

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the MEETING of the STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on 12 OCTOBER 2015

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

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: Mr 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 September 2015, be received as a true record and that they be signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Action Plan for Highways and Car Parking in Hawarden

The quotation for the bollards was awaited.

POLICE MATTERS:

There were no matters raised by Members.

HIGHWAY MATTERS:

The Chair welcomed John Griffiths the area Supervisor to the meeting and invited Members to raise any relevant matters.

The following matters were raised:

- The need for the roadside gulleys between Wood Lane, Hawarden and the Gladstone Way junction on The Highway to be jetted, as they have been blocked in previous years causing localised flooding.
- Litter bins on the path linking Level Road and Maple Crescent were not being emptied.
- The timescale for the introduction of parking fines.

Mr Griffiths noted the first two items and advised that parking fines were being rolled out on a Town by Town basis.

The Chair thanked Mr Griffiths for his attendance.

COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFERS – PLAY AREAS:

The Chair referred Members to the report which set out the likely revenue and capital costs which would be incurred by the Council, should it decide to accept the transfer of the four County council play areas.

Members variously expressed concern regarding the costs associated with the transfer whilst acknowledging the importance of the play sites to young people. Sophie Sims confirmed that the sites were highly valued by young people and would be missed if they ceased to exist. She also confirmed the poor condition of the play equipment at Sheridan Avenue.

Councillor David Mackie said that he understood that there had been discussions at Flintshire County Council concerning the availability of match funding for transferred sites together with some initial pump priming monies.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to write to Flintshire County Council to seek confirmation concerning the availability of funding support should the Community Council agree to accept their transfer, particularly given the poor condition of the equipment at Sheridan Avenue and to a lesser extent at Level Road.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984:

- Proposed 30mph speed limit (Restricted Road) (Revocation) B5125 Hawarden to Broughton.
- Proposed 30mph speed limit (A550 Colliery Lane, Mancot) Order 20.

Councillor Clive Carver commented that whilst supporting the introduction of the 30mph speed limits, the Order relating to the B5125 differed from one previously consulted on which also created a 50mph speed limit midway between Moor Lane and Rake Lane.

With regard to Colliery Lane the Clerk, in the absence of any Mancot Ward Members, reminded the Committee that this proposal had previously been supported by the local Members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to advise Flintshire County Council that the Community Council supported the proposed implementation of the 30mph speed limits.

NORTH WALES FIRE SERVICE: - CONSULTATION DOCUMENT ON HOW TO MAINTAIN EXCELLENT, AFFORDABLE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES IN NORTH WALES IN 2016/2017 AND BEYOND:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the document, copies of which had been enclosed with the agenda.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The following matters were reported:

- Mr Sean Williams and Mr Robin Davies' work placements were due to end on 23 October 2015. The Clerk said that they had been a great assistance to the Direct Maintenance Team.
- Mr Paul Davies' placement was due to end on 30 October 2015. He would resume in late February 2016. Mr Davies continued to be a great asset to the work of the Direct Maintenance Team.
- Review of Community Boundaries. – The Local Government Boundary Commission had reported to the Welsh Government supporting the County Council's proposal to increase the number of Ewloe Ward Members from 4 to 7 with effect from May 2017.
- Deeside Library Hub Consultation – An open evening was being held at Deeside Leisure Centre between 5pm and 7pm on 15 October 2015.
- Buckley CAB Outreach Office statistics July to September – only 3 Deeside residents had used the service.
- Preparations for Winter – Flintshire County Council, as in previous years was offering salt bins at a cost of £135 plus £60 to fill to Town and Community Councils to supplement the County Council's bins should it be deemed necessary.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report be received.

MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor George Hardcastle advised the Committee that residents of sheltered housing units and not on benefits were now being charged for pest control services.