

# HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the **MEETING** of the **STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on **11 OCTOBER 2010**

**PRESENT:** Chair: Councillor Alison Halford  
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 Alan Diskin, Glenys Diskin, George Hardcastle, Mike Jones and Danielle Platten.

### **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 13 September 2010 be received as a true record and that they be signed by the Chair.

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

#### Bus Stop – Courtland Drive

The Clerk advised that Flintshire County Council had agreed to accept the Community Council's offered contribution of £600. The County Council would now progress with the provision of a bus shelter and associated works to the footpath.

#### Electoral Arrangements in Flintshire Draft Proposals

The Chair advised that Flintshire County Council had advised the Boundary Commission for Wales of its opposition to the proposals and the Authority was considering the possibility of seeking a judicial review into the matter.

### **POLICE MATTERS:**

The Chair welcomed Sergeant Andy Massey, PC Cath Jones and PCSO Sian Atkinson to the meeting and invited the Officers to address the Committee.

It was explained that PC Jones was covering for PC Gill Lehrle who would be absent for duty for some time arising from an unexpected serious health matter. Members expressed their concern for PC Lehrle's health and agreed to send a get well card via her Inspector and once she was home to send flowers to her.

PCSO Atkinson gave details of the incidents which had taken place in Mancot over the past month making particular reference to antisocial behaviour, including the unauthorised drinking of alcohol on the Mancot playing fields. PCSO Atkinson said that following discussion with Mancot residents at the recent Neighbourhood Policing Panel it had been agreed that the Police would focus attention on antisocial behaviour and dog fouling.

Councillor Small confirmed that there was an issue with underage drinking in Mancot and that he had seen evidence of it in the footpath leading from The Paddocks to Park Avenue.

Councillor Amos referred to an incident which took place in Mancot Library car park most Friday evenings. Sergeant Massey thanked Councillor Amos for the information.

Councillor Clive Carver referred firstly to complaints he had received in connection with vehicles parking on the pavement in the vicinity of Hawarden Post Office and asked if the Police would be vigilant about this. Secondly he referred to speeding along Gladstone Way, Hawarden and gave details of an incident involving a heavy goods vehicle which narrowly missed an elderly lady crossing the road. Sergeant Massey said that he would notify Arrive Alive of the issue.

The Clerk raised an issue on behalf of Councillor Platten who was unable to be at the meeting in connection with disturbance being caused to residents living in the vicinity of the junction of High Park and The Highway late on Friday and Saturday evenings due to rowdy behaviour. PC Jones said that she was working late shifts on the coming weekend and would monitor this.

The Chair thanked the Officers for their attendance at the meeting.

#### **JOINT SERVICES COMMITTEE:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2010, a copy of which were attached, be noted.

#### **RELOCATION OF COUNCIL'S OFFICE:**

IT WAS RESOLVED:

(a) to agree to submit a planning application for change of use of The Lodge from residential to office use.

(b) to appoint an Architect to produce elevation drawings in connection with the provision of disabled access to the building.

#### **PROPOSED PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AT CROSS TREE LANE, CROSS TREE CLOSE AND ASH LANE, HAWARDEN:**

Councillor Clive Carver summarised the background to the problems faced by residents of Cross Tree Close and Gladstone House associated with the Cross Tree Lane Schools.

Councillor Carver said that the proposed scheme was the first attempt to solve the problem and that it was important that the Council should accept the scheme to ensure that it could proceed. In reply to comments by other Members that the scheme did not go far enough Councillor Carver said that the view of the Police and the Highways Authority was that they could not put a blanket ban on parking completely and that there had to be provision at some points on Cross Tree Lane.

Councillor Kevin Jones said that he was concerned that this was a further example of more parking restrictions in the area and that he was mindful of those with walking difficulties.

Councillor Carver said that the Mancot ward County Councillors who were unable to be present that evening were in support of the scheme. Furthermore it would not affect those with walking difficulties as they would have appropriate parking permits.

IT WAS RESOLVED: not to object to the scheme.

#### **CLERK'S REPORT:**

The following matters were reported

- Buckley Town Council was in correspondence with the Highway Authority in connection with warning signs which had recently been erected in the vicinity of the Drury Lane Railway Bridge which was having the effect of encouraging road users to use the centre of the bridge.
- Councillor Platten had asked for the Council to give consideration to making an approach to 02 to improve its signal in the Hawarden area.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report be received and whilst noting the sensitivities of the location of mobile telephone masts to approach 02 with a view to the Company improving its signal in the Hawarden area.

#### **MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:**

There were none.