

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the MEETING of the STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on 8 APRIL 2013

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Brian Williams
Vice-Chair: Councillor Ve Amos

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: Mr R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

As per the Council meeting

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No declarations of interest were received by Members.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 11 March 2013, be received as a true record and that they be signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Communication to Chief Constable

The Clerk referred Members to a letter received from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office, copies of which had been tabled. It appeared that the letter was a further response to an earlier letter of the Council's and not a reply to its letter inviting the Commissioner to meet with Members of Hawarden and Broughton and Bretton Community Councils and Saltney Town Council

POLICE MATTERS:

Councillor Hardcastle complained about the continuing non attendance of a Police representative at the Council's meetings. He cited that the Police had however arranged a meeting at Woodside Community Centre on the previous Friday evening between 7pm to 9pm which was so badly timed that it was pointless.

Councillor Halford said that she believed the lack of liaison via the Community Council meetings had reached breaking point. She said that she considered that the latest letter received from the Commissioner's Office was "telling us to go away". She questioned what response members of the public would receive if this was how elected Members were treated and whether a complaint should be made to the Independent Police Commission.

Councillor Amos asked whether any Member had any information concerning the continuation of the Police Panel meetings at Deeside. She said that she had attended the first meeting but the timing had been altered without notice. The second meeting was cancelled, again without notice.

Councillor Brown said that the Police had promised email updates on recent issues but these had never been received. Councillor Halford said that Hawarden High School were concerned that its links with the local Police had been broken.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to await receipt of the Commissioner's response to the request for a meeting with Members of Hawarden and Broughton & Bretton Community Councils and Saltney Town Council prior to taking further actions to seek redress.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Chair of Council be authorised to sign the agreement.

COMMUNITY REVIEW:

The Chair explained that Flintshire County Council was undertaking a review of Town and Community Council boundaries and their electoral arrangements, draft guiding principles of which were attached to the agenda.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the draft guiding principles for the review be accepted.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk said that he had no matters to report.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that this be noted.

MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

The Chair referred to a complaint he had received concerning parking at the junction of Wold Court, Hawarden.

It was noted that yellow lines were in place at this location to ensure that the junction was kept clear. Councillor Clive Carver said that Flintshire County Council would be introducing traffic wardens when parking was decriminalised at the end of 2013 when transgressions would be dealt with appropriately. He cited other parking problems in the lay by in front of the sheltered bungalows, almost opposite Wold Court and suggested that some of the problem could be attributed to the non availability of parking provision for the Estate properties in that vicinity.