

## HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
**STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**  
held on  
**10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

**PRESENT:** Chair: Councillor Dave Mackie

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: As per Council Meeting

### **263/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

As per Council meeting.

### **264/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

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

### **265/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 be received as a true record and signed by the Chair.

### **266/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

In relation to item 221/18, the Clerk and Financial Officer advised that the First Aid at Work training session had taken place on 6<sup>th</sup> December. It had been attended by all employees of the Community Council workforce who successfully passed and received a qualification certificate valid for three years.

In relation to item 224/18, the Clerk and Financial Officer advised that she would arrange a meeting with Members in due course to review the Electoral Arrangements for Flintshire as previously agreed by the Council and following the recent by-election.

### **267/18 POLICE MATTERS:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer had not heard from PCSO Steph Jones nor had she received an incident report but confirmed that she would contact PCSO Jones for an update.

Members reported the following incidents:

- Councillor Janet Axworthy advised of a recent attempt at Co-op stores, St. David's Park, Ewloe to blow the ATM off the wall using a gas cylinder and an attempt the following week by three women to shoplift using distraction methods. She asked that the police be made aware of these incidents.

- Councillor Clive Carver reported to Members that he had recently read about an incident (in the Owl bulletin) of a theft at Broughton Retail Park when a bank card had been stolen from a vehicle whilst the owner had been distracted by a person advising her of a problem with her car using a white foam which had been very convincing and of course, very concerning.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

### **268/18 HIGHWAYS ISSUES:**

John Griffiths, Area Co-ordinator, Flintshire County Council had submitted his apologies to the meeting. The Clerk and Financial Officer advised Members to contact the office with any items for John's attention.

Councillor Lowri Earith advised that work had commenced to improvements to the school at the crossing on Cross Tree Lane. This item would be further discussed during the Clerk and Financial Officer's report.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

### **269/18 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised Members of the following:

- Together with the Chair of Staff and GP and the Senior Maintenance Officer, she had undertaken four interviews for a new Lengthsman/Litter Collector. Carl Wright, an agency worker from Flintshire County Council had been appointed and commenced employment on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. He had already proven himself to be an asset to the Council's workforce.
- A letter of concern had been received from Mr Gittens of Cross Tree Lane following the decision by Flintshire County Council to withdraw the request for double yellow lines on Cross Tree Lane and the rejection of traffic cones being placed on the bend as a temporary measure. The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that the correspondence had been forwarded to the County Council for a response but also wished to share the concerns with the Community Council. A discussion ensued during the course of which it transpired that in addition to the school improvements mentioned above, a further public consultation would commence in January with an initial meeting convened by the County Council at the school and at which County Members, local members and members of the public would be invited to attend and provide their views and concerns. It had been agreed with County Council Members to reconsider a trial one-way traffic system on Cross Tree Lane in order to obtain some traffic data prior to any agreement being made.
- The office would be closed over the Christmas period from 12pm Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 until Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019.

IT WAS RESOLVED TO: note the updates.

**270/18 COMMUNITY YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**

Sam Bidwell had been unable to attend the meeting due to educational commitments.

**271/18 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Councillor George Hardcastle advised that he had received correspondence from Inspector Dave Jolley, North Wales Police about a van and a caravan, with different registration plates, currently parked near the subway by the Gary Speed houses. The vehicles had been moved between several locations but Inspector Jolley had the situation under regular review and anticipated that the vehicles would be removed shortly.