

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
COMMUNITY AMENITIES COMMITTEE
held on
14 OCTOBER 2019

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor George Hardcastle

Councillors: As per Council Meeting with the addition of Councillor Darren Sterry.

Officers: As per Council Meeting

173/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

As per Council meeting.

174/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Dave Mackie declared an interest in item 7 and duly completed a Declaration of Interest form.

175/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 9th September 2019 be received as a true record and signed by the Chair.

176/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

In relation to minute number 134/19, the Clerk and Financial Officer said that the refurbishment of the Circular Drive play area had been scheduled to commence on Monday 4th November 2019.

In relation to minute number 135/19, Councillor Helen Brown confirmed that the issue had been discussed at a recent Flintshire County Council Environment Scrutiny Committee meeting. The County Council had agreed to plant wild flowers on grass verges subject to the Community Council providing the seeds and Aston roundabout had been suggested as the first pilot scheme.

177/19 LIGHTING FAULTS:

There were no lighting faults reported.

178/19 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AND PARADE:

The Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed that the usual arrangements would be put into place for the remembrance service and parade. A number of volunteers had been recruited to “manage and organise” the parade at the Gladstone Playing fields.

IT WAS RESOLVED TO: to note the update.

179/19 GRASSED AREA ADJACENT TO EWLOE GREEN SCHOOL:

This item had been placed on the agenda at the request of Councillor Dave Mackie who had subsequently declared an interest and duly completed his declaration of interest form.

The Clerk and Financial Officer referred to the two grassed verges opposite Ewloe Green School. One had been maintained by the Community Council and the other maintained by the County Council. Due to different grass cutting regimes, the grass had been maintained at different levels recently which had looked very untidy and unprofessional. Following a request from a member of the public, supported by the local member, the Community Council had been asked to consider taking over the maintenance of both areas. The Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed that the Maintenance Team could manage this within its current workload without any disruption.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Clerk and Financial Officer approach the County Council to formally request that the Community Council undertake the future maintenance of both grass verges opposite the school.

180/19 HAWARDEN TELEPHONE KIOSK:

The Clerk and Financial Officer referred to previous discussions about the purchase of the Grade 2 telephone kiosk in Hawarden village and the proposal to convert it into a community library. Following discussions with British Telecom (BT) it had transpired that the kiosk had been live and active and BT had no intention to dispose of it.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to keep the kiosk operational but in the event that BT wished to dispose of it, then the Community Council would reconsider the purchase of the kiosk to retain it within the community and the conservation area of Hawarden.

181/19 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICERS'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that the Royal British Legion (RBL) would be celebrating its 100-year anniversary in 2021 and intended to digitalise its records. The RBL had sought the Council's permission to include the Order of Service from recent Remembrance events.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve this request.

182/19 MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were none.