

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the **MEETING** of the **STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on **8 JULY 2013**

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor George Hardcastle
Vice-Chair: Councillor Judith Hough

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: Mr R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

As per the Council meeting

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No declarations of interest were received by Members.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 10 June 2013, be received as a true record and that they be signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Review of Community Boundaries in Flintshire

The Clerk confirmed that the Council's response had been sent to Flintshire County Council. He advised that Penyffordd Community Council had proposed that Squire's Thatch on the Tinkersdale Road should be included in its Dobshill Ward as it was closer to Dobshill than it was to Ewloe in which Ward it presently lay.

The Committee noted Penyffordd Community Council's proposal but agreed to advise Flintshire County Council that Hawarden Community Council was not in agreement.

POLICE MATTERS:

General

The Chair welcomed PCSO John Searle to the meeting.

Councillor Glenys Diskin asked whether the Police were aware of a very large funeral taking place at 3pm on Monday 15 July which she said would create traffic chaos on Cross Tree Lane at school closing time. PCSO Searle confirmed that the Police were aware.

In response to Councillor Brian Williams, PCSO Searle confirmed that the Police boundary between the South and North districts in Ewloe and Hawarden was the Centre of The Highway/Glynne Way.

Councillor Dave Mackie said that the boundary issues had been discussed with the Police and Crime Commissioner who had stated that there would be no changes in the near future.

PCSO Searle advised that there were a number of antisocial behaviour issues at Hawarden Castle. Rogue traders were also a problem currently.

The Chair thanked PCSO Searle for his attendance.

**UPDATE TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
– 24 JUNE 2011:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

FLINTSHIRE CONNECTS:

Councillor Dave Mackie said that he had asked for this matter to be placed on the agenda as he was aware that Flintshire Council offices had been established in Flint and Holywell and that one was shortly to open in Buckley. He said that as Hawarden Community Council was one of the largest Community and Town Councils in Flintshire, such a facility should be available to residents.

It was however noted that Flintshire's priority was to use its existing buildings to house the Connect offices which would limit the possibility of a location to either the Drill Hall or the Old Rectory. It was further noted that Flintshire County Council might be relocating a number of its Services Departments to Ewloe in the near future, which would negate the need for a Connects office.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to keep this matter under review.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURE 2011 PART 7:
COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS CONSULTATION
DOCUMENT:**

The Chair advised that the Committee was invited to consider making comment on the guidance relating to Section 7 of the Measure.

The Committee's attention was also drawn to a number of the issues included in the Measure. Particularly those relating to the Appointment of Community Youth Representatives and Powers to Promote Wellbeing.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the guidance.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The following matters were reported:

- Ombudsman's Annual Report 2012/2013 had been received and was available for Members' perusal.
- Guidance from the Ombudsman on the Code of Conduct for Members of Community Councils.

This document had been received and copies were distributed to Members.

- Upgrading of Council's Website

The Council's website would shortly be upgraded using funding available to Town and Community Councils from the Welsh Assembly.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report be received.

MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were none.