

## HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the **MEETING** of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
Held on **11 JANUARY 2016**

**PRESENT:** Chair: Councillor Brian Williams  
Vice-Chair: Councillor Cheryl Carver

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

As per Council meeting

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Councillor Glenys Diskin declared an interest in agenda item 6 Budget 2016/17 in relation to Community Library Support.

Councillor Emma Preece declared an interest in agenda item 6 Budget 2016/17 in respect of Citizens Advice Bureau support.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 14 December 2015, be received as a true record and that they be signed by the Chair.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

There were none

### **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Accounts for Payment in the sum of £42,254.95 be approved.

### **CLERK & FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:**

The following matters were reported:-

- (a) The Council's contributions to the Central Administration and Direct Maintenance fund for the month, which were as follows:-

Central Administration            £4,871.59

Direct Maintenance                £3,418.00

(b) Other relevant matters.

The third and final stage payment of the Council's 2015/16 precept had been received.

**BANK RECONCILIATION:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the bank reconciliation to 31 December 2015, copies of which were circulated at the meeting.

**BUDGET 2016/2017:**

The Chair referred Members to the report and budget book which had been sent out with the agenda, setting out expected expenditure and income for 2015/16 and that proposed for 2016/17.

The Clerk took the Committee through the report which contained, in many cases already agreed expenditure proposals together with standing items some of which had been amended to reflect inflationary effects and spending patterns. He highlighted savings which should occur in the Council's contributions to the Joint Services Committee arising from his retirement together with ongoing savings from the maintenance staff review in April 2015.

Members were invited to consider the budget which if agreed would require an increase in the Council's precept from £227,000 to £230,000 which represented a 32p per annum increase on an average Band D property.

Discussion ensued on the following issues:

- Community Library Support. It was agreed that the Council would include £2,000 in its budget to support the replacement Community Library at Mancot. It was agreed this contribution would be kept under review in future budgets.
- Citizens Advice Bureau – It was agreed to remove the provision of £275 for this item as the Council's support for the Buckley Outreach CAB could not be justified as it was no longer being used by residents of the Hawarden Community Council area.
- Youth Support – It was agreed to increase the allocation from £4,500 to £6,500 to provide funding to a level of £2,000 for initiatives which might come forward from the Council's Community Youth Representatives.

The Committee agreed that the Council's precept should not be amended to take into account the above decision which cumulatively increased the budget by £1,725 but instead to absorb the costs from Balances.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Flintshire County Council be advised that Hawarden Community Council's precept for 2016/17 was £230,000.

**MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:**

There were none.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm