

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the **MEETING** of the **STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on **14 MARCH 2016**

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Joyce Angell
Vice-Chair: Councillor Cheryl Carver

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Community Youth Representatives: As per Council Meeting

Officers: R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

As per the Council meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 8 February 2016, be received as a true record and that they be signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none

POLICE MATTERS:

The Chair welcomed PC Martin Price to the meeting.

PC Price confirmed that the Aston subway was being patrolled but as yet there hadn't been any sign of drug dealing/taking.

He commented on parking difficulties on Leaches Lane associated with parents delivering/collecting children from school, which was affecting the bus service. Councillor Amos advised that Flintshire's Enforcement Team had been asked to look at the same problem at the school's other access point on Mancot Lane.

Councillor George Hardcastle referred to a caravan illegally sited on land adjacent to the Vicker's Close Play Area. He said that Flintshire's Planning Enforcement Team were involved but he wished the police to be aware of it because of the close proximity of the play area.

The Chair thanked the Officer for his attendance.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT:

The Chair welcomed Katie Wilby and Councillor Bernie Attridge to the meeting.

The following was reported:-

- Flintshire County Council would be reducing bus subsidies over the next three years. Those with the highest subsidy level were being targeted first.
- Reduced subsidies would be given to the X4, the X9 and the 11. Ariva was looking at supporting the X4 but there might be some timetable changes. The 11 was only proposed to lose its 06.20 service from Holywell to Chester via Hawarden.
- Ultimately there would be core bus routes with, it was hoped, community-based transport networking in to it.
- Workshops were planned for April to explore in detail how community transport could work and to gain more information about who needs community transport and where their destinations are. Each Community Council would have 2 representatives at the workshop.
- FCC would help to facilitate the setting up of community transport and provide practical assistance.
- Cllr Mackie referred to the fleet of mini buses at Coleg Cambria which might be available during the day time for community transport.
- Cllr Hardcastle referred to the service provided by Welsh Border Community Transport in the Council's area. This was financially assisted by the Community Council which subsidised in the order of 4,500 journeys.
- In response to Cllr Williams it was confirmed that the Deeside Shuttle bus no longer operated on a door to door basis.

The Chair thanked Ms Wilby and Councillor Attridge for their attendance.

STAFFING MATTER:

The Clerk advised that due to the poor response the job was being re advertised via the Daily Post recruitment service and Flintshire County Council. The proposed deadline date for return of applications was 6 April with interviews on 14/15 April. A Recruitment Timetable would be circulated to Members.

The Clerk advised that he may cease his pension fund membership on 30 April 2016. This would not however affect his retirement date of 31 May 2016.

Mrs Susan Jones was absent on sick leave until 1 April 2016.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report be received.

SHARED PURPOSE: SHARED FUTURE – STATUTORY GUIDANCE FOR THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015

The Committee considered the correspondence noting that the Community Council's input would not be required until 2018 when it would need to respond to the objectives set by the Public Service Board for the area.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that this be noted.

THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) (WALES) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2016:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the new Model Code and to formally adopt it at the Council's Annual Meeting.

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES – ANNUAL REPORT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the report and to adopt the relevant determinations at the Council's Annual Meeting in May.

SUSPENSION OF RIGHT TO BUY COUNCIL HOMES IN FLINTSHIRE:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to advise Flintshire County Council that Hawarden Community Council supported the suspension.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk advised that he had no items to report.

MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Helen Brown advised that Flintshire County Council would be consulting on the Local Development Plan from 18 March to 29 April.

Councillor Brian Williams asked for details of Welsh Border Community Transport routes in the Community to be available at the next meeting.