

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the MEETING of the STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on 9 NOVEMBER 2009

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor George Hardcastle
Vice-Chair: Councillor Ralph Small

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: Mr R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Helen Yale, Alan Diskin, Glenys Diskin, John Edwards and Julia Royds.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No declarations of interest were made by Members.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 12 October 2009 be received as a true record and that they be signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Citizens Advice Bureau, Buckley

The Clerk advised that the CAB was to view an office in Buckley and subject to it being suitable Buckley Town Council proposed to convene a meeting with the CAB and representatives of this Council.

POLICE MATTERS:

The Chair welcomed PC Pullen and PCSO Price to the meeting and invited the Officers to address the Committee.

PCSO Price advised that the Halloween and Bonfire period had been relatively quiet in Mancot and that the only matter of concern at present was the speed of traffic using Ash Lane. He referred to the recent Neighbourhood Policing Panel meeting which he said had gone well.

PC Pullen advised that antisocial behaviour in the Ewloe/Hawarden area remained a constant problem and he said that he supported the Council's decision to secure the entrances to Gladstone Playing Fields at dusk each day. He further commented about the discussion which was to ensue later in the meeting in connection with the provision of a CCTV monitoring system at Gladstone Playing Fields and said that he supported such provision.

PC Pullen said that he had issued five speeding tickets to motorists on Gladstone Way at a time which coincided with the Airbus factory shift change.

PC Pullen advised that four motorists who had received parking tickets for parking on the stretch of road from the St David's Park roundabout to the Post Office had challenged their penalties as there was no restriction in place along that section of highway. PC Pullen said that he was presently waiting for a ruling.

PC Pullen finally reported that at present there was a spate of thefts from garden sheds.

The Chair thanked the Officers for their reports and invited Members to raise any relevant matters with the Officers.

Councillor Halford questioned whether there was any information concerning the burglaries which had taken place at Smithy Lane and Holywell Road, Ewloe. PC Pullen said that both these burglaries were under investigation and that two arrests had been made.

Councillor Carver sought clarification as to whether PC Pullen had received an email in connection with an incident involving youngsters throwing objects at a vehicle travelling along The Highway, Hawarden. PC Pullen confirmed that he had received the communication.

Councillor Carver commented on the speed of traffic using Cross Tree Lane and an example where local Community Councils had jointly purchased a speed gun for their respective areas.

Councillor Hardcastle expressed his disappointment that there appeared to have been a breakdown of communication in respect of an issue which he had raised with the Police in respect of a resident of Cambrian Way, Ewloe. PC Pullen said that he had been in liaison with the resident prior to the issue being raised by Councillor Hardcastle and that the person causing the nuisance had now moved away from the area.

Councillor Hardcastle questioned the deployment of Deeside Officers in the Council's area which was controlled from Mold. PC Pullen said that this was necessary in order to cover times when he was not on duty.

Councillor Halford questioned whether the intended site visit to the Chippy Lane footpath had taken place. PC Pullen clarified it had not taken place as yet but one was being arranged.

Councillor Carver thanked the Officers for arranging the visit to the Control Centre and the Airbase at Rhuddlan.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The following matters were reported:

- Information had been received from the Rector of Hawarden in connection with the holding of a Community Civic Service on Sunday 7 March 2010 at 6pm.
- The Clerk thanked Members for their attendance at the Remembrance Service on the previous day and also the staff who had assisted in the arrangements.

MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were none.