

## HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the **MEETING** of the **STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on **11 APRIL 2016**

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

**Councillors:** As per Council Meeting

**Community Youth Representatives:** -

**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 14 March 2016, be received as a true record and that they be signed by the Chair.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Staffing Matters:

The Clerk confirmed that his membership of the Clwyd Pension Fund would continue until his retirement date of 31 May 2016.

### **POLICE MATTERS:**

The Chair welcomed PC Martin Price to the meeting.

The following matters were discussed:-

- Councillor George Hardcastle confirmed that he was satisfied with the action taken regarding the caravan sited near to the Vicker's Close Play Area.
- A speed indicator had been sited on Lower Aston Hall Lane for a seven day period in response to speeding problems. It was hoped that a permanent device would be put in place in due course. Councillor Ralph Small stated that a similar problem existed in Cottage Lane and Colliery Lane, Mancot.

- Travellers had set up camp at the former Unilever buildings at St David's Park.
- Councillor Helen Brown referred to successful and unsuccessful attempted break ins to vans on the Penarlag Estate. Councillor Clive Carver referred to an attempted break in to a van at Hawarden Institute on the previous evening. Two youths had been chased off.
- Councillor George Hardcastle referred to the protective fencing on the Aston A55 flyover bridge having pulled off. He had reported this to Flintshire County Council but he was concerned about the danger this created for young children.

PC Price noted the items raised.

The Chair thanked the Officer for his attendance.

### **COMMUNITY TRANSPORT:**

The Committee was informed that further to the address given at its March meeting, the Council had been invited to nominate two Members to attend a workshop on this matter at Theatre Clwyd on 26 April.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Councillors Dave Mackie and Alison Halford would represent the Council.

The Chair referred the Committee to the statistics attached to the agenda relating to the Welsh Border Community Transport service in the Council's area, which showed that in the period April 2015 to March 2016 3,568 journeys had been provided.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the Welsh Border Community Transport statistics.

### **STAFFING MATTER:**

- Recruitment of Clerk & Financial Officer:

The arrangements for the interviews/presentations and the pre-interview sessions and reception were confirmed

- Administrative Assistant

Mrs Susan Jones was absent on sick leave until 30 April 2016.

- Temporary Maintenance Assistant:

IT WAS AGREED: to extend Mr Whitney's temporary contract until 31 October 2016.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report be received.

**HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE SURVEY:**

Members were heavily critical of what seemed to be a worthless Survey.

Councillor Halford, as a County Member, undertook to pursue the reasons for such a vacuous survey and to ascertain the money wasted in conducting it.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

The Clerk advised that he had no items to report.

**MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Councillor Helen Brown informed the Committee of political hustings to be held at John Summers High School on 15 April in connection with the Assembly elections.

