

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
COMMUNITY AMENITIES COMMITTEE
held on
11TH JUNE 2018

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Ralph Small

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: As per Council Meeting

39/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

As per Council meeting.

40/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillors Gillian Brockley, Helen Brown, Dan Preece and Darren Sterry declared an interest in Item 9, Tennis Courts and in accordance with Standing Order No 88 duly completed their declaration of interest forms and remained in the meeting but did not take part in any vote.

41/18 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR:

Councillor Ralph Small was proposed and seconded and, there being no other nominations, Councillor Ralph Small was duly elected Chair of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2018/2019.

42/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Chair outlined that this was the first meeting of the newly formed Community Amenities Committee which combined the previous committees of Lighting, Playing Fields and Community and Environment.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings of the Lighting, Playing Fields and Community and Environment Committees held on 16th April 2018 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

43/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

44/19 LIGHTING FAULTS:

Councillor Dave Mackie advised of a day burner in Church Lane, Hawarden.

45/18 GRASS CUTTING:

Councillor Helen Brown expressed her disappointment at the condition the Gary Speed play area had been left in following a recent grass cut. She also advised that the roundabout in Aston had been omitted from the programme of cutting by Flintshire County Council. Councillors said that this was the first time in thirty four years that this had happened.

The Clerk outlined the work programme and said that this had been an isolated incident due to a family member being admitted into hospital as an emergency. The recent weather conditions had also exacerbated the position.

Councillor Helen Brown suggested that a schedule of grass cutting be shared with members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to prepare a grass cutting schedule for information in due course.

46/18 DEFIBILLATOR:

Councillor Helen Brown reported that Penarlag School had recently received a presentation from the Oliver King Foundation about how a defibrillator could have saved the life a young boy named Oliver King. The school had received training and purchased a defibrillator from this organisation.

Following a discussion it was agreed to purchase a defibrillator as soon as possible using some of the monies previously identified as ear marked for the Circular Drive play area. The purchase of a defibrillator could save lives and therefore a couple of thousand pound should be spent on this life saving equipment. The defibrillator would be placed on the outside of the pavilion building at Gladstone Playing Fields and training would be arranged with the Oliver King Foundation. Representatives from the organisation would also be invited to attend a future meeting of the Community Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:

- i) Mark King, Oliver King Foundation, be invited to present to the next meeting.
- ii) Earmarked reserves be used for the purchase of a defibrillator and external housing unit.
- iii) Training in the use of a defibrillator be arranged as soon as possible with Councillors and community users.

47/18 TENNIS COURTS:

The Community Council had been asked to consider the provision of a lock on the newly repainted tennis courts. This would protect the surface against anti-social use and leave two courts available for free use for members of the public.

Members debated the merits of this proposal and the impact with some members saying that the courts should not be locked.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT: a lock be provided to separate and protect the newly painted tennis courts.

48/18 COMMUNITY IN BLOOM:

The Clerk had been disappointed to report that, to date, only one application had been received for the competition. A number of posters had been given to members for circulation within wards to further promote the event.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that subject to the number of entrants increasing, the judging panel be agreed by the Chair of the Council and the Chair of the Community Amenities Committee.

49/18 CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk provided a verbal update on the progress of the memorial project and advised that this would be a regular item on the agenda until November.

Councillor Ralph Small said that he had recently met with George Clark, Royal British Legion who had offered to make a set of gates for the memorial if desired and asked if there had been any update on the possible review of the bus stop to which the Clerk responded that she would chase the matter up.

50/18 MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were none.