

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on 11TH SEPTEMBER 2017

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Kevin Jones

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

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

156/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

As per Council meeting.

157/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

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

158/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 10th July 2017 be received as a true record and signed by the Chair.

159/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Councillor Kevin Jones thanked Councillors Joyce Angell and Helen Brown for accompanying him on a walk around the Gladstone Playing Fields to help address the issues of Anti-Social Behaviour on the Fields and car park.

160/17 POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Stephanie Jones was welcomed to the meeting and advised of the following:

- Theft of vehicle from Groomsdale Lane after vehicle had been left unsecured
- Theft of a garden bench
- Criminal damage behind the Unilever building – a number of youths would be questioned
- Suspicious person selling fish 'door to door' throughout Flintshire.
- Positive discussions had been held with youths following anti-social behaviour at St. David's Park; the Police would continue to work with the youths and the Sports Development team

Councillor George Hardcastle commented that the double yellow lines had been ineffective at Cross Tree Lane School and asked about the feasibility of a traffic warden to assist with more police intervention.

Councillor Clive Carver stated that the issue was no longer a police enforcement matter as responsibility had transferred to the enforcement team at Flintshire County Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates

161/17 HIGHWAYS ISSUES:

John Griffiths, Senior Maintenance Officer, Flintshire County Council, was welcomed to the meeting and provided an update on the issues reported at the July meeting.

Members raised further issues on the following matters that John agreed to look into:

- Bollards near the Aston roundabout had been knocked down
- Cone appeared to be on a metal spike at Braeside junction with Fieldside
- Two dog bins had been requested in Mancot, one to be sited at Prince William Gardens
- Several sawn off stumps of lampposts appeared to have been left in situ at various locations throughout The Highway

Councillor Janet Axworthy again requested that further bins be added to The Highway and referred to the bin at Carlines Avenue. John advised that the bin had been used frequently for large disposals of household waste and had therefore been removed. It was mentioned that there were 10 bins between Carlines Avenue and Hawarden High School which was more than adequate.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the updates.

162/17 CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk advised of the following matters:

- Places had been available on Councillor Training sessions at County Hall at 6pm on the 14th September
- The Japanese Youth Exchange 2017 had sent a copy of their booklet to the Council and would be available for Members' perusal on request.
- Grants would be awarded to local community groups in November. The Clerk reminded Members to encourage local organisations and community groups to apply.

- New name badges had been ordered for all Members of the Community Council including employees.
- A coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research (World's Biggest Coffee Morning) would be held in the Council Offices on Friday 29th September between 11.00am and 1.00pm.
- The Clerk had sought Council approval to attend a two day National Conference for the Society of Local Council Clerks on the 18th and 19th October; this request was duly endorsed.

163/17 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Ralph Small requested that the notice board outside the (old) Post Office in Mancot be moved across the road to the Village Hall.