

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of
HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
12 DECEMBER 2016

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Glenys Diskin
Councillors: Ve Amos, Helen Brown, Alan Diskin, Kevin Jones, Dave Mackie, Helen Meredith, Emma Preece, Ralph Small and Brian Williams.

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Joyce Angell, Cheryl Carver, Clive Carver, Alison Halford, George Hardcastle, David Hough, Judith Hough.

The Chair said that Councillor Halford had requested that her best wishes for Christmas be passed on to all Councillors.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillors Dave Mackie and Helen Brown declared an interest in Item 8, Grant Applications on the Finance Committee.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 14 November 2016 be approved as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Councillor Dave Mackie advised that the Rector of Flint would be available to make a presentation to Councillors regarding Dementia Cafes in the Community.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Councillor Mackie liaise with the Clerk to arrange a suitable date to receive a presentation.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Meetings of the following Committees held on 14th November 2016 be received:

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

INTERIM INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2016/2017

The Chair referred to the interim internal audit report that had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting. There were four recommendations that had been duly noted. Members retrospectively authorised the list of payments for August 2016 in the sum of 36,627.16 as recommended.

Councillor Dave Mackie queried the date on the bank reconciliation statements and advised that it should be the last day of the month. The Clerk explained that the bank reconciliation date would always be the last working day of the month as the reconciliation was based on the income and expenditure of the previous month and therefore reconciled with the bank statement. The Auditors had requested that Members ensure that the cumulative reconciliation summary should always balance as outlined in recommendation 1 of the report.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- i) that the Audit Report recommendations be noted and implemented
- ii) the Council retrospectively approve the list of payments for August 2016 in the sum of £36,627.16

CHAIR'S REMARKS:

The Chair advised that together with the Vice Chair, Councillor Alan Diskin, she had recently attended a presentation at Cambrian Aquatics, an organisation which had taken over the operation of Connah's Quay Swimming Pool from Flintshire County Council. Regrettably, they had been the only two Councillors present, but they had been welcomed to the event and had been impressed by the dedication of staff and the ambitious business proposals.

Residents of Hawarden represented the third most popular category of attendees at the pool and Cambrian Aquatics had many volunteers, had received a lot of local support and had advised that they would continue to encourage as many other organisations as possible to provide voluntary financial contributions.

The Chair thanked the Clerk for arranging the retirement meal for Noel Barnes and said that the evening had been most enjoyable by those who had attended.

The Chair reported she had received two letters from students who had been granted Bursaries from Hawarden Community Council stating their gratitude to the Council.

Councillor Ve Amos expressed her thanks to members, for the card and bouquet of flowers she had received following her recent family bereavement.

