

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held on
8TH OCTOBER 2018

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Helen Brown

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: As per Council Meeting

170/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

As per Council meeting.

171/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No Declarations of Interest were made by Members pertaining to this committee.

172/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 10th September 2018 be received as a true record and signed by the Chair.

173/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The Clerk advised that she had engaged the services of Tutor Care to provide a First Aid Training course on Thursday 1st November, with spaces available if Members wished to attend. (*Minute item 132/18 refers*)

174/18 POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Steph Jones had submitted her apologies to the meeting but had circulated a recent incident report for information.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

175/18 HIGHWAYS ISSUES:

Streetscene:

John Griffiths, Area Co-ordinator, Flintshire County Council had been welcomed to the meeting and the following issues had been raised:

- i) litter bin to be located by the bus stop outside 44 Level Lane;
- ii) trailing ivy had been ripped from the wall near Wellfield Nursing Home on Wood Lane and thrown into the road;
- iii) waste bin on Carlines Park to be reinstated;
- iv) subsidence in the road at the bottom of Wood Lane following recent utilities work;
- v) timing issues with the lights at junction Gladstone Way/The Highway;
- vi) site meeting requested with residents in Ewloe due to parking issue; and
- vii) overhanging branches in the dip on the B5125, Northop Road.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT: the updates be noted and actioned by John accordingly.

176/18 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES:

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales had published its draft Annual Report for consideration. The Clerk and Financial Officer outlined the key changes within the report and the impact upon Hawarden Community Council and referred members to Table 9 that showed a useful summary of the decisions that required a formal Council resolution. The Clerk and Financial Officer would ensure that the time scales referred to were adhered to which differed from previous years.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report be noted for implementation in due course.

177/18 NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE: ENSURING AFFORDABLE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES – A PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the consultation.

178/18 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR) 2018:

Following the introduction of the new GDPR the Clerk and Financial Officer had updated existing policies and introduced new policies in order to comply with the new Regulations. A copy of each of the policies had been emailed to Members for consideration.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note and accept the revised policies.

179/18 CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised on the following:

The Independent Review Panel had completed its review of the future of Town and Community Council's and published its findings that had been emailed to Members prior to the meeting. The Clerk and Financial Officer outlined the key impacts of the report to members including mandatory training for members, town/community councils to remain and to be created where they are currently non-existent, reduction of the age of voters to 16 in local elections, one annual public meeting to take place and place plans to be published etc. The Welsh Government Ministerial response had been expected in the Autumn 2018.

The Clerk and Financial Officer had been pleased to advise that she had successfully completed the first two units of her CILCA qualification and would progress through the remaining three units in due course.

The Clerk advised that she would attend the National Conference in October and provide a report back to Members in November and that Lord Barry Jones, PC, had written a letter to the Council commending its efforts for the forthcoming memorial commemorative events.

IT WAS RESOLVED TO: note the updates.

180/18 COMMUNITY YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

This item had been deferred in the absence of Sam Bidwell.

181/18 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were none.

182/18 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to exclude members of the public and press for discussion on the following item as it related to a confidential staff matter.