HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held on
8 MARCH 2010

PRESENT:  Chair:  Councillor Ralph Small
            Vice-Chair: Councillor Helen Yale

Councillors:  As per Council Meeting

Officers:  R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Kevin Jones

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest made by Members

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED:  that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on
8 February 2010 be received as a true record and that they be signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Planning Enforcement Appeal – Sea View Farm, Ewloe

Councillor Yale advised that a Public Meeting of local residents had been arranged for
6pm on Thursday 18 March at the Church of the Holy Spirit. The intention was to gauge
residents views on the action which they would wish to see taken.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

IT WAS RESOLVED:

(a)  To formally note that the participation of those Councillors who were also
     Members of the County Council, in both the debate and subsequent vote,
     was on the basis that the views expressed were preliminary views taking
     account of the information made available to the Community Council.  The
     County Councillors reserved their final views on the applications until they
     were in full possession of all relevant arguments for and against.

(b)  That the County Planning Authority be advised that this Council’s
     observations on the applications submitted to it for consideration were as per
     the attached schedule.
PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the planning application decisions be noted.

FLINTSHIRE UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROPOSED MODIFICATION, REPRESENTATIONS AND ADOPTION PROCESS:

The Committee was advised that the proposed modifications contained recommendation for the inclusion of land at Ash Lane, Mancot and land off Overlea Drive, Hawarden within the UDP.

Councillor Glenys Diskin said that she would opposing the inclusion of the land at Ash Lane as this would increase housing within the Mancot settlement area by 25% whereas a settlement of Mancot’s size should only increase between 8-15%. She said that she would also be expressing her concern that Mancot residents had not had the opportunity to put their views forward at a Public Inquiry as the site had been identified by the Inspector and residents had only been given six weeks to respond.

Councillor Angell said that she was appalled at the proposal and said that Flintshire’s villages were losing their identity as a result of such proposals. She cited the case of Ewloe which had more than doubled in size with the developments of the St David’s Park.

Councillor Halford said that the next stage of the process would involve the drawing up of local development plans and there may be an opportunity for further representation to be made on the concerns expressed by Councillor Angell.

Councillor Carver advised that he would be opposing the inclusion of the land off Overlea Drive as this too had been brought into the process at a late stage following the relaxation of highway visibility requirements which meant that previous restrictions to the development of the site were no longer valid.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

(a) to note the next stage of the process as outlined in the letter attached to the agenda from the Head of Planning.

(b) to note the proposed opposition to the inclusion of land at Ash Lane, Mancot and Overlea Drive, Hawarden by the Local County Members.

MEMBERS’ INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were none.