

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the MEETING of the STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on 10 FEBRUARY 2014

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor George Hardcastle
Vice-Chair: Councillor Judith Hough

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.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 13 January 2014, 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 and PCSO Hadfield Jones to the meeting.

PC Price said that arising from the discussions at the January meeting in connection with antisocial behaviour at Gladstone Playing Fields he had asked colleagues to visit the playing fields as part of their routine patrols to provide reassurance to users. With regard to the policing arrangements for the area PC Price confirmed that his responsibility was for Mancot and the parts of Hawarden and Ewloe on the north side of The Highway.

The Chair thanked PC Price for his update and invited Members to raise any relevant matters.

Councillor Helen Brown asked for updates on an attempted abduction of a school girl on Aston Hall Lane and damage to vehicles on Carline's Park. PC Price commended the actions of Hawarden High School in issuing letters warning all pupils about the attempted abduction. With regard to the damage being caused to vehicles in Carline's Park he said that the Police were continuing their enquiries and had carried out a leaflet drop to all properties in Carlines Park.

Councillor Kevin Jones requested an update on the burglary of the home of an elderly couple in the St David's Park area. PCSO Hadfield Jones said that the burglary had taken place in the daytime when the couple were at home. They had been visited and given advice on security and offered the loan of a surveillance camera.

PCSO Hadfield Jones advised that she and PCSO John Searle were receiving training in the use of hand held speed detectors and would be available to carry out detection at any hot spots. Councillor Judith Hough asked for attention to be given to Lower Aston Hall Lane, where there was a persistent problem.

The Chair thanked the Officers for their attendance at the meeting.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC SERVICE GOVERNANCE AND DELIVERY:

The Chair referred Members to extracts of the Williamson Commission's report relating to its proposals for the merger or enlargement of Town and Community Councils by 2016/2017, on which it was expected there would be consultation in due course.

Councillor Mackie commented on the importance of the present scale of Community and Town Councils and their ability to represent their communities.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report be received.

POLICIES:

The Chair referred Members to the following policies, copies of which were attached to the agenda:-

- (a) Handling of Complaints
- (b) Information Requests
- (c) Data Protection
- (d) Information Security
- (e) Press/Media
- (f) Equality and Diversity

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the policies be adopted.

ONE VOICE WALES:

The Committee was reminded of the address given at its last meeting by Mr Lyn Cadwallader, Chief Executive of One Voice Wales and sought the Committee's decision as to whether Hawarden Community Council should become a member.

Following a short discussion IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Council would not become a member of One Voice Wales.

JOINT SERVICES COMMITTEE;

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee, held on 16 January 2014, a copy of which were attached to the agenda, be received.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The following matters were reported:-

- Road Surface, Stamford Way, Ewloe

In response to the number of road accidents at this location Flintshire County Council were erecting 'Slippery Road' warning signs and would be considering road surface treatment in 2014/2015.

- Outreach CAB Buckley

The statistics for 1 October to 31 December 2013 were circulated. It was noted that there had been no use of the facility by residents of the Community Council's area.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report be received

MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were none.