

## HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the **MEETING** of the **STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on **11 MARCH 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 February 2013, be received as a true record and that they be signed by the Chair.

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

##### Communication to Chief Constable

It was reported that the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner had responded indicating that he had asked the Chief Constable's office for a briefing on this matter and that he would write again shortly.

A letter had also been received from Temp Inspector Andy Griffiths offering to meet the Council to arrange a mutual meeting date to discuss the Council's concerns. The Committee noted that the Temp Inspector Griffiths had not responded to the Council's request made to him at the Committee's October 2012 meeting concerning CBM coverage of Ewloe despite a number of reminders.

IT WAS AGREED: to await the response from the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner.

##### Police Matters

The Committee was informed that the proposal to invite the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner to a joint meeting with Broughton and Bretton Community Council and Saltney Town Council had been discussed with Councillor Glenys Diskin as suggested. She had confirmed that she supported the idea. Broughton and Bretton Community Council had confirmed that it would welcome the opportunity to meet the Commissioner. A response from Saltney Town Council was awaited.

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

The Chair referred Members to a reply received from the Minister for Health in which she encouraged the Council to discuss its concerns with Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board in connection with the proposed changes. With regard to the matter of waiting times for Welsh patients who are being treated in England she had confirmed that they were being treated within Welsh waiting time standards to ensure equality for all Welsh patients.

Arising from this Members expressed their concern and disappointment regarding the changes proposed by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board citing that local people are not always able to be admitted to Deeside Community Hospital due to beds being occupied by patients from out of the area, ambulances queuing outside hospitals, the closure of Llandudno Hospital and the knock on effect on already stretched hospitals.

Councillor Helen Brown proposed a vote of no confidence in the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. This was duly seconded and unanimously agreed.

## **POLICE MATTERS:**

Councillor Brian Williams referred to an assault on a local teenager which had resulted in him being kept in hospital for 24 hours due to concussion. He said that the Police had taken six days to attend to the incident. He cited a further incident when a householder had apprehended a burglar on his premises and the Police had taken three hours to attend.

Members noted their disappointment in the Police response to these incidents and the importance of holding a meeting with the Police Commissioner as proposed.

## **PROPOSED 40 MPH LIMIT – A550 TINKERSDALE:**

The Chair advised that Flintshire County Council intended to install a 40 mph speed limit, in place of the existing 60 mph speed limit, from the existing 30 mph speed limit at Tinkersdale Car Park to a point 15 metres prior to the A55/A550 interchange at Dobshell.

The Committee noted its agreement to this proposal which the Council had been seeking for 20 years, in which time there had been untold incidents and fatalities.

## **PROPOSAL TO ALTER THE DATE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS IN WALES:**

The Committee was informed that the Welsh Assembly Government proposed to defer the next elections until May 2017.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the proposal.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

The Clerk advised that he would be hosting the quarterly meeting of the North Wales Society of Local Council Clerks' in the Council Chamber on 15 March. The meeting was being attended by the National President.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that this be noted.

**MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:**

There were none.