

## HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the **MEETING** of **HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
Held on **8 SEPTEMBER 2014**

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

**Councillors:** Ve Amos, Joyce Angell, Helen Brown, Clive Carver, George Hardcastle, David Hough, Judith Hough, Kevin Jones, David Mackie, Emma Preece, Ralph Small, John Walker and Brian Williams.

**Officers:** Mr R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Alison Halford, Alan Diskin and Glenys Diskin.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14 July 2014 be approved as a true record and that they be signed by the Chair.

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

There were none

### **MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings of the following Committees be received:

Staff & General Purposes Committee	14 July 2014
Lighting Committee	14 July 2014
Playing Fields Committee	14 July 2014
Planning Committee	14 July 2014
Community & Environment Committee	14 July 2014
Finance Committee	14 July 2014
Recess Planning Committee	8 August 2014
Recess Finance Committee	8 August 2014

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS OF HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report be received and that the ‘seniorities’ be noted and agreed.

**REFURBISHMENT OF CHAINS OF OFFICE:**

The Clerk reported on the need for the Chair’s and Vice-Chair’s Chains of Office to be refurbished. He showed photographs of a recently refurbished Chain compared to those of Hawarden Community Council.

Members variously spoke on the importance of the impression given by the Chains of Office at Civic functions.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to have both Chains refurbished complete with new wine coloured bANDS at a cost of £500.

**VICE-CHAIR’S REMARKS:**

The Vice Chair congratulated Councillor Glenys Diskin, the Clerk and his wife for completing the zip wire challenge in aid of Heart Research and Prostate Cancer.

The Vice-Chair referred to the Commemorative Service for the Centenary of the First World War held at St Deiniol’s Church on 3 August, arranged by the Council and the Community in Bloom presentation evening. She thanked all those involved in the arrangements for both events.

Councillor Mrs Carver said that she had accompanied the Chair of Council to the World War I Commemorative Service at Connah’s Quay where the Chair had been presented with a slate plaque marking the event.

The Vice-Chair had represented the Council at the Saltney Town Council Civic Service and would be attending the Leeswood Civic Service on 14 September 2014.

**ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014:**

The Council was advised that its external auditor Hacker Young intended to issue an unqualified audit certificate, but was drawing to the Council’s attention the need to “formally assess the suitability of the internal auditor”.

The Council was also required to approve the Annual Return and authorise its signing by the Chair of Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

(a) to approve the signing of the Annual Return.

(b) to confirm the Council's satisfaction with its internal auditor JDH Business Services, noting that it was the pre-eminent internal auditor of Local Councils in North Wales.