

## **HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### Minutes of the Meeting of the **STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on **18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

**PRESENT:** Chair: Councillor Kevin Jones

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

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

#### **327/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

As per Council meeting.

#### **328/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were none.

#### **329/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 be received as a true record and signed by the Chair.

#### **330/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

There were none.

#### **331/17 POLICE MATTERS:**

PCSO Steph Jones had submitted her apologies for the meeting; however, the Clerk confirmed that PCSO Jones had forwarded a written report which had been emailed to all Members for information.

Councillor George Hardcastle conveyed his anger and distress about a recent incident when his wife had been subjected to verbal abuse and anti-social behaviour from Hawarden High School pupils, whilst driving down Upper Aston Hall Lane. He asked if the Council could send a letter to the Head Teacher at the High School and to the Police to alert them to this incident of unacceptable behaviour.

Councillor Joyce Angell, Chair of Governors at Hawarden High School, stated that the school know the pupils who were responsible for this behaviour. The police had visited the school on several occasions to speak to pupils about their behaviour, road safety and the effects of their actions on the community.

Councillor Angell said situations need to be resolved with the relevant organisations and the families of the children involved.

Councillor Helen Brown said she had been made aware of an incident of verbal abuse from pupils from the high school at Ewloe Social Club over the weekend and stated that the incident had been recorded on CCTV.

Members discussed a number of options to help to alleviate this behaviour including the possibility of the installation of a metal mickey on Upper Aston Hall Lane and the Police conducting patrols at pertinent times.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that a letter be sent to the Head Teacher at Hawarden High School.

### **332/17 HIGHWAYS ISSUES:**

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

- Construction vehicles on the Greenhill Avenue development had carved up the road surface.
- Councillor George Hardcastle requested the Clerk send a letter to Streetscene commending them on their hard work during the recent spell of bad weather.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT: the updates be noted.

### **333/17 CLERK'S REPORT:**

The Clerk advised of the following matters:

- Due to a problem with the water supply at the depot and the hospitalisation of Howard Williams, a member of the maintenance team, the repairs to street lights and Xmas lights had not been carried out as promptly as usual. The Clerk apologised for this and advised that Howard had recovered and returned to work on light duties until Christmas. The water supply to the depot had been successfully repaired by the maintenance team.
- The Clerk had recently attended a meeting of the Clwyd branch for Clerks to Local Councils where, amongst other things, the new General Data Protection Regulations and its implications had been discussed.
- The Clerk had recently attended an informative training session of the Advanced Finance provided by One Voice Wales. Topics included the necessity for the Council to charge VAT on any invoices issued for services provided by the Council - any retrospective invoices would be issued in due course.
- The review of Council policies would be on-going and, for information, the Clerk distributed a list of which Councillor would review which policy. If Member's wish to sit on alternate groups, they were advised to contact the Clerk accordingly.

- The Clerk shared with members the successful outcome of a recent incident that had involved a member of the public depositing a number of bin bags at the Gladstone Playing Fields Car Park. Following a review of the Council's CCTV footage the individual had been identified and contacted and the waste bags been removed.

Councillor Kevin Jones requested the Clerk to pass on the thanks of the Festival Committee to Howard Williams for his hard work during the Glad Tidings event.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

**334/17 CONSULTATION: Flintshire Public Services Board Draft Well-being Plan:**

The consultation was noted. Members had been requested to forward any comments to the Clerk by 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018.

It was agreed that the consultation be reviewed as part of the Council's annual report.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

**335/17 COMMUNITY YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**

Sam Bidwell had submitted his apologies for the meeting.

The Clerk commented that Sam had volunteered his assistance at the recent Glad Tidings event and had been a great support and an asset to the team.

**336/17 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:**

There were none.