

PROCEDURE FOR ELECTING THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

13TH NOVEMBER 2017

Relevant Minute Extracts:

Minute 14th July 2014

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The Chair referred the Council to the discussion paper which had been prepared setting out a proposal for the election of Chair and Vice-Chair of Council based upon length of service and where relevant the time elapsed since having previously been the Council's Chair. The proposal would ensure a fairer system of electing the Chair and Vice-Chair based on service and would remove consideration of party allegiances and personal differences.

IT WAS RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: that the Council adopt the policy as set out.

[Copy of report attached at 1]

Minute 8th September 2014

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS OF HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report be received and that the "seniorities" be noted and agreed.

[Copy of 8th September report attached at 2 and an updated list at 3]

Minute 14 November 2016

PROTOCOL FOR THE ELECTION OF CHAIRS

Councillor Clive Carver had requested that this item be placed on the agenda and referred to the earlier policy that had been agreed by Council in July 2014 which had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting. He also referred to the report that had been presented to Council in September 2014 that provided a list of forthcoming chair appointments based on the policy of seniority Councillor Carver felt that the policy seemed a little unfair to newer Members as it allowed some Chairs to have several terms of office before a new member had the opportunity to become a Chair. The Council had decided to elect chairs using the same procedure as Broughton and Bretton Community Council.

Councillor Joyce Angell confirmed she would not wish to be elected as the Chair.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that this matter be reviewed in November 2017, six months following the election of a new Council.

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HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

14 JULY 2016

Procedure for Electing Chair of Council

Purpose of Report: To promote discussion concerning establishing a policy for the method of electing the Chair and Vice-Chair of Council.

Introduction:

Members will recognise that the role of Chair of Council confers no particular powers to the Chair beyond procedural ones in the meeting of the Council itself, but it is a prestigious position wherein the holder is the 'figurehead' to the Council and is its representative at functions within and outside the Community. It is therefore an honour to be afforded the opportunity to perform the role one which arguably should be earned through service to the Council.

The Council will be aware that the current practice is the Vice-Chair to be elected Chair, although this is not a certainty as other counter nominations can be proposed. This has happened in the past, albeit not very often.

It is the process of electing the Vice-Chair which Members are invited to review. In the past Vice-Chairs have on occasions been elected having only served a very short period of time, whilst longer serving Members have been overlooked. In some local Councils however the Vice-Chair is elected on the basis of length of service and if that Member has previously been the Chair of Council, the length of time that has elapsed since last being Chair. All Members are therefore ranked in order of 'Seniority' and become Vice-Chair and subsequently Chair accordingly.

The establishment of such a policy rewards longer service and ensure fairness in the election of Vice-Chair and subsequently Chair.

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Appointment of Chairs for Hawarden Community Council

Further to the resolution of the Council dated 14 July 2014 to adopt a policy for the election of Chair to the Community Council based on seniority. A list as detailed below has been compiled.

For those who have previously been Chair their 'seniority' dates from their last time as Chair. For those who have not previously been Chair their seniority dates from the date on which they were elected/co-opted to the Council.

It was agreed at the Council's meeting on 14 July that the current Vice-Chair Councillor Cheryl Carver would become Chair in May 2015 and that the seniority policy would be put in place for the election of the Vice-Chair who would then become Chair in 2016/17.

1. Councillor P C Carver	Current Vice-Chair
2. Councillor G D Diskin JP	Chair 95/96
3. Councillor A G Diskin	Chair 02/03
4. Councillor J Angell	Chair 05/06
5. Councillor D Hough	Elected May 2008
6. Councillor D Mackie	Elected May 2008
7. Councillor J Walker	Elected May 2008
8. Councillor G Hardcastle	Chair 08/09
9. Councillor H Brown	Chair 09/10
10. Councillor K Jones	Elected Sept 2009
11. Councillor R Small	Chair 10/11
12. Councillor C S Carver	Chair 11/12
13. Councillor B Williams	Elected June 2011
14. Councillor E Preece	Elected May 2012
15. Councillor V Amos	Chair 12/13
16. Councillor J Hough	Chair 13/14
17. Councillor A Halford	Chair 14/15

NB: Where the first meeting of an elected Councillor is the same date as a Member becoming Chair, seniority has been given to the new Member.

Where a Member has joined after a Chair's year of office has commenced seniority has been given to the Chair.

When new Members are appointed to the Community Council and existing Members resign or are not re-elected the list will be revised on the basis agreed. Should a Member be co-opted or re-elected following a break of service his/her seniority will date from the time of the co-option/election i.e. previous service will not count.

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COUNCILLORS DATES OF ELECTIONS/CO-OPTION AND LAST HAVING BEEN CHAIR OF COUNCIL			
		ELECTION/CO-OPTION	LAST CHAIR
1	Cheryl Carver	May 2010	2015/16
2	Glenys Diskin	Feb 1988	1995/96 and 2016/17
3	Alan Diskin	May 1995	2002/2003 and 2017/18
4	Joyce Angell	May 1995	2005/06
	David Hough	May 2008	
	John Walker	May 2008	
5	Dave Mackie	May 2008	
6	George Hardcastle	March 2002	2008/09
7	Helen Brown	May 2004	2009/10
8	Kevin Jones	Sept 2009	
9	Ralph Small	May 1992	1997/98 and 2010/11
10	Clive Carver	May 2004	2011/12
	Brian Williams	June 2011	
11	Emma Preece	May 2012	
12	Ve Amos	May 2008	2012/13
	Judith Hough	May 2008	2013/14
	Alison Halford	May 2008	2014/15
13	Helen Meredith	May 2016	
14	Janet Axworthy	May 2017	
15	Gillian Brockley	May 2017	
16	Lowri Tegan Earith	May 2017	
17	Wendy Mallin	May 2017	
18	Dan Preece	May 2017	
19	Aston Vacancy	Nov 2017	
20	Ewloe Vacancy	Nov 2017	