

Minutes of the Meeting of
HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
19TH NOVEMBER 2018

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Dave Mackie

Councillors: Ve Amos, Joyce Angell, Janet Axworthy, Helen Brown, Clive Carver, Cheryl Carver, Lowri Earith, George Hardcastle, Helen Meredith, Dan Preece, Emma Preece, Ralph Small and Darren Sterry.

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

210/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gillian Brockley, Kevin Jones, Wendy Mallin and Ryan O’Gorman.

211/18 PRESENTATIONS:

The Chairman welcomed and thanked Paul Wilde for his attendance at the meeting. Paul had recently retired after 14 years of service and the Chairman, on behalf of the Council, expressed his appreciation and gratitude to Paul for the excellent service that he had provided to the community in his position as Litter Collector over the years.

Several other Members also conveyed their appreciation and said that Paul would be missed in each of the four wards as he had certainly made a difference for the local community and it had been evident that he had shown pride in his work.

Councillor Dave Mackie presented Paul with a gift of vouchers and wished him a long, happy and health retirement.

Paul thanked the Council for its generosity and said that he had thoroughly enjoyed his role, despite the weather on occasion, and that it had been the best job he had ever had.

Alan and Glenys Diskin had submitted their apologies due to ill health. A certificate of long service would be given to Mr and Mrs Diskin.

212/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest from Members.

213/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 8th October 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

214/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

215/18 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings of the following Committees held on 8th October 2018 be received:

Staff and General Purposes Committee
Community Amenities Committee
Planning Committee
Finance Committee

216/18 VACANCIES IN MANCOT WARD:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that a by-election had been called for the two vacancies in Mancot following nominations from six candidates. A Notice of Election had been published and the by-election would take place on Thursday 6th December 2018. Poll cards had been issued by the County Council.

217/18 CHAIR'S REMARKS:

The Chair had recently attended the following events:

- County Forum - 23 October: together with the Clerk and Financial Officer and other Members the Forum had shared the Boundary Commission proposals for Wales in relation to principal Councils, the subject of which had been included as an item on the Staff and General Purposes Committee later in the evening. The County budget position had also been discussed and an informative presentation from the North Wales Fire and Rescue Service had been received.
- Remembrance Service - 9 November: the Chairman and officers had attended an impressive and memorable Remembrance Service in Hawarden High School.

- Remembrance Parade and Beacon Lighting Ceremony - 11 November: the Chairman and other members had attended an excellent and very well organised Remembrance Day service at Hawarden Memorial in the morning and a commemorative Beacon Lighting Ceremony in the evening to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of the First World War. Both events had been extremely well attended by members of the public.
- Standards Committee - 12 November: independent members of the Standards committee would attend Community Council meetings throughout Flintshire to observe proceedings in the near future.
- Flintshire South Police Liaison Meeting - 15 November: the Clerk and Financial Officer had circulated the Chair's brief summary of this event prior to the meeting.
- Local Stakeholder Event - 16 November: A494 River Dee Bridge Improvement Scheme that had afforded the opportunity to preview the proposals prior to the forthcoming public consultation events.

Councillor George Hardcastle wished to express his gratitude in particular to the Clerk and Financial Officer for all her hard work and efforts in the organisation of both Remembrance events and requested that a letter be sent from the Community Council to commend the students of Hawarden High School for their fantastic input on the day.

Councillor Hardcastle asked that a bouquet of flowers be sent to Mavis Williams, Researcher for Flintshire War Memorials, for her tremendous efforts in the research of the additional nine names added to the memorial.

The Clerk and Financial Officer had also received a number of letters of thanks and emails including one from Lord and Lady Barry Jones and a member of the public who had been particularly moved by the services as one of the names read out during the service had been his paternal grandfather's brother.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that a thank you letter be sent to Hawarden High School and a bouquet of flowers be sent to Mavis Williams.