

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the **MEETING** of the **STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on **12 JANUARY 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 8 December 2014, be received as a true record and that they be signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Streetscene Issues

It was noted that the works to the collapsed gully in front of the War Memorial had not yet been carried out.

Highway Safety and Traffic Issues in Hawarden

The Working Group was meeting on 16 January.

NJC – Staff Pay Scales 2015

The 2.2% pay award had also been extended to the Clerk but not the unconsolidated one off payment of £100.

POLICE MATTERS:

The Chair welcomed PC Martin Price, PCSO Will Evans and PCSO Fiona Cartwell to the meeting.

The following matters were raised:-

- Burglaries in Courtland Drive, Aston Park – PCSO Evans undertook to look into this and update Councillor Hardcastle.
- Boar's Head, Ewloe – The premises had now been securely boarded.

- Burglary in High Park, Hawarden – The incident was still under investigation.
- Sprayed paint markings outside properties. The Officers were unaware of this and said that criminals more commonly used chalk markings to pin point target properties.

The Officers were thanked for their attendance.

COUNCIL CHAMBER:

The Chair referred Members to the report attached to the agenda regarding the need to consider the Council's Chamber post May 2017, when the number of Councillors would increase from 17 to 20.

The report highlighted a number of options including other venues in the Community together with possible structural alterations to the existing Chamber and amended seating arrangements.

The Committee acknowledged the various options and identified that the preferred option and the one with the most advantages was to continue to use the existing Chamber and further investigate what alterations would be required to enable it to accommodate the additional Members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Clerk, Councillor Clive Carver and Councillor Brian Williams should investigate the practicality of altering the existing Chamber, its access and seating arrangements and report back to the Committee with their recommendations.

COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFERS

Following a brief discussion concerning the responses received from FLVC and Flintshire County Council and the proposed training programme which appeared irrelevant to the Asset Transfer process IT WAS RESOLVED:

(a) to advise FLVC and Flintshire County Council that Hawarden Community Council would not enter into discussion about the possible transfer of assets without full details of asset conditions and running costs being provided in advance.

(b) not to attend the training sessions.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk gave a confidential report on a staffing matter.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter and the action taken be noted.

MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were none.