

Minutes of the Meeting of
HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
16TH APRIL 2018

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Alan Diskin

Councillors: Ve Amos, Joyce Angell, Janet Axworthy, Gillian Brockley, Helen Brown, Clive Carver, Cheryl Carver, Glenys Diskin, George Hardcastle, Kevin Jones, Dave Mackie, Helen Meredith, Ryan O’Gorman, Ralph Small and Darren Sterry.

Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer

531/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lowri Earith, Wendy Mallin, Dan Preece and Emma Preece.

The Chairman welcomed members to the first meeting at the new location. Members requested that a letter of thanks be sent to the Scout Group to thank them for their hospitality arrangements.

532/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest from members.

533/17 PRESENTATION:

The Chair welcomed Roy Wakelam to the meeting. Mr Wakelam apologised that his colleague, Mr Alan Wight, could not be present. He went on to outline the frustrations of the Penyffordd Community Development Group in relation to speculative planning in the area and that the voices of Town and Community Councils had not been listened to. When considering large scale developments, neither the County Council nor the Welsh Government seemed to take into account the surrounding infrastructure including road networks, schools provision, medical care and social cohesion etc. This, coupled with the lack of a Local Development Plan, had caused a number of problems. The Welsh Government, in particular, did not appreciate locality issues when determining planning appeals for example the inclusion of surrounding villages in any Penyffordd planning applications; Members of the community in Rosset and Llay attended the local High School, Castell Alun, and whilst the local Council had been aware of this, it was this sort of consideration that the Welsh Government had limited knowledge about.

Members shared the same frustrations that Mr Wakelam had outlined and nominated Councillors Dave Mackie and Joyce Angell together with the Chair of Planning Committee to be represented on the Action Group. The next meeting of the Action Group had been scheduled to take place on Wednesday 18th April at 7.30 at the Royal British Legion in Penyffordd.

The Chair and Members thanked Roy for his attendance.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to nominate the Chair of the Planning Committee and Councillors Joyce Angell and Dave Mackie to be represented on the Action Group and feedback to Council accordingly.

534/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meetings of the Council held on 12th March 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

535/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Councillor Clive Carver expressed his concern about the decision of the Council in relation to minute number 476/17. Some members echoed these concerns but pointed out that the project had only been approved “in principle” and had been subject to a number of consents and permissions etc. Councillor Cheryl Carver asked if the Clerk had ascertained whether there had been any restrictive covenants on the land when it had been handed over to the Community and became a charity. The Clerk had approached the William Hall Estate office who had no record but had suggested the Charity Commission be contacted; a response was awaited.

Members asked if the Council’s Standing Orders could be amended to include a Standing Order about presentations and decisions required and suggested that any formal approval or otherwise be deferred to the next meeting. The Clerk advised that as the Standing Orders would be submitted to the Annual General Meeting in May for approval, following a recent review, that this could be added if Council wished to. However members of the public cannot be excluded from meetings without a resolution being carried and on the grounds of contract sensitivity, legal proceedings or disputes etc.

536/17 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings of the following Committees held on 12th March 2018 be received:

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

537/17 CHANGE OF COMMITTEES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that following the merger of Lighting, Playing Fields and Community and Environment Committees, the new Community should be entitled Community Amenities.

538/17 EXTERNAL AUDIT OF THE COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the dates for the internal and external audit of accounts for the year ending 31st March 2018.

538/17 CHAIR'S REMARKS:

There were none.