

## **HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### Minutes of the Meeting of the **STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on **13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

**PRESENT:** Chair: Councillor Kevin Jones

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

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

#### **272/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

As per Council meeting.

#### **273/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were none.

#### **274/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 be received as a true record and signed by the Chair.

#### **275/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

There were none.

#### **276/17 POLICE MATTERS:**

PCSO Steph Jones was welcomed to the meeting and provided a brief update on the recorded activity as follows:

- i) Theft from an insecure vehicle parked on The Highway
- ii) Theft of copper pipe from a property
- iii) Two incidents of suspicious activity in a pub car park
- iv) Male acting suspiciously in Ewloe
- v) Speed survey conducted outside Ewloe CP School
- vi) Speed survey to be conducted near St. David's Park Hotel.

Members thanked PCSO Jones for her updates and Councillor Helen Brown requested that Lower Aston Hall Lane be included in the survey.

Following a question from Councillor George Hardcastle, PCSO Jones said that “Go Safe” had placed strips on the road near to Asda in an attempt to assess vehicle speed in that area.

Councillor Brown reported that speeding cars and drug dealing had been evident on the Gladstone Playing Fields and that representatives from the Scout Hut had been able to provide CCTV footage that the Police would need to review.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

### **277/17 HIGHWAYS ISSUES:**

John Griffiths, Senior Maintenance Officer, Flintshire County Council had submitted his apologies for the meeting. The following items were raised by Members:

- The lollipop lady previously located on Gladstone Way had retired and had not been replaced which had caused some concern about the safety of pedestrians who cross the road;
- The issue with the bins on the farm at the bottom of Groomsdale Lane was still outstanding; and
- John Griffiths had been asked to obtain a price for H bar markings on Holywell Road.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT: the updates be noted.

### **278/17 CLERK’S REPORT:**

The Clerk advised of the following matters:

- An email had been received from the Governing Body of Hawarden Village School to request consideration to install flashing lights outside the school as they had been unable to recruit a new lollipop lady. Councillor Lowri Earith said that she had recently met with the Head Teacher who had suggested that a zebra crossing be installed on Gladstone Way and a pelican crossing on Ash Lane. Councillor Carver also referred to a recent meeting with Councillors Ralph Small and Bob Connah where this issued had been raised. It was agreed to request the Head Teacher and officers from Flintshire County Council to the next meeting to review the current position and consider future solutions.
- Following attendance at the National Conference in October the Clerk advised that a number of follow up actions had been arranged including the review of the Health and Safety policies, Insurance and Risk Assessments, reduced energy bills, use of social media and the re-structure of Town and Community Councils etc. The Clerks report was noted.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT: the Clerk invites the Head Teacher of Hawarden Village School and representatives from Flintshire County Council to the next meeting.

**279/17 CONSULTATION “GUIDANCE FOR PRINCIPAL COUNCILS ON THE REVIEW OF COMMUNITIES”:**

The consultation was noted.

**280/17 COMMUNITY YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**

Sam Bidwell advised on the following matters:

- i) He had spoken to Councillor Brown regarding the Gladstone Playing Fields skate park and would liaise further with Hawarden High School and users of the facility.
- ii) He had commenced discussions with Councillors Dave Mackie and Emma Preece regarding the upgrade to Circular Drive and offered to liaise with users of the facility in due course.

The Clerk confirmed that clarification of the funding available for Circular Drive was paramount and that she would chase up the outstanding monies again.

**281/17 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:**

There were none.