

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the **STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on **10TH JULY 2017**

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Kevin Jones

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer
Fran Griffiths, Administrator

92/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

As per Council meeting.

93/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No declarations of interest were made by Members pertaining to this Committee.

94/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 12th June 2017 be received as a true record and signed by the Chair.

95/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The Clerk advised that she had received a letter from Members of the Gladstone Bowling Club expressing their appreciation of the various measures put in place to alleviate the Anti-Social Behaviour on the Gladstone Playing Fields and car park.

96/17 POLICE MATTERS:

Councillor Helen Meredith said that youths continued to congregate and cause a nuisance at the Old Station House. PC Price confirmed that patrols had been increased in the area particularly around St. David's Park and Gladstone Playing Fields and that there had also been an increase in cycle thefts and break-ins to locked sheds.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates

97/17 HIGHWAYS ISSUES:

Councillor Helen Brown had requested an update on the recent speed review to feedback to residents. PC Martin Price said that any concerns should be addressed to the Go Safe team.

Councillors Janet Axworthy and Dave Mackie had written to Streetscene about the issues facing residents in Groomscroft and Groomsdale. The Council refuse vehicle had been unable to access the lane which had resulted in residents having to bring the refuse to the end of the lane themselves.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the updates.

98/17 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR GLADSTONE PLAYING FIELDS

Councillor Helen Brown had spoken to several organisations who regularly use the Gladstone Playing Fields with a view to closing the gate in the evenings and allowing them to become key holders, with the Manager of the Crown and Liver holding a master key in the event of emergencies. Councillor Joyce Angell argued that this proposal would simply move the problem to another area and would not resolve the matter.

Councillor Kevin Jones had recently seen youngsters congregating in the car park and that there had been an aroma of narcotic substances.

PC Martin Price proposed that joint patrols take place during the evenings with representatives of the Council and the Police to try to engage with the youths concerned.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:

- I) A small working group be established to try to engage with the youths; and
- II) PC Price share dates for possible joint patrols.

99/17 DOG CONTROL PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

The Council had been asked to consider its response to the above consultation. In answer to a question the Clerk confirmed that guided dogs for the blind would be excluded from the Order.

Councillor Glenys Diskin said that Mancot playing fields should be designated as a dog free area and therefore included within the order.

Members agreed to exclude Gladstone Playing Fields from the Order as there had not been any issues with dog control and the impact on the Hawarden Carnival could be detrimental.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Mancot playing fields be included within the Order but that the Gladstone playing fields be not included.

100/17 CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk advised of the following matters:

- A letter had been received from Steve Jones, Head of Streetscene at Flintshire County Council about the Streetscene Coordinators and their attendance at Town and Community Council Meetings. The County Council had proposed that attendance be on a quarterly basis; this was endorsed by Members.
- The County Council had launched its consultation on the Active Travel Integrated Network Map proposals which had been noted.

101/17 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Clive Carver had been given the name of another company to provide a quote for the re-modelling of the Council's Council Chamber but went on to suggest that the Council's own maintenance team could be asked to undertake this work. An update would be included on the agenda for the meeting in September.

Councillor Lowri Earith had received an email from the Head Teacher of Hawarden Village School about a proposal to apply for a grant to establish a Hawarden 'Walking Around History Trail'. Councillor Earith was asked to circulate the email via the Clerk.