

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the **MEETING** of the **STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on **12 SEPTEMBER 2011**

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor George Hardcastle
Vice-Chair: Councillor Clive Carver

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: Mr R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Helen Brown and Alison Halford.

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 11 July 2011, be received as a true record, subject to the word legal in para3 on page 37 being amended to illegal, and that they be signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The Council's Office

The Clerk confirmed that BT had offered six months free line rental services and Broadband as compensation for its failure to transfer the Council's services to the new premises as required.

POLICE MATTERS:

The Chair welcomed Sgt Heyward, Special Constable Amy Roscoe and PCSO Adam Wilson to the meeting.

Sgt Heyward apologised that Inspector McKeown was unable to attend the meeting. Sgt Heyward explained the recent changes which had taken place to the Policing Districts which now meant that most of the properties in the Aston Electoral Ward were policed by the new Flintshire North District.

In response to Councillor Judith Hough Sgt Heyward said that he would contact her with an update on progress regarding the individual who had been committing acts of indecent exposure in the locality.

Councillor Ralph Small questioned what the procedure was when a vehicle was broken into on private premises. Sgt Heyward advised that if the suspect was still on the premises the Police would attend straight away. However if the suspect had left an appointment would be made to visit.

PCSO Adam Wilson informed the Committee that an Action Plan was in place in respect of Gladstone Playing Fields and the site was visited every few hours at Weekends.

Councillor George Hardcastle questioned whether the Police had received many complaints in respect of noise nuisance emanating from the Crown & Liver, which was now subject to a review of its licence. PCSO Wilson replied that the Police had received only one complaint and since speaking to the Licensee there had been no further complaints in the last two weeks.

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

WINTER MAINTENANCE:

The Chair referred Members to the documentation attached to the agenda which set out the County Council's proposals for dealing with winter maintenance.

Having considered the documentation there was a consensus that there were two possible ways which the Community Council could assist, firstly, via the purchase and subsequent refilling of Salt Bins and secondly, via involvement as a local volunteer organisation. Members however had concern that the use of Salt Bins was often abused by residents for personal use.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to invite Mr Steve Jones, Head of Flintshire's Street Scene Service to the Committee's next meeting to discuss how the Community Council could best assist.

THE REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) REGULATIONS 2006:

The Chair advised that the Community Council had been invited to comment on the suitability of the existing Polling Stations.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to advise Flintshire County Council that the existing Polling Stations were considered suitable.

THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE:

The Committee was advised that the Council had been invited to consider whether it wished to organise the lighting of one of 2,012 beacons being lit on 4 June 2012 to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Following some discussion, IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Council would participate in conjunction with other local organisations, subject to their agreement, with the event to be held at Gladstone Playing Fields, Hawarden.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The following matters were reported:-

- Mr Richard Clarke's probationary period comes to an end on 30 September
- Mrs Susan Jones was absent due to having fallen and broken her wrist.
- Mr Howard Williams was undertaking training in Herbicide Spraying.
- The Clerk was assisting with Flintshire County Council's application to WAG for a controlled pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of Ewloe Green CP School.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report be received.

MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor John Walker advised that he was now an independent Member and was no longer aligned to the British National Party.