

# HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017

**PRESENT:** Chair: Councillor Kevin Jones

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer  
Fran Griffiths, Administrator  
PCSO Steph Jones  
John Griffiths, Flintshire Street Scene  
Sam Bidwell, Community Youth Representative

### **29/017 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

As per Council meeting.

### **30/017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

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

### **31/017 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Councillor Kevin Jones was proposed and seconded and, there being no other nominations, Councillor Kevin Jones was duly elected Chair of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2017/2018.

### **32/017 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 be received as a true record and signed by the Chair.

### **33/017 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Councillor Ralph Small said that the tarmac had not been laid at the bus stop opposite Catherine Gladstone House as previously confirmed by Flintshire County Council. Following a discussion:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Councillor Small and John Griffiths arrange to meet on site.

### **34/017 POLICE MATTERS:**

PCSO Steph Jones introduced herself and said that she would attend future meetings.

PCSO Jones confirmed that the levels of criminal activity during the past month had been low although there had been several ongoing issues of Anti-Social Behaviour in Hawarden as follows:

- i) Three reports of youngsters accessing the Old Station House and using it to drink alcohol and smoke. Network Rail, the owners of the property, had been contacted to arrange for the building to be secured.
- ii) Youths drinking and smoking on Vickers Close resulting in an arrest.
- iii) Drug activity in Gladstone Playing Fields and Tinkersdale. Cars had been searched and one person had been apprehended for follow up action.

PCSO Jones said that had been hopeful of securing some funding under the programme "Street Games" and that she would keep Council informed of progress.

Councillor Helen Brown had received reports of drug activity near the pensioners' bungalows next to the Crown and Liver and asked that this too be kept under review.

Sam Bidwell reported that youths had accessed the Unilever building in Ewloe. PCSO Jones confirmed that she had received reports of eleven incidents in this area.

In response to a query from Sam Bidwell about talking to pupils at the High School, Councillor Joyce Angell confirmed that the police had already attended the school.

Councillor Janet Axworthy thanked North Wales Police for arranging CCTV to be installed on Old Chester Road and was hopeful that it would bring a reduction in the number of incidents.

Councillor Joyce Angell reported that youths had been filmed on CCTV congregating outside the shops in Ewloe.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:**

- i) To note the updates.
- ii) To increase patrols and attempt to engage with the youths to alleviate the anti-social behaviour.

### **35/017 HIGHWAYS ISSUES:**

John Griffiths, Streetscene Manager, Flintshire County Council was welcomed to the meeting.

The following matters were reported to John for follow up:

- video footage of flooding on The Highway due to a blocked drain in a resident's garden
- request for two new dog bins to be installed at the field at Leaches Lane near the pensioners' houses and outside the double gates at Willow Park.

- Japanese knot weed signs and treatment clarification
- request for litter bin in Tinkersdale car park
- request for a dog bin at path leading to the Old Mill, Tinkersdale Car Park
- over growth of grass on pavement on Glynne Way
- overgrown grass verges at Hillfield Road
- three areas of re-instatement works on the B5125 have sunk
- sign needs replacing at Meadowside
- request for a waste bin outside the chip shop in Ewloe
- kerb stone missing at the bus stop near the Hawarden Memorial
- missing bins in Ewloe
- wear from grass cutting equipment on the boundary marker at Tinkersdale

Councillor Ve Amos expressed her sincere disappointment that she had not been invited to attend a meeting to discuss the extension of double yellow lines on Mancot Lane leading to Sandycroft CP School. John Griffiths said that he had attended an informal meeting at the request of Councillor Bob Connah as a County Council Member. He advised that the matter was being looked at. Councillor Ve Amos asked the Clerk to write to County Officers to express her disappointment.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the updates and the Clerk write to County Officers.

**36/017 CLERK'S REPORT:**

The Clerk advised of the following matters:

- road closure to take place on Lower Aston Hall Lane/Plough Lane on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017
- Fire and Rescue Service Improvement Plan had been issued for consultation with a closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017; the Clerk would circulate this to members
- the bus shelter in Ewloe will be upgraded by the County Council
- the group photo for the newly elected Council would take place on 11<sup>th</sup> September.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:

The updates be noted.

**37/017 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:**

There were none.