

**Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING of
HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on 13 MAY 2013**

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Judith Hough
Vice Chair: Councillor Kevin Jones

Councillors: Ve Amos, Joyce Angell, Helen Brown, Clive Carver, Cheryl Carver,
Alison Halford, George Hardcastle, David Hough, Dave Mackie,
Emma Preece, Ralph Small, John Walker and Brian Williams.

Officers: Mr R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Councillors Alan Diskin and Glenys Diskin.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

RETIRING CHAIR'S REMARKS:

The retiring Chair, Councillor Ve Amos thanked her fellow Members for having given her the opportunity and honour to be the Chair of the Community Council. The retiring Chair paid particular thanks to her Vice-Chair, Councillor Judith Hough, Councillor Glenys Diskin and the Clerk for their assistance during the year, which on a personal level she said had been clouded by the loss of her husband.

Councillor George Hardcastle paid tribute to the retiring Chair and commended her on the way in which she had represented the Council during her year of Office.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2013/2014:

Councillor Ve Amos nominated Councillor Judith Hough, this was duly seconded and there being no further nominations Councillor Judith Hough was duly elected Chair of Hawarden Community Council for the Municipal Year 2013/2014. Councillor Hough thanked all Members for their support and said that she was honoured to have been appointed as Chair of Hawarden Community Council.

The Chair duly completed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2013/2014:

The Chair proposed Councillor Kevin Jones, this was duly seconded and there being no further nominations Councillor Kevin Jones was duly appointed Vice-Chair for the Municipal Year 2013/2014.

Councillor Jones thanked Members for appointing him as Vice-Chair and said that he looked forward to supporting the Chair of Council during her year of office.

The Vice-Chair duly completed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8 April 2013 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT:

The Chair referred Members to the Model Code of Conduct, copies of which had been provided to Members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to confirm adherence to the Model Code of Conduct.

DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2013/2014:

It was agreed that the schedule of dates and times be confirmed and that during the month of August, when the Council was in Recess, relevant Recess Sub-Committees comprising the Chair of Council the relevant Committee Chair and the Clerk would be held to deal with any urgent business.

INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT:

It was noted that this had not yet been received.

ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013:

The Chair referred Members to the Annual Report, a copy of which had been circulated with the agenda.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- (a) to receive and approve the Annual Return and Financial Statement.
- (b) to authorise the Clerk and Chair of Council to sign the Return and Financial Statement.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the accounts for payment in the sum of £50,056.20.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

IT WAS RESOLVED:

(a) County Council Members:

To formally note that the participation of those Councillors who were also Members of the County Council, in both the debate and subsequent vote, was on the basis that the views expressed were preliminary views taking account of the information made available to the Community Council. The County Councillors reserved their final views on the applications until they were in full possession of all relevant arguments for and against.

(b) That the County Planning Authority be advised that this Council's observations on the applications submitted to it for consideration were as per the attached schedule.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm