

Minutes of the Meeting of
HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
9TH JULY 2018

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Dave Mackie

Councillors: Ve Amos, Joyce Angell, Janet Axworthy, Helen Brown, Clive Carver, Cheryl Carver, Lowri Earith, George Hardcastle, Dan Preece, Emma Preece, Ralph Small and Darren Sterry.

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

71/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gillian Brockley, Alan Diskin, Glenys Diskin, Kevin Jones, Helen Meredith and Ryan O’Gorman.

72/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest from Members.

73/18 POLICE MATTERS:

The Chairman had agreed to bring forward two items from the Staffing and General Purposes agenda due to other commitments as the invited guests had been required to leave the meeting earlier.

PCSO Steph Jones introduced her colleague, PCSO Maisie Prytherch and said that she would assist Steph in Hawarden and Ewloe areas. PCSO Jones discussed, in detail, her recent incident report which was noted by Members.

Members also advised of the recent incidents that PCSO Steph had been made aware of including a man being investigated after exposing himself to some year 6 pupils, incidents of anti-social behaviour and possible drug taking at the pensioners’ complex at Prince William Court and Gladstone Playing Fields and various complaints received regarding the use of nitrous oxide canisters at Overlea Drive near to Blackbrook Avenue.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the updates be noted and dealt with accordingly by PCSO Jones.

17 Chair’s signature: _____

74/17 RYLA PRESENTATION:

The Chairman welcomed Serena Roberts to the meeting. Serena had been successful in attending the 2017-18 RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) course and went on to provide an in-depth presentation about her experience. The RYLA experience had allowed her to learn new skills and had provided her with leadership qualities which she had been able to take back and utilise in school.

Serena shared how she had been involved in team-building exercises and how to work as a team-member and a Leader. She had been able to get to know her colleagues and be sympathetic to team weaknesses and strengths in order to get the most out of the team. Serena considered that the experience had taught her how to challenge and develop herself and had enabled her to grow in confidence.

Serena thanked the Community Council for their support with this initiative.

The Chairman thanked Serena for her informative presentation and wished her every success in her future studies.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the contents of the presentation and the words of appreciation.

75/18 HIGHWAYS ISSUES:

John Griffiths, Flintshire County Council's Highways Maintenance Officer, had been unable to attend the meeting due to an unforeseen emergency and Robin Nursaw, Flintshire County Council's Highways Officer had attended the meeting to share information with the Community Council about local developments.

During initial discussions with Robin, it transpired that Robin required the consent of the Community Council to a number of road way changes to which the Chairman responded that as the detailed items had not been added to the agenda a decision could not be taken. He suggested that a Special Meeting be convened to discuss and approve the matters which included:

- Junction improvements by Hawarden Cemetery
- Changes to the Road Traffic Orders adjacent to the School
- Provision of a "right turn" into the Farm Estate shop entrance
- Footpath improvements; and
- Resurfacing works along the B5125

IT WAS RESOLVED: to convene a special meeting of the Community Council before the end of July to consider and approve the above.

18 Chair's signature: _____

76/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 11TH June 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

77/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

78/18 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings of the following Committees held on 11th June 2018 be received:

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

79/18 CHAIR'S REMARKS:

The Chair reported that he had recently attended a flag raising ceremony at County Hall in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the RAF and, together with the Clerk, he had also attended a lecture at the Gladstone Library on the Women's Right to Vote which had been very interesting and thought provoking.

The Chairman reminded Members that the Community Council would be in recess in August and therefore no Community Council meeting would be held. The usual Planning and Finance Recess meetings would be arranged.

A date for the Special Meeting mentioned earlier would be confirmed by the Clerk and Financial Officer in due course.