

## **HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the MEETING of the STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on 10 SEPTEMBER 2012**

**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 9 July 2012, 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 confirmed that he had written on the Council's behalf to the Chief Constable. He had received a reply on 25 July advising that the District Inspector would reply to the letter. To date no reply had been received. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Chair of the North Wales Police Authority advising of the failure of the North Wales Police to respond to a letter of concern about liaison between the Police and Town and Community Councils first sent in April 2012.

- Town/Community Council Representation on Flintshire Standards Committee

It was reported that Councillor Duggan-Keen of Caerwys Town Council would be the representative.

#### **POLICE MATTERS:**

The Chair welcomed PC Anthony Butlin to the meeting and thanked him for attending whilst off-duty.

### Police Attendance

Councillor Clive Carver said that he had been advised that the Police would attend if they were given advance notice of issues. PC Butlin said that was the case but Officer shortages made it difficult for attendance at meetings. In view of this PC Butlin said that he would provide an email of relevant issues for presentation at the Council's meeting.

Councillor Ralph Small said that he accepted the difficulties surrounding Officers attending but felt more could be gained via face to face discussions.

### Anti Social Behaviour

Councillor Brian Williams said that he had witnessed some extremely drunk youngsters in the community causing anti social behaviour. PC Butlin said that in some cases the alcohol was being purchased by proxy by adults for profit, some by underage purchasing and some was being given to youngsters by their parents.

PC Butlin said that since 1 June there had been 25 incidents of anti social behaviour in Hawarden and Ewloe, 8 of which related to public houses.

### Community Beat Boundaries

In response to the Chair of Committee PC Butlin commented that in the case of Ewloe, where the area was split in two along The Highway it would be easier from a CBM's viewpoint if the village was in one area, policed by one CBM.

The Chair again thanked PC Butlin for his attendance.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to invite the Inspector of South Flintshire to the Committee's next meeting to discuss the perceived problem of Ewloe being policed by CBM's from different divisions.

### **INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL FOR WALES:**

The Chair referred Members to the report attached to the agenda.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Committee broadly supported the proposals but that clarification be sought as to whether the proposed payment of £100 was automatic or on receipt of expenditure and also if it was subject to taxation and NIC where applicable.

### **CONSULTATION DOCUMENT – STRATEGY GUIDANCE TO WELSH LOCAL AUTHORITIES ON THE POWER TO PROMOTE OR IMPROVE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL OR ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000:**

The Chair referred Members to the consultation document which had been circulated with the agenda.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

## **HEALTHCARE IN NORTH WALES IS CHANGING:**

The Chair advised that the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board was consulting on proposals for changes to healthcare services as set out in the consultation document circulated with the agenda.

It was noted that there were consultation events being held at various locations in North Wales. Councillor David Mackie said that he had attended the event at Connah's Quay which he said had been poorly attended. The main issue arising from that was concern that patients from Deeside were not being sent to the nearest acute hospital at Chester because of the cost of doing so.

Members noted Councillor Mackie's comments and the Clerk advised that should any Member wish to hear a presentation on the proposals they could do so by attending the County Forum meeting at County Hall on 12 September.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Council respond to the consultation document by expressing concern that Deeside patients were not being sent to the nearest acute hospital because of boundary/funding issues.

## **CLERK'S REPORT:**

The following matters were reported:-

- Redecoration of Council Chamber

The Clerk sought the Committee's agreement to invite a decorator to quote for decorative repairs to the Council Chamber.

- Clwyd Housing Association

The Annual report had been received and was available for perusal.

- Road Closure – Aston Hall Lane

The Lane would be closed between the Barnyard and Bennett's Lane on 14 October 2012 for a safety inspection of the railway bridge.

- Flintshire Night Out

Details of the programme were described.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

(a) that the report be received

(b) the Clerk obtain an estimate for decorative repairs to the Council Chamber.

## **MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- Arriva Bus Service

Councillor David Mackie said that he had been in conversation with the General Manager of Arriva Buses who had offered to attend a meeting of the Council to speak about the bus service.

- Resurfacing of Wood Lane

Councillor Kevin Jones advised the Committee of chaos caused to motorists and the disruption of the bus service along Wood Lane, Hawarden as a result of resurfacing works which had started but had not been completed.

- Old Aston Hill Residents Association

Councillor Helen Brown said that the Group now had a written constitution. She said that the Group was likely to be seeking funding support from the Council for an event proposed for December. She sought the Committee's agreement to consider the application in October rather than November, which would be too late to finalise arrangements for the event.

### **IT WAS RESOLVED:**

(a) to invite the General Manager of Arriva Buses to a future meeting of the Committee.

(b) to consider a funding application from Old Aston Hill Residents Association in October, should an application be received.