

Minutes of the Meeting of
HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
10th July 2017

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Alan Diskin

Councillors: Ve Amos, Joyce Angell, Janet Axworthy, Gillian Brockley, Helen Brown, Cheryl Carver, Clive Carver, Glenys Diskin, Lowri Earith, George Hardcastle, Kevin Jones, Dave Mackie, Wendy Mallin, Helen Meredith, Dan Preece, Emma Preece and Ralph Small

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

Also present: PC Martin Price, North Wales Police
Sam Bidwell, Youth Representative

81/17 ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councillor George Hardcastle expressed his appreciation to all Members for the card and flowers that had been sent to him following his recent operation.

Councillor Hardcastle asked whether the Police item could be brought forward to allow P.C. Martin Price to continue with his police duties but P.C. Price said that he had set the evening aside for the Council meeting and that he was willing to stay.

The Chair advised that he had received an email from Councillor Judith Hough stating her intent to resign from Hawarden Community Council with immediate effect.

A request was made to change the order of business to discuss the minutes before the Notice of Motion to which the Chair advised that the order would remain as is.

82/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

83/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

84/17 NOTICE OF MOTION

A Notice of Motion had been received and circulated with the agenda for the meeting, which was self-explanatory.

A lengthy discussion ensued with Members seeking clarification of a number of issues about the advice received from the County Council (which had been shared at the June meeting), the CCTV evidence and an option to defer this item. In answer to a question the Clerk advised that she and the Chairman of the Council had reviewed the CCTV footage and that this had subsequently been retained by the police as part of an ongoing investigation.

Councillor Joyce Angell expressed her anger over the article published on Deeside.com earlier in the day and that such matters should remain confidential pending any investigation.

Councillor Emma Preece proposed that the Notice of Motion be accepted. Councillor Dan Preece seconded the proposal and in accordance with Standing Order no 45, requested that a recorded vote be taken on the Notice of Motion “to rescind the decision of the Community Council taken at its meeting on 12th June, Minute Number 24/017 refers”. The vote was recorded as follows:

Councillor	Decision
Alan Diskin	For
Ve Amos	For
Joyce Angell	Abstain
Janet Axworthy	Abstain
Gillian Brockley	For
Helen Brown	Against
Clive Carver	Abstain
Cheryl Carver	Abstain
Glenys Diskin	For
Lowri Earith	For
George Hardcastle	Abstain
Kevin Jones	Abstain
Dave Mackie	Against
Wendy Mallin	For
Helen Meredith	Abstain
Dan Preece	For
Emma Preece	For
Ralph Small	Against

IT WAS RESOLVED: to rescind the decision of the Community Council taken at its meeting on 12th June, Minute Number 24/017 refers.

85/17 VACANCY IN EWLOE WARD:

The Clerk advised that one valid application had been received for the vacancy in Ewloe from Ryan O’Gorman. The Council had been advised to accept the application as it had been uncontested and the applicant satisfied all of the eligibility criteria.

Councillor Emma Preece proposed that Ryan O’Gorman be co-opted. Councillor Gillian Brockley seconded this proposal and in accordance with Standing Order no 45 Councillor Dan Preece requested that a recorded vote be taken, the results of which were as follows:

Councillor	Decision
Alan Diskin	For
Ve Amos	For
Joyce Angell	Against
Janet Axworth	Against
Gillian Brockley	For
Helen Brown	Against
Clive Carver	Against
Cheryl Carver	Against
Glenys Diskin	For
Lowri Earith	For
George Hardcastle	Against
Kevin Jones	Against
Dave Mackie	Against
Wendy Mallin	For
Helen Meredith	Against
Dan Preece	For
Emma Preece	For
Ralph Small	Against

The Clerk sought feedback from Members as to why they had voted against the co-option of Ryan O’Gorman in order that this information could be fed back to him.

A discussion ensued about the potential costs to the Community if an election had to be called. Councillor Helen Brown said that the people of Ewloe should decide on their candidate.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- (i) to reject the application from Ryan O’Gorman; and
- (ii) that Members contact the Chair of the Council outlining the reasons for their rejections.

86/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Councillor Clive Carver disputed minute no 24/017 as he had suggested that a 'Proposal' be tabled not a 'Notice of Motion'; Councillor Helen Brown echoed this as the seconder of the proposal. Councillor Emma Preece referred to the Council's Standing Orders and pointed out that in accordance with Standing Order No: 30 corrections to the minutes should be put in writing to the Clerk prior to the meeting. Councillor Clive Carver said that the Standing Orders 'were a mess' and it was agreed that they should be reviewed at the next meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- (i) that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 12th June 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair; and
- (ii) that the Standing Orders be reviewed at the next meeting of the Council.

87/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Dave Mackie suggested that the Standing Orders be amended to include reference to electronic agendas; this was agreed.

He also asked if schools could be informed direct of the appointments made by the Community Council on the various governing bodies.

88/17 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings of the following Committees held on 20th June 2017 be received:

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

89/17 AMENDMENT TO ANNUAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

IT WAS RESOLVED: to accept the amendment to the Fixed Assets section of the Annual Return to read £844,770 not £824.090.

90/17 MODEL LOCAL RESOLUTION PROTOCOL FOR COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS

The Council had been requested to consider the adoption of the above document.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the item be deferred until the September meeting and that the paragraphs within the model protocol be numbered and read in conjunction with the Council's own Complaints policy.

91/17 CHAIR'S REMARKS

There were none.