

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
COMMUNITY AMENITIES COMMITTEE
held on
10TH SEPTEMBER 2018

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Ralph Small

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: As per Council Meeting

135/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

As per Council meeting.

136/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillors Kevin Jones and Lowri Earith declared an interest in Item 8, Hawarden Community Allotments on the agenda and duly completed their Declaration of Interest forms. In accordance with Standing Order no 88, they remained in the meeting but did not take part in any vote.

137/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 9th July 2018 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

138/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

In relation to minute number 92/18 Councillor Helen Brown requested that the installation of additional defibrillators throughout the community be considered at the next meeting.

139/18 LIGHTING FAULTS:

A faulty light had been reported outside 155 Leaches Lane, Mancot.

The Clerk advised that Kevin Griffiths, Senior Maintenance Officer, would undertake a lighting inspection when the clocks change.

140/18 2018 PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT:

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the recent annual inspection report carried out by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA). The report had not highlighted any significant risks for attention but had flagged up the risks with the use of the Skate Park at Gladstone Play area and the old Motte and Bailey at Truman's play area.

Circular Drive had a number of issues that required attention but the Community Council had previously agreed to invest in the redevelopment of this play area and the issues would be resolved as part of this process.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and endorse the report.

141/18 CIRCULAR DRIVE PLAY AREA ENHANCEMENTS/S106 AGREEMENT:

The Clerk said that due a number of reasons Members had been unable to consult with residents over the summer and therefore suggested that quotes be invited from specialist play providers to submit designs for the redevelopment of the Circular Drive play area. Subject to the receipt of section 106 money from the County Council of £26,400 an amount of £70,000 could be available for the scheme.

The Clerk advised that she had also submitted a bid for match funding to the County Council as the County Council had recently assessed Circular Drive play area as a red risk that required some investment.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to invite contractors to submit quotations for the play area redevelopment.

142/18 HAWARDEN COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS:

The Clerk had proposed a number of alterations to the Allotment Tenancy agreement as circulated. Some members said that the process ought to be tightened up in relation to neglected plots. Approval had also been sought to increase the allotment rents at the current rate of inflation.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- i) That a sub-group comprising members of the allotment committee, Terry Dillon, Diane Harris, Kevin Oakland, the Chairman of the Committee and Councillor Kevin Jones review the Terms and Conditions and submit a draft for consideration at the next meeting.
- ii) That allotment fees be increased by the current rate of inflation of 2.6%.

143/18 COMMUNITY IN BLOOM:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that a working group comprising Councillors Helen Brown, Lowri Earith, Ralph Small, Kevin Jones and Darren Sterry be established to review the competition.

144/18 HAWARDEN COMMUNITY EVENTS AND FESTIVALS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that discussion on this item be deferred to the next meeting.

145/18 MEMORIAL PROJECT:

The Clerk provided an update on the project as follows:

- i) A response had been awaited from the County Council following the submission of the Listed Building Consent application form and also from CADW for grant funding.
- ii) The Clerk had received notification that she had been successful in her application to the Community Covenant Fund for WWI commemorative silhouettes.
- iii) Invites for the annual remembrance service and the Beacon Lighting Ceremony for the evening would be issued in due course.
- iv) The Head Teachers of Hawarden Village School and Penarlag CP School had indicated their support to be involved in the project and remembrance services and that the other primary schools had been/would be contacted.
- v) Additional street column poppies would be purchased.

146/18 MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillors Brown and Hardcastle said that the residents in Aston had asked that the Community Council be thanked for the recent installation of new fencing along the Bowling Green and Community Centre.