

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the MEETING of the STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on 14 JULY 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:

Councillor Emma Preece declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 6 Flintshire Citizens Advice Bureau Outreach Office – Buckley.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 9 June 2014, be received as a true record and that they be signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Highway Safety Issues – Hawarden Village

Flintshire County Council had responded to this matter stating that “... It is unlikely that the position of the white line adjacent to the fountain will influence the turning movement. Motorists will be unwilling to make a more exaggerated movement...” The Clerk said that he had responded to the County Council questioning this assumption and reminding them that the problem was not a hypothetical one but one in which an elderly gentleman had been struck by a vehicle turning close to the fountain.

Councillor Halford said that she was concerned both about the County Council’s response but also about the number of incidents which had occurred in the Hawarden Village. Councillor Halford asked that an item be placed on the Council’s September meeting to discuss this issue further with a view to establishing a Group to look specifically at the problem.

POLICE MATTERS:

The Chair welcomed PCSO Will Evans to the meeting and assured him that should he require any assistance on any matters he should not hesitate to contact either the Clerk or Members individually.

The following matters were raised by Members:-

- Vandalism of seating at the Penarlâg CP School Playing Fields
- Car parking problems in Cross Tree Lane, associated with parents bringing/collecting their children to and from the Village Church School.

The Chair thanked PCSO Evans for attending the meeting and wished him every success in this his first post.

FLINTSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU OUTREACH OFFICE AT BUCKLEY:

The Chair referred Members to the correspondence received from Buckley Town Council identifying the usage of the facility on a location by location basis. The statistics showed that the Hawarden Community Council area accounted for approximately 3% of clients and that its financial contribution matched this.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to continue supporting the Buckley Outreach Office at the current level.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Ombudsman's report for the year 2013/2014 had been received and was available for perusal.

MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Brian Williams said that he had noticed that surface water flooding seemed more prevalent at times of heavy rainfall than in the past. It was suggested that this may be a result of a reduced level of street cleaning leading to road gullies becoming blocked.

It was agreed to place an item on this matter on the Committee's September agenda.