

Minutes of the Meeting of
HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
11TH NOVEMBER 2019

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor George Hardcastle

Councillors: Ve Amos, Joyce Angell, Janet Axworthy, Helen Brown, Clive Carver, Cheryl Carver, Bob Connah, Lowri Earith, Dave Mackie, Dan Preece, Emma Preece, Ralph Small, Darren Sterry, Sam Swash, Richard Taylor and Ant Turton.

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

Also present: Liz Roberts
Approximately 20 members of the public
James Anstey, Anna Day Williams, Hawarden High School
Colin Dollimore, RYLA
Phil Cosby, Oswestry Borderland Rotary Club

205/19 REMEMBRANCE:

The Chairman led a two-minute silence in respect of Remembrance Day.

206/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Gillian Brockley, Sarah Hinks and Ryan O’Gorman.

207/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillors Bob Connah and Ralph Small declared an interest in item 8 on the Planning Agenda that the Chairman had agreed to bring forward due to the number of members of the public in attendance for this item. Both Councillors duly completed their Declaration of Interest form and duly left the room whilst the discussion on the Local Development Plan took place.

208/19 FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULTATION:

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Liz Roberts, local resident, to the meeting and invited her to put forward her representations on behalf of concerned residents living in Ewloe about Flintshire County Council’s (FCC) Local Development Plan (LDP) and the recent public consultation exercise.

Liz read out a statement which was subsequently endorsed by Members, who in turn echoed some of the points raised within the statement and relayed similar complaints and experiences from other residents. Mrs Roberts confirmed that she had submitted her own response directly to the County Council.

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that some of the Ewloe and Mancot members had met recently to review these concerns. Responses to the proposed developments at Ewloe and Ash Lane, Mancot had been submitted by the deadline of 5.00 p.m. 11th November 2019. Copies of the submissions had been circulated at the beginning of the meeting for Member's information. Andy Roberts, Service Manager Strategy, had confirmed to the Clerk and Financial Officer that, should the Community Council have any major challenge or change to these statements, then this amendment could be "added to" the formal consultation response submitted within the permitted timescales. Members endorsed the written statements.

A lengthy discussion took place during which Members felt that the County Council had failed to follow their own procedures and planning regulations and concerns had been expressed by members about the number of residents that had been dissatisfied with the consultation process. Members were concerned to learn that in some drop-in sessions and libraries, a box had been "dumped" in a corner with the library staff unaware of its contents and apparently some documents had been missing.

IT WAS RESOLVED: *that the Clerk and Financial Officer write a letter of complaint to the County Council's Chief Executive, copied to the Council's Legal Officer and Planning Officials, as outlined above.*

209/19 ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD (RYLA) PRESENTATION:

The Chairman welcomed James Anstey and Anna Day Williams to the meeting as they had both been selected to participate in the RYLA 2019 and 2018 schemes respectively. James went on to outline the benefits of his attendance on the course which had enabled him to gain confidence and become a better leader with a team work environment. He had also enjoyed some excellent outdoor activities, team building exercises and other relative experiences. James said that his participation in the RYLA scheme had greatly improved his communication skills and confidence.

Colin Dollimore, RYLA Leader, outlined the overall purpose of RYLA and thanked the Community Council for its continued support, without which, pupils of the local high school could not take part. He introduced members of his team and outlined their respective roles.

Anna Day Williams had participated in the RYLA 2018 scheme and outlined how her experiencing had given her increased confidence and communication skills to continue with her current work with the High School.

The Chairman thanked colleagues for their contributions.

IT WAS RESOLVED: *to receive the informative presentation and note the positive impact upon individuals of the RYLA scheme.*

210/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 14th October 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

211/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

In relation to minute number 161/19, the Clerk and Financial Officer outlined that three quotes had been received for the work to fell the horse chestnut tree which would be considered accordingly.

212/19 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings of the following Committees held on 9th September 2019 be received:

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

213/19 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES (IRPW) DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FEBRUARY 2020 CONSULTATION:

The Clerk outlined that the draft report contained no major changes to Town and Community Councils and that due consideration of the recommendations would take place during the budget setting process in January.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the draft report and its potential implications to the Council's 2020/21 budget.

214/19 CHAIR'S REMARKS:

Councillor George Hardcastle outlined his recent engagements as follows:

Buckley Town Council Mayor's Charity Ball on 1st November which had been a successful event.

Together with the Clerk and Financial Officer, he had attended the Hawarden High School Remembrance Day Service on Friday 8th November. The service had been a fitting tribute and 'very moving' with all participants to be commended.

Remembrance Service on Sunday 10th November at Hawarden Memorial which had been a very successful commemorative event.