

# HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on 11 July 2016

**PRESENT:** Chair: Councillor Joyce Angell  
Vice Chair: Councillor Glenys Diskin

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Community Youth Representatives: -

Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

As per Council meeting.

The Chair welcomed PC Martin Price and Katie Wilby and Jessica Pritchard from Flintshire Highways department to the meeting.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

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

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

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 6 June 2016 be received as a true record and signed by the Chair.

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

Councillor Clive Carver advised that neither he nor Councillor Alison Halford had received any response from Flintshire County Council in relation to the Household Recycling Centre Survey. He would therefore be submitting a Freedom of Information request to the County Council.

The Clerk advised that The Flintshire County Council (B5129 Chester Road, Pentre, Sandycroft)(Restricted Road) Order 2016 had become operational with effect from Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

### **POLICE MATTERS:**

#### **(a) General matters**

The following matters were raised by Members and PC Martin Price:

Councillor Helen Brown and George Hardcastle advised that the Gypsies had returned to Ewloe and had caused a nuisance. He cited guidance from Shelter Wales that indicated where criminal damage had been caused, the Police were able to act quicker. However PC Martin Price indicated that this information had been shared with North Wales Police Head Quarters but no changes had been made to NW Police Regulations.

PC Martin Price advised that he was aware that London Borough Council's had opted for 'Borough wide prohibitions and that he had shared this information with Flintshire County Council.

Councillor Ve Amos referred to repeated requests for road markings on one side of Mancot Road, Sandycroft and that the County had still not responded. The Officers from Highways, Katie Wilby and Jessica Pritchard, agreed to look into this on behalf of the Council.

The broken down car on cross tree lane was still in place despite Councillor Carver reporting this on a number of occasions.

Councillor George Hardcastle provided an update on the 2 caravans on land owned privately. Discussions were on-going between North Wales Police and Flintshire County Council Planning Enforcement.

Councillor Brian Williams asked whether the Police were able to carry out checks on the vehicles used by Gypsy encampments but was advised that this could not happen as it would be deemed to be discriminatory action.

In response to a query raised by Councillor Clive Carver about certain dogs around Vickers Close, PC Martin Price advised that the owners had been encouraged to talk to the local vets and consider the use of "muzzles" for the dogs.

Parking problems were still on-going in Mancot opposite the White Bear Public House, despite previous visits by the Police. PC Martin Price undertook to approach the residents again with colleagues from Flintshire Highways and the Community Council to discuss options to improve the situation.

Councillor Helen Brown referred to recent anti-social behaviour on Wirral View but the Police had not seen any evidence to exercise any cautions or prosecutions. The use of Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA) was discussed but it was noted that this could be costly. Councillor Brown said that she would continue to liaise with the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit at Flintshire County.

In response to a query from Councillor Clive Carver, the Clerk advised that the sofa had been removed from the forest area near Gladstone Playing Fields.

Councillor Carver also reported parking difficulties around Rectors Lane and Hawarden Village School and it was agreed that the County Council be requested to re-locate the 20 mph sign to ease problems at the junction. Katie Wilby advised that this was already in hand.

A discussion ensued about the feasibility of a one-way system and the Clerk together with the Flintshire Highways Officers agreed to re-visit this. Councillor Joyce Angell suggested that flashing speed lights by the school might also assist.

IT WAS RESOLVED: (i) that the various matters be noted and dealt with accordingly by North Wales Police or Flintshire County Council and (ii) that the Clerk write to Redrow to encourage the swift removal of the Gypsies.

**(b) South Flintshire Consultation Meeting – 5 July**

Councillor Joyce Angell apologised that, on this occasion, she had been unable to attend the meeting.

**HIGHWAYS ISSUES:**

The Senior Highways Supervisor had been unable to attend the meeting.

Councillor Brian Williams referred to the on-going problems with blocked gullies to which the Clerk referred to the recent County Forum meeting whereby Flintshire County Council had indicated that it would be looking at a number of similar issues that had become apparent within Town and Community Council areas due to cut backs on levels of services.

**APPOINTMENT OF PART TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:**

The Committee noted the appointment of Mrs Fran Griffiths as a part-time Administrative Assistant who would commence employment on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that this be noted.

**COMMUNITY TRANSPORT:**

Katie Wilby thanked the Council for the opportunity to attend the meeting and outlined the next steps involved in the pilot scheme. Jessica Pritchard was responsible for the formulation of the Regional Travel Plan and would be progressing this project.

Katie Wilby advised that, to date, 18 Town and Community Council's had expressed an interest in becoming involved in the pilot, which would provide 4 partnership schemes. Some Town and Community Council's had also expressed a wish to take the lead on the partnership schemes.

Katie had developed a map to outline the four areas and asked the Community Council to consider the nomination of at least 2 Members to attend a working group to consider Terms of Reference, Toolkits and Q&As etc which would then be turned into an Action plan for delivery. Katie also provided an update on successful grant funding that had already been secured for this scheme of £170k for the infrastructure and £160k for capital funds. She anticipated a full business case to be prepared by October 2016.

Members expressed the need to ensure that all relevant organisations had been included within the scoping work, including schools and social services and that details around customer demand with current transport providers be established.

Jessica Pritchard would be in touch with the Clerk in order to progress this project.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Councillors Helen Brown and David Mackie represent the Council in the development of the proposed pilot schemes.

#### **CLERK'S REPORT:**

The Clerk advised committee of the following matters:

- Flintshire County Council had recently engaged a contractor to enforce Environmental crime across the authority. The company were called Kingdom and had many years of experience in dealing with littering and dog fouling offences. The company would work in partnership with the County Council and target known "hot spots" of littering and dog fouling.
- Letters had been received from Shelter Cymru and Leonard Cheshire charities asking if they could attend council to share what services they provide
- The new Code of Conduct that Members had recently signed up to had been published in the press.

Councillor Small requested an update on the proposals to reconfigure the Council Chamber.

IT WAS RESOLVED: (i) that the report be noted  
(ii) the invitations be accepted; and  
(iii) the Clerk locate the proposals to alter the Council Chamber and report back to the next meeting on options and costings.

**MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Councillor David Mackie advised that he would be in discussions with Anwyl to discuss on-going issues with wagons driving on the pavements and damaging the roads.