

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of
HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
14 NOVEMBER 2016

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Glenys Diskin

Councillors: Joyce Angell, Helen Brown, Cheryl Carver, Clive Carver, Alan Diskin, George Hardcastle, David Hough, Judith Hough, Kevin Jones, Dave Mackie, Helen Meredith, Ralph Small and Brian Williams.

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

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARD:

Councillor Glenys Diskin presented the Community Volunteer Award to Jon Merrick for his services to Hawarden Cricket Club and thanked for his very valued contribution to the community.

Jon accepted the award and expressed his thanks for receiving the award and confirmed he had been working for the cricket club for 42 years. He said the cricket club had recently moved to a new ground and anticipated that a new pavilion would be built next year. He confirmed that he would extend an invitation to all Hawarden Community Councillors to visit the new ground in due course.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ve Amos, Alison Halford and Emma Preece.

The Chair informed the meeting with regret that Councillor Ve Amos's son had recently passed away. The Council expressed its condolences and asked that a card and some flowers be sent to Councillor Amos expressing the Council's sympathy.

The Clerk advised that Councillor Alison Halford had recently had a hip replacement but had subsequently suffered a heart attack. Councillor Halford was at home recuperating and had asked that her thanks be conveyed to Council for the beautiful flowers that she had received following her hip operation.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that a card and flowers be sent to Councillor Ve Amos.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none pertaining to this meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 10 October 2016 be approved as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

In relation to the minute referring to a further visit to Council by Estelle Morris from the Alzheimers Society, the Clerk advised that Estelle had said she had delivered all the relevant information in the presentation in September and did not feel the need to return as she did not have anything to add to her earlier presentation.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the above.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings of the following Committees held on 10 October 2016 be received:

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

PROTOCOL FOR THE ELECTION OF CHAIRS

Councillor Clive Carver had requested that this item be placed on the agenda and referred to the earlier policy that had been agreed by Council in July 2014 which had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting. He also referred to the report that had been presented to Council in September 2014 that provided a list of forthcoming chair appointments based on the policy of seniority.

Councillor Carver felt that the policy seemed a little unfair to newer Members as it allowed some Chairs to have several terms of office before a new member had the opportunity to become a Chair. The Council had decided to elect chairs using the same procedure as Broughton and Bretton Community Council.

Councillor Joyce Angell confirmed she would not wish to be elected as the Chair.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that this matter be reviewed in November 2017, six months following the election of a new Council.

CHAIR'S REMARKS:

The Chair confirmed that she and the Clerk had attended a Work Placement Celebratory Event at St. David's Park Hotel but felt that this had been more appropriate for the Clerk.

The Chair and Clerk had attended a Remembrance Day Service at Hawarden High School. The service had been presented by extremely talented pupils and had proved to be a very moving experience. The Chair requested Councillor Joyce Angell to convey her thanks to the Head Teacher, Mr Paul Ellis and to commend the students on their expertise.

The Chair conveyed her thanks to the Clerk for organising and presenting a very well attended Remembrance Day service at Hawarden memorial on the 13th November 2016.

The Clerk requested that all Councillors confirm numbers and provide money and menu choices to the office by Friday 18th November for the forthcoming retirement meal for Noel Barnes.