

Minutes of the Meeting of  
**HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
held on  
**13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 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

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

Also Present: Sam Bidwell, Community Youth Representative

A minute's silence was held in memory of Assembly Member, Carl Sargeant, who had recently passed away. It had been agreed to send the family of Carl Sargeant a card offering member condolences and to consider a donation to any cause in his memory.

**264/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Ralph Small.

**265/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were none.

**266/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**267/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

There were no matters arising.

**268/17 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings of the following Committees held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 be received:

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

**269/17 PROTOCOL FOR THE ELECTION OF CHAIRS:**

At its meeting on the 14 November 2016 the Council had agreed to review the current policy for the election of chairs. At that meeting it had been resolved to review the policy six months following the election of a new Council in May 2017.

Councillor George Hardcastle said that the policy should remain the same and that there was no need to change a policy that worked well. Councillor Clive Carver said that he felt that the current policy appeared to be unfair to newer members of the Council favouring instead longer serving members. Following a discussion:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to continue to operate the current policy based on seniority of Members.

**270/17 COUNCIL CHAMBER:**

A discussion took place about the reconfiguration of the Council Chamber. Councillor Angell said that she did not agree with the need for change and that the potential cost implication to the Council could not be justified.

Councillor Carver reminded Members that the decision to revise the layout had been approved many years ago as part of an options paper put forward by the previous Clerk following notification from the Boundary Commission that the number of Councillors would increase from 17 to 20. The Community Council currently use the Council Chamber once a month plus other special meetings and had quite exclusive use. The Institute Management Committee also used the room. Councillor Carver said that the rent had not increased over a number of years and that he could not guarantee that this position would remain.

Following a lengthy discussion IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:

- l) a joint meeting be held with members of the Hawarden Institute Management Committee and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council to establish the position of future rents; and

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- II) The decision to modify the Council Chamber be deferred to the next meeting following clarification of (i) above.

**271/17 CHAIR'S REMARKS:**

The Clerk presented the Chair and Councillor Glenys Diskin with a bouquet of flowers in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Members applauded this special occasion.

The Chair advised that he had recently attended the following event:

*Hawarden Remembrance Day Service – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017* – he and other members had participated in the parade from Gladstone Playing Fields to the Memorial following which a very well attended Remembrance Service had taken place.

A number of Members expressed their appreciation to the Clerk and Administrative Assistant for the efficient organisation of this commemorative event. Thanks were also expressed to the Clerk for the recent installation of poppies on street light columns which had looked very effective along the parade route and had been a respectful gesture.

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