

Minutes of the Meeting of
HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
10TH JUNE 2019

- PRESENT:** Chair: Councillor George Hardcastle
- Councillors: Ve Amos, Joyce Angell, Janet Axworthy, Gillian Brockley, Helen Brown, Clive Carver, Cheryl Carver, Lowri Earith, Ryan O’Gorman, Emma Preece, Ralph Small, Darren Sterry and Ant Turton
- Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer
Fran Griffiths, Administrator
- Also Present: Jonathan Duggan-Keen, Flintshire County Council Standards Committee
Representatives from Hawarden Rangers
Approximately 15 members of the public
[One resident recorded the meeting following permission from the Chairman and in agreement with Standing Orders]

20/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bob Connah and Dan Preece.

21/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillors Ralph Small and Ant Turton declared an interest in the following item and duly completed their declaration of interest forms. The Clerk and Financial Officer also declared a personal interest.

22/19 OUTCOME OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

The outcome of the recent public consultation on the request from Hawarden Rangers FC to widen the football pitch, via personal visits or emails, had resulted in 71% in favour of the proposals with 29% against. Over 100 emails had also been rejected as the residents did not reside within the Community of Hawarden.

Some members commented on the way in which the public consultation had been undertaken. The Chairman, and the Clerk and Financial Officer as the Council’s Proper Officer, had been satisfied that the public consultation had been undertaken in an open and transparent manner.

6 Chair’s signature: _____

Some members expressed concerns relating to the position of Councillors as Trustees and personal liability to which the Clerk and Financial responded that the decision being made this evening related to a decision by the Community Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that as a result of the overwhelming support following the public consultation, the request to widen the adult pitch be approved.

Councillors Cheryl and Clive Carver requested that their votes be recorded as having voted against this proposal.

23/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council held on 13th May 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

24/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

In relation to minute number 08/19, the Clerk and Financial Officer said that there had been two vacancies in Ewloe and three candidates had contested the seats. There had been one vacancy in Mancot and two candidates had contested the seat. A by-election would therefore take place on Thursday 4th July 2019.

25/19 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings of the following Committees held on 8th April 2019 be received:

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

26/19 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: TERMS OF REFERENCE:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the draft Terms of Reference of the Personnel Committee, in principle, but that the Personnel Committee review and determine the Terms of Reference at its first meeting. It was also agreed to add Councillor Darren Sterry, as the Chairman of Staffing and General Purposes Committee, to the Personnel Committee.

7 Chair's signature: _____

27/19 INTERNAL AUDIT:

A copy of the internal audit report for the year ending 31st March 2019 had been emailed to Members prior to the meeting. The Clerk and Financial Officer outlined the Audit recommendations together with the proposed follow up actions.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the 2018/19 Internal Audit report and note the follow up actions.

28/19 ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018:

The Annual Return had been emailed to Members prior to the meeting. The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that further to the recommendations contained within the Internal Audit report, the Accounting Statement would be amended accordingly.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the Annual Return for submission to the External Auditor.

29/19 CHAIR'S REMARKS:

There were none.

8 Chair's signature: _____