

Minutes of the Meeting of
HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
18TH DECEMBER 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, Ryan O’Gorman, Dan Preece, Emma Preece, Darren Sterry and Ralph Small.

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

319/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

The Chair welcomed Councillors O’Gorman and Sterry to their first meeting and congratulated them both on their recent election.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Wendy Mallin and Helen Meredith and Sam Bidwell, Community Youth Representative.

320/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

321/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 13th November 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

322/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

In relation to minute number 268/17, Councillor Ralph Small queried the outcome of the Protocol for Election of Chairs. The Clerk advised that this matter had been discussed at the previous meeting and a resolution agreed.

323/17 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings of the following Committees held on 13th November 2017 be received:

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

324/17 INTERIM INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2017-18

The Clerk had previously circulated a copy of the Internal Auditor's report to all members. The Internal Auditor had suggested that the Financial Procedure rules be updated to reflect the changes in on-line banking particularly in relation to the setting up of new payees.

The Internal Auditor had also commented on the financial implications arising from the new General Data Protection Regulations that would come into effect in May 2018. The Council had been made aware of this and arrangements had been made to include costings in the forthcoming budget to reflect this.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:

- i. The Internal Audit Interim report be received and noted.
- ii. That the Financial Procedure Rules be updated as outlined above and that provision for the General Data Protection Regulations be included in the budget considerations for 2018-19.

325/17 COUNCIL CHAMBER:

A lengthy discussion took place about the proposed reconfiguration of the Council Chamber. The rent situation, as outlined on the agenda for the meeting, was accepted but Members agreed that further discussion should take place about the new proposed layout as the newly elected Councillors had not had sight of the plans that had been agreed years ago.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:

- i. the increase in rent be approved as outlined.
- ii. the final decision on layout be deferred to the January meeting in order that all members could be apprised of the proposals.

326/17 CHAIR'S REMARKS:

The Chair reported that he and Councillor Glenys Diskin had attended an excellent Carol concert at the Sacred Heart Church, Hawarden on 13th December 2017.

The Chair conveyed his congratulations to Councillor Lowri Earith for her recent success in a boxing competition she had participated in, to raise funds for Cancer Research.

The Chair wished all Members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.