

## **HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the MEETING of the STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on 11 FEBRUARY 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 14 January 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 confirmed that there had been no response to date and that he would follow it up.

- Redecoration of the Council Chamber

The Clerk said that the works were ongoing. The redecoration costs had increased by £280 due to additional emulsion painting required.

- Parking opposite the Wood Lane/The Highway junction

This was being monitored by the PCSO

- Joint Services Committee

The Committee had met and had approved its budget for 2013/2014.

**POLICE MATTERS:**

Councillor Alison Halford referred to the recently appointed North Wales Commissioner for Police and Crime. She proposed that he be invited to a meeting of Town and Community Councils to explain his proposals for policing in North Wales and to take questions from elected Members. She suggested that a number of Councils should be represented at the meeting as this would be more likely to ensure his attendance. Following some discussion it was agreed that elected Members of Broughton and Bretton Community Council and Saltney Town Council should be invited to participate in the meeting.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the Clerk should liaise with Councillor Glenys Diskin about the proposal.
- (b) if agreed by Councillor Glenys Diskin to invite the participation of Broughton and Bretton Community Council and Saltney Town Council in the meeting.
- (c) Dependant upon the responses received from Broughton and Bretton Community Council and Saltney Town Council to invite the North Wales Commissioner to a meeting.

**WINTER MAINTENANCE:**

The Chair referred Members to the report which confirmed the areas which the Council's workforce had cleared on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> January. The report also referred to requests which had been made for salt/grit bins to be placed at two locations.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:**

- (a) that the report be received.
- (b) salt/grit be placed near the base of the footbridge from St David's Park to Mare Hey Lane, Ewloe for the benefit of residents using it as a safe route to Ewloe Green CP School.

**HEALTH CARE IN NORTH WALES IS CHANGING:**

The Chair referred the Committee to the document which had been received from the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and invited comments.

Councillor David Mackie referred to Point 1 of the document relating to the development of enhanced care at home. He said that this had been trialled in Denbighshire but what was being 'rolled out' was not what had been trialled.

Councillor Helen Brown expressed her concern that the Head of Planning at the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board was not waiting for the consultation period to end before acting.

Councillor Alison Halford said that she considered that the changes had been pushed through without meaningful consultation having taken place.

Councillor David Hough noted the proposals for the establishment of Hospital Hubs and questioned why Deeside Community Hospital had not been designated as one.

Councillor Judith Hough raised concerns expressed to her by residents complaining about the disparity of hospital waiting times for Welsh patients using English hospitals compared to English patients.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:**

(a) The Minister for Health and Social Services be written to in connection with the Council's serious concerns about the changes proposed to health care in North Wales and how it was being undertaken.

(b) Representation be made to the Minister for Health and Social Services in connection with the disparity of waiting times for Welsh patients in English hospitals.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

The following matter was reported:

- CAB Buckley

The figures for the Outreach Office at Buckley for the period 1<sup>st</sup> October – 31 December 2012 had been received. There had been 45 visits to the office. None of those visiting were residents of the Hawarden Community Council area.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the report be received.

**MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:**

There were none.