

## **HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the MEETING of the STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on 10 JUNE 2013**

**PRESENT:** Chair: Councillor Judith Hough  
Vice-Chair: -

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.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2013/2014:**

Councillor George Hardcastle was proposed and seconded. There being no other nominations Councillor George Hardcastle was duly elected Chair of Committee for the Municipal Year 2013/2014.

#### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 8 April 2013, be received as a true record and that they be signed by the Chair.

#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

##### Police Matters

Councillor Dave Mackie said that he had attended a meeting at which the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner had stated his desire to develop close links with Town and Community Councils. Councillor Mackie said that he had raised the issues of Police attendance at Town and Community Council meetings and Police boundaries with the Commissioner, to which a written reply was promised.

Councillor Alison Halford said that she had also been in attendance and had submitted a number of written questions prior to the meeting. The questions related to the lack of response to matters raised in correspondence by Hawarden Community Council, standardisation of police uniform and the processing of non urgent telephone calls by the Police.

## **POLICE MATTERS:**

(a) General – no matters were raised

(b) Correspondence from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note receipt of the correspondence dated 26 April 2013 and 17 May 2013.

## **REVIEW OF COMMUNITY BOUNDARIES IN FLINTSHIRE:**

The Chair referred Members to the report attached to the agenda. The report set out the reasons for the Review and advised that the Council was being invited to make comment on how the Council's wards and/or Councillor to elector ratios could be altered to meet the requirements of the Review, having regard to the agreed eight guiding principles.

Members took note of the comments made by Flintshire County Council in relation to the inconsistent ratio of Councillors to electorate in the Ewloe ward and the suggestions for addressing it.

Members discussed possible alterations of the Hawarden ward boundary to include parts of the current Mancot and Ewloe wards, suggested by Councillor Clive Carver. There was however no agreement to this.

Councillor Preece proposed that the existing boundaries should remain, that the existing Councillor numbers in the Hawarden, Aston and Mancot wards be retained but that the Council ask for the Ewloe ward to be increased from four to six.

The proposal was put to a vote and agreed by a majority. Councillor Alison Halford, Cheryl Carver, Clive Carver and Brian Williams asked for it to be recorded that they had voted against the proposal.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Flintshire County Council be advised that Hawarden Community Council wished the status quo to continue with the exception of the number of Councillors in the Ewloe ward which should be increased from four to six.

## **FLINTSHIRE CONNECTS:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: to defer this item to the Committee's July meeting.

## **CLERK'S REPORT:**

The following matters were reported:

- Road Traffic Regulations, Glynne Way, Hawarden
- Training on Governance and Code of Conduct

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matters be noted.

**MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:**

There were none.