



## **HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting

held on

**13 JULY 2020**

**PRESENT:** Chair: Councillor George Hardcastle

**Councillors:** Ve Amos, Joyce Angell, Janet Axworthy, Gillian Brockley, Helen Brown, Bob Connah, Cheryl Carver, Clive Carver, Lowri Earith, Sarah Hinks, Dave Mackie, Ryan O’Gorman, 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, Admin Assistant

### **442/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

There were no apologies.

### **443/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Councillor Dave Mackie declared an interest in item 13, application number 3. All Members of Hawarden Community Council declared an interest in item 13, application number 7.

### **444/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous virtual meeting of the Council held on 8 June 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **445/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

In relation to minute 436/19 the Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed that mandatory allowances would be paid immediately upon request as they had been eligible from the beginning of the Municipal Year.

### **445/19 COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and approve the minutes of the Sub-Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

**446/19 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: FINAL REPORT:**

The County Councillors and the Clerk and Financial Officer had recently met to review the final report. The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales had recommended that the existing county ward of Hawarden be split between Mancot and Aston and renamed Hawarden: Mancot and Hawarden: Aston accordingly.

The draft report had suggested that the ward of Ewloe be retained as it is but that it be renamed Hawarden: Ewloe to be consistent with the Mancot and Aston wards. However, this had not been indicated in the final report and would be fed back to the Commission. The changes would result in an increase of 1 member elected to Hawarden Community Council as each of the three new wards would be represented by seven members. The next Local Government elections would take place in 2022.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to accept the final report but write to the Commission about the propose name change for the ward of Ewloe to be Hawarden: Ewloe.

**447/19 PERMISSION TO USE GLADSTONE PLAYING FIELDS:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that a number of requests had been received about the use of the Gladstone Playing fields for a range of outdoor activities. Since the publication of the agenda further requests had been received so she suggested that a sub-group be established to review the requests and consider terms and conditions, cost of licences and location of activity.

IT WAS RESOLVED: (i) to establish a sub-group to review the requests as soon as possible and (ii) that Councillors Helen Brown, Clive Carver, George Hardcastle, Dave Mackie and Ralph Small form the sub-group.

**448/19 POLICE MATTERS:**

Councillor Ralph Small reported that several cars had been damaged over the weekend and that the matter had been reported to North Wales Police. He also expressed his concern about the lack of a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) in the area.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Clerk and Financial Officer write to North Wales Police to request an update on PCSO support in the community.

#### **449/19 LIGHTING AND HIGHWAYS ISSUES:**

Members raised the following issues of concern:

- i) Potholes on Hawarden Way;
- ii) Several areas of grass cutting had been missed out by sub-contractors but had been re-scheduled; this had been confirmed by John Griffiths;
- iii) The remaining yellow lines in Mancot would be painted on 30<sup>th</sup> July.
- iv) Councillor Ralph Small suggested that the hedge alongside The Highway be not cut on a regular basis and allowed to grow higher to ease the impact on neighbouring properties when the football stand had been erected. Members suggested that Councillor Richard Taylor seek to ascertain local opinion and report back to the next meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and note the issues.

#### **450/19 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the updated list of payments in the sum of £45,109.49 be approved.

#### **451/19 BANK RECONCILIATIONS:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the bank reconciliations for the periods ending 29<sup>th</sup> May and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 be noted and received.

#### **452/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:**

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- (a) County Council Members:  
It was noted that the participation of those Councillors who were also Members of the County Council, in both the debate and subsequent vote, was on the basis that the views expressed were preliminary views taking account of the information made available to the Community Council. The County Councillors reserved their final views on the applications until they were in full possession of all relevant arguments for and against.
- (b) That the County Planning Authority be advised of this Council's observations on the applications submitted to it for consideration, as per the attached schedule.
- (c) That the planning decisions be noted.

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#### **453/19 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised of the following:

- i) the Council's contribution to the Joint Maintenance Agreement for the month of July amounted to £17,446.46.
- ii) Flintshire County Council had proposed to offer a Summer Play Scheme for the last two weeks of the Summer 2020. Covid-19 safety measures had been implemented and incorporated into the planned delivery of the scheme. Budgetary provision had been included in the Council's budget for the usual six-week scheme and the new scheme reflected a lower cost; members endorsed this approach.
- iii) Councillor Clive Carver had raised an issue about drug activity that had been taking place by the old Summer House on Gladstone Playing fields. The Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed that the police had been made aware of the issue.
- iv) Covid-19 guidance had been issued and the Clerk and Financial Officer had produced the relevant action plans for the use of the depot, use of maintenance vehicles and the re-opening of play areas including appropriate signage.
- v) Councillor Dave Mackie and the Clerk and Financial Officer had attended a recent virtual meeting with the Flintshire Local Voluntary Council. The meeting had been very informative and described how local community councils had supported their communities during lockdown. It was likely that this would become a monthly meeting.
- vi) A meeting of the Herbert Gladstone Recreation Ground would be arranged in due course.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive, note and accept the updates.

#### **454/19 MEMBER'S INFORMATION:**

Councillor Helen Brown said that many organisations had been very active and helped communities across Flintshire and that some individuals had gone out of their way. It would be nice to recognise these "unsung heroes" when the time was right. She also requested that James Hunt, the founder of Nanny Biscuits, be invited to attend the next meeting of the Community Council.

Councillor Ralph Small asked if the Clerk and Financial Officer could ascertain the latest position in relation to section 106 monies for Mancot.