.

The Chair and other members expressed mixed feelings of shock, sadness and understanding and wished Councillors Mr and Mrs Diskin best wishes for the future. It was agreed that a tribute event/gift be arranged in consultation with the Chair.

162/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Janet Axworthy, Gillian Brockley, George Hardcastle, Dan Preece, Emma Preece and Ralph Small.

163/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest from Members.

164/18 PRESENTATIONS:

Jamie Sant, Flintshire County Council

The Chair welcomed Jamie to the meeting. Jamie went on to outline the proposals to improve the local infrastructure which had recently been announced by Ken Skates, Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport, in April 2018 that included:

- a) Improved accessibility between Shotton Higher and Lower Stations.
- b) Improvements to bus services and cycle paths to the above stations.
- c) A new railway station on Deeside Zone 3.
- d) A park and ride service when the new link road to the A494 is built.

Jamie circulated a copy of the informative document produced by the Borderlands Line Steering Group that outlined key developments and improvements that would take place on the Wrexham to Liverpool line together with a leaflet advertising the North Wales Rover and Arriva Trains Multiflex tickets.

Jamie sought the Council's approval to approach Transport for Wales and the Welsh Assembly to request grant funding to improve Hawarden Station House, which had been derelict and in a poor condition for some time. This was endorsed and it was agreed that the house be renovated and brought back into use for the Community. Jamie sought Member views on its future use.

Councillor Clive Carver asked that Jamie include local considerations in any future plans in particular relating to the rear wall of the house that backs onto the railway line and the use of the station car park by local traders as per the current arrangements.

A technical discussion ensued about the electrification of trains and lines and Jamie said that the necessary implications would be factored into any proposals.

Councillor Kevin Jones asked if Jamie could write to Transport for Wales to request that the Rover tickets be extended for travel to South Wales.

Jamie asked Members to let him know if they had any ideas to improve the station and local bus stops or indeed whether the Council had been aware of any sponsorship that could be available towards the improvements from local businesses. Councillor Helen Brown suggested that Jamie speak to the Community Council's Youth representative, Sam Bidwell, for assistance which had been agreed.

The Chair thanked Jamie for his very informative and interesting presentation.

Mark King, Oliver King Foundation

The Chair welcomed Mark to the meeting. Mark explained that his son, Oliver had died from sudden cardiac arrest in March 2011, aged 12 years. Since then it had been his intention to campaign for legislation to put a defibrillator in every school in the UK which he hoped to achieve by 2021. To date, the Foundation had installed 3,000 defibrillators in schools, organisations and businesses across the UK with 29 lives saved.

Councillor Helen Brown thanked Mark for his presentation and reiterated how important it was to have this equipment readily available within communities. Following the installation of the defibrillator at the Gladstone Playing Fields, she suggested that a list of all sites, a map or an app, should be available to identify where defibrillators had been installed.

The Chair thanked Mark for his presentation.

165/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 10th September 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

166/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

167/18 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings of the following Committees held on 10th September 2018 be received:

Staff and General Purposes Committee
Community and Amenities Committee
Planning Committee
Finance Committee

168/18 ANNUAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the Annual Return following completion of the Audit by the Council's External Auditor and sought Member approval and acceptance of the Annual Return. A copy of the Issues Report had also been circulated.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- i) That the Annual Report be approved and accepted; and
- ii) The issues be dealt with as follows:
 - a. The Clerk to seek further clarification as to the exact nature of the issue referred to (having tried unsuccessful previously).
 - b. Implement (as intended during budget considerations).
 - c. Implement.
 - d. Seek an answer from External Audit to the question posed by the Internal Auditor/Clerk and Financial Officer which had not been answered.

169/18 CHAIR'S REMARKS:

The Chair said that he had recently attended a well organised and excellent presentation evening for the Hawarden High School Records of Achievement event at the Beaufort Park Hotel. Fiona McGill, Headteacher of Penarlag CP School, had been in attendance and had been delighted at the number of pupils who had been recognised during the evening that had in fact been pupils of Penarlag.