

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the **STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on **9 JUNE 2014**

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor David Hough
Vice-Chair: Councillor Alison Halford

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: Mr R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

As per the Council meeting

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No declarations of interest were received by Members.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2014/2015:

Councillors Ralph Small and David Hough were proposed and seconded. Councillor Small thanked his proposer and seconder but said that as he had previously chaired some of the major Committees and Councillor Hough hadn't he felt that he should allow Councillor Hough to have the opportunity to do so. He therefore asked for his nomination to be withdrawn. Councillor Hough was therefore duly elected Chair of Committee for the Municipal Year 2014/2015. Councillor Hough thanked Councillor Small for his gesture.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 14 April 2014, be received as a true record and that they be signed by the Chair.

POLICE MATTERS:

It was noted that PCSO John Searle was being transferred to Buckley. A replacement PCSO was expected.

COMMUNITY REVIEW:

The Chair referred Members to the extracts of the report submitted to Flintshire County Council's Cabinet, relating to Hawarden Community Council, which recommended that Councillor numbers should be increased from 17 to 20, post 2017.

Councillor Small commented on the need for consideration to be given to accommodating an additional three Members in the Council Chamber.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report be received.

**ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS –
WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT (WAG):**

The Chair advised that WAG was seeking views on the draft statutory guidance regarding access to information on Community and Town Councils. He further advised with regard to the actual requirements of the Act that there were only two issues which the Council did not currently meet. Firstly in connection with Members' political affiliations and secondly regarding the audited accounts. These matters would be addressed.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the document be noted and the two items be addressed.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The following matter was reported:

- Highway Safety Issues – Hawarden Village

Members were advised of a letter received in relation to concern about pedestrian safety being compromised by line markings at the junction of The Highway/Glynne Way and the Tinkersdale Road.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to support the suggested proposals for the re-lining of the junction and to refer the matter to the Highways Department for comment.

MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Helen Brown said that County Members for Hawarden, Aston and Ewloe had met with the Head Teacher of Hawarden High School and Officers of the County Council in connection with the imposition of parking restrictions at various locations including the junctions of The Highway with Wood Lane and Upper Aston Hall Lane. It was expected that the restrictions would come into force in September/October 2014.

Councillor Mackie said that the proposed restrictions would not affect local residents as they would be time limited and vehicles only parked there at school finishing time.