

## **HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the MEETING of the STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on 13 JULY 2015**

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

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 8 June 2015, be received as a true record and that they be signed by the Chair.

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

(a) General

- Community Asset Transfer

The Committee was advised that the meeting with Mr Ian Bancroft, Chief Officer for Organisational Change had been arranged for 6.30pm on Tuesday 13 August 2015.

(b) Action Plan for Highway and Car Parking Issues in Hawarden.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the Action Plan. Councillor Clive Carver noted the installation of the bollards outside Hawarden Post Office and commented that he had also expected the bollards to have been placed in front of the Estate Agents and Hairdressers adjacent to the Post Office. Councillor Carver was advised that this had not been discussed at the Working Group nor had it been requested as part of the Council's submission to Flintshire County Council. It was agreed that this matter be discussed as an agenda item at the Committee's September meeting.

## **POLICE MATTERS:**

The Chair welcomed PCSO's Danny Kelly and Mike Grey to the meeting. The Officers introduced themselves as the Connah's Quay and Shotton PCSO's respectively. The Officers gave a brief report on criminal activity/antisocial behaviour in the Community Council area including a burglary from a shed in Blackbrook Avenue, Hawarden, low levels of antisocial behaviour in the area generally, ongoing problems of vandalism at the Unilever building on St David's Park, Ewloe and a request which PC Martin Price has made to the Highways Department to consider the extension of the zig zag lines at the footpath entrance to Sandycroft School off Mancot Lane.

The Chair thanked the Officers for their report and invited Members to raise any relevant matters.

Councillor Helen Brown commented on reports she had read on social media concerning thefts of dogs from properties which had been identified by chalk marks. The Officers said that there was no evidence that this was taking place and it appeared to be scaremongering on social media.

Councillor Alison Halford commented on the situation at the Unilever building explaining that there was a stand-off between Unilever and the County Council in respect of the outstanding period of the lease which was not helping the situation. Councillor David Mackie said that he understood that CCTV would be re-introduced at the property which should reduce the nuisance taking place at the site.

Councillor Glenys Diskin referred to a scam phone call she had received from someone claiming to be from the Police inviting her business to take an advert. Councillor Ralph Small commented that this was not a new practice and that he was aware of a similar scam having taken place 20 years previously.

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

## **BUS SHELTER – MANCOT LANE, MANCOT:**

The Chair referred Members to correspondence received from Flintshire County Council inviting Hawarden Community Council to consider assisting in the purchase and installation costs of a bus shelter in the vicinity of Mancot Royal Close, Mancot Lane, Mancot.

Following a brief discussion concerning the usage of this bus stop and the uncertainty of the route going forward Members did not feel that they could support this request.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to advise Flintshire County Council that the Community Council was not prepared to match fund the provision of a bus shelter at this location.

## **FLINTSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU – BUCKLEY OUTREACH:**

The Chair referred Members to the statistics for the period April to June 2015, which in common with the previous quarter indicated that no residents from the Hawarden Community Council area were making use of this service at this location.

Councillor Helen Brown commented that the opening of the new Buckley Connect would be likely to affect the usage of this facility by the general public.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the statistical report be received

## **CLERK'S REPORT:**

The Clerk reported on the following matters:-

- (a) Staff Training
- (b) Acquisition of an office computer
- (c) Acquisition of vehicle warning livery and welding equipment arising from information received by staff at recent training courses attended.
- (d) Clwyd Pension Fund Service Level Agreement 2015/2016.  
The Service Level Agreement, which was identical to the 2014/2015 Service Level Agreement had been received and completed.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report be received

## **DOCUMENTS FOR PERUSAL:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note that the Public Service Ombudsman's Annual Report for Wales 2014/2015 had been received and was available for Members' perusal.

## **MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:**

The following matters were raised by Members:

Councillor Ralph Small advised that the motor cycle/bicycle restrictions had been removed from the footpath linking Park Avenue and Cottage Lane. The Clerk undertook to follow this up.

Councillor George Hardcastle informed the Committee that he understood that Mr Mike Eastwood the Streetscene Supervisor would shortly be transferred to another area and he asked that a letter be sent to Mr Eastwood's Manager commending Mr Eastwood for the work he had undertaken in the Council's area.