

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the **MEETING** of the **STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on **9 FEBRUARY 2015**

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Community Asset Transfer

A response had been received from Flintshire County Council agreeing to provide hard copy information.

POLICE MATTERS:

The Chair welcomed PCSO Will Evans to the meeting

PCSO Evans reported the following:-

- A spate of burglaries from sheds and outbuildings.
- Opportunist thieves were looking for unlocked vehicles to break into/steal.
- A large funeral was taking place on the afternoon of 10 February. Traffic disruption was anticipated.
- He requested that if Members required information on North Flintshire to email any questions to him in advance of the meeting.

In response to Councillor David Hough, PCSO Evans advised that if he again witnessed litter being thrown from a vehicle to take the vehicle's details.

PCSO Evans was thanked for his attendance.

COUNCIL CHAMBER:

The Chair referred to the report and plan showing the proposed re-configuration of the Council Chamber, which would enable the Council to continue to meet in the Chamber post 2017, when the number of Councillors would increase to 20. This would involve carrying out alterations to the entrance steps and creating a Dais on the left hand wall. This would of course be subject to the approval of the Institute Management Committee.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that:

- (a) the proposal be supported
- (b) permission for the alterations be sought from the Hawarden Institute Management Committee
- (c) the Council would meet all costs.

STAFFING MATTERS:

(a) IT WAS RESOLVED: that due to the confidential nature of the matter to be discussed the press and public be excluded.

(b) The Clerk gave a full account of the matter and the action taken to date. He sought the Council's agreement to proceed with disciplinary action in accordance with the Council's Disciplinary Policy and for the Chairman to be authorised to act.

IT WAS RESOLVED: accordingly.

DEVOLUTION, DEMOCRACY AND DELIVERY WHITE PAPER REFORMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT: POWER TO LOCAL PEOPLE:

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- (a) to note receipt of the notification of the White Paper
- (b) to defer the matter to the Committee's March meeting
- (c) to respond before the Consultation period's closing date of 28 April 2015.

HIGHWAY SAFETY AND TRAFFIC ISSUES IN HAWARDEN:

The Chair referred Members to the report, a copy of which had been sent out with the agenda, setting out the Working Group's recommendations based on its own views and those solicited from interested parties in the Community.

Councillors Glenys Diskin and Kevin Jones expressed their concerns about the proposal for bollards to be positioned on the pavement in front of Hawarden Post Office to prevent vehicles parking half on it. They were concerned that this would make it difficult for delivery vehicles. Councillor Brian Williams said that he believed that delivery vehicles would be able to park in Rectory Lane if necessary, particularly if the alteration to time limited parking was adopted.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that:

- (a) the Working Party be commended for its work
- (b) the proposals included in the report be agreed
- (c) the recommendations be forwarded to the County Highways Authority and its response sought.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk advised that the Council had been asked to confirm whether it supported the proposed crematorium at a site in Starkey Lane, Northop.

IT WAS AGREED:

- (a) to confirm that the Council supported the proposal for a crematorium site in Flintshire because of the delays and costs associated with using a crematorium outside the County.
- (b) not to specify where in the County the crematorium should be sited.

MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were none.