

## HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the **MEETING** of the **STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on **11 JANUARY 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 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 December 2015, 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 PCSO Poppy Hadfield Jones to the meeting. She explained that PCSO Matthew Gordon was the PCSO for Hawarden and Ewloe but that she would be working in the area to focus on antisocial behaviour in the St David's Park area.

PCSO Hadfield Jones took the Committee through a report on crime and antisocial behaviour for the November and December period. The report referred to incidents of thefts from sheds and garages, domestic incidents and several incidents of antisocial behaviour in the St David's Park area involving youths in groups of more than twenty.

PCSO Hadfield Jones advised that she would be working alongside Hawarden High School and other agencies and companies on St David's Park to develop a project which would hopefully divert those on the periphery of the group away from their current pattern of behaviour. The leaders of the group would be targeted in a different and more conventional manner.

The Police, it was explained, had decided to set up this project because of the long standing nature of the problem and the lack of youth service provision in the area.

The following issues were raised by Members:-

- Parking on the pavement outside the former Alyn & Deeside District Council Offices which was impeding the visibility of vehicles turning out of Cross Tree Lane.
- The influence of alcohol on the behaviour of the youngsters causing the antisocial behaviour in St David's Park.

The Chair thanked PCSO Hadfield Jones for her attendance and looked forward to receiving positive news about the results of the forthcoming project.

#### **STAFFING MATTER:**

##### Retirement of the Clerk & Financial Officer

IT WAS RESOLVED: that a Working Group of 4 Members from Hawarden and Broughton and Bretton Community Councils and 2 from Shotton Town Council should be formed to oversee the arrangements for advertising for the replacement Clerk & Financial Officer and put forward proposals for the interview and selection process.

The Chair of Council, Vice Chair of Council, Chair of Staff & GP Committee and Chair of Finance Committee were elected to serve on the Working Group which would be serviced by the Clerk & Financial Officer. The recommendations of the Working Group would be reported back to the Committee's next meeting on 8 February 2016.

#### **CLERK'S REPORT:**

The following matters were reported:-

- The Buckley Outreach Office statistics for September had been received. They indicated that again there had been no visits made to it by residents of the Hawarden Community Council area.
- The Flintshire CAB Annual Report for 2015/2015 had been received and was available for perusal.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- (a) To give serious consideration towards the Council's future financial contribution to the Buckley Outreach CAB in view of the attendance statistics.
- (b) To receive the report.

**MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Councillor Clive Carver referred to the proposed scheme of improvements at Queensferry roundabout. He said that he had visited the recent exhibition of the plans and considered the scheme to be unnecessary as it would achieve little of any significance and would be likely to be irrelevant if and when a decision was made on the future route of the A494.

Councillor Glenys Diskin reported that the Mancot Post Office would be closing on 23 February 2016. At this time it was uncertain as to whether a replacement Post Office would be sited elsewhere in the immediate area.