

**Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING of  
HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL held on 6 MAY 2014**

**PRESENT:** Chair: Councillor Alison Halford  
Vice Chair: Councillor Cheryl Carver

Councillors: Ve Amos, Joyce Angell, Helen Brown, Clive Carver, Alan Diskin,  
Glenys Diskin, George Hardcastle, David Hough, Judith Hough, Dave  
Mackie, Ralph Small, John Walker and Brian Williams.

Officers: Mr R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were received from Councillors Kevin Jones and Emma Preece.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were none.

**RETIRING CHAIR'S REMARKS:**

The retiring Chair thanked Members for their support during her year of office. She particularly thanked Councillors George Hardcastle and Helen Brown for having proposed and seconded her appointment. She said that it had been a great honour to have represented the Council as its Chair and to have her name alongside the many prestigious former holders of the position. Councillor Hough thanked the Clerk and Mrs Susan Jones for their support during her term of office.

Councillors George Hardcastle and Alison Halford paid tribute to the retiring Chair and the manner in which she had represented the Council.

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2014/2015:**

The retiring Chair invited nominations for the position of Chair for the Municipal Year 2014/2015.

Councillor George Hardcastle nominated Councillor Alan Diskin. This was seconded by Councillor Helen Brown.

Councillor Joyce Angell nominated Councillor Alison Halford. This was seconded by Councillor Clive Carver.

On being put to a vote Councillor Alison Halford was duly elected Chair of Hawarden Community Council for the year 2014/2015.

The Chair duly completed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office form. She thanked Members for supporting her nomination and giving her the opportunity to be Chair of the Community Council on which she had first served in 1995 for a period of four years and then again since 2008.

The Chair paid tribute to the outgoing Chair who had overseen a challenging yet successful year. Councillor Halford said that that she hoped that during her year of office progress could be made in enlightening young people about the role of the local Council and focusing on the plight of loneliness amongst older people.

**APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2014/2015:**

Councillor Ralph Small nominated Councillor Brian Williams. This was seconded by Councillor George Hardcastle.

Councillor Alison Halford nominated Councillor Cheryl Carver. This was seconded by Councillor Clive Carver.

On being put to a vote Councillor Cheryl Carver was duly elected Vice-Chair of Hawarden Community Council for the Municipal Year 2014/2014.

Councillor Cheryl Carver completed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office form. Councillor Carver thanked Members for supporting her nomination.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14 April 2014 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

The Clerk reported receipt of a card fro Councillor Cheryl Carver thanking the Council for the flowers sent to her following her recent eye surgery. Councillor Glenys Diskin thanked the Council for the flowers which she had also received during her ongoing health issues.

**MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT:**

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

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

**DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2014/2015:**

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:**

The Chair referred Members to the report, a copy of which had been circulated to all Members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the report and implement the recommendations.

**ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014:**

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 £27,589.78.

**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 6.50pm