

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the MEETING of the STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on 12 OCTOBER 2009

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor George Hardcastle
Vice-Chair: Councillor Helen Yale

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: Mr R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Edwards, Alison Halford, David Hough, Judith Hough, and Kevin Jones.

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 14 September 2009 be received as a true record and that they be signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Environmental Assessment

Councillor Yale noted that an Environmental Assessment was to be undertaken in Aston and said that it was normal practice for a local Member to accompany the Community Beat Manager.

Citizens Advice Bureau, Buckley

The Clerk advised that Buckley Town Council had thanked the Community Council for its in principle support for a CAB service in Buckley and would keep the Council informed of developments.

Consultation on Proposed Legislative Competence Order relating to Community Councils and Councillor Recruitments, Retention and Allowances

The Committee was advised that there had been no response from the Welsh Assembly Government in connection with the concerns raised.

POLICE MATTERS:

The Chair welcomed PC Chris Monkeiwicz to the meeting and invited him to address the Committee.

PC Monkeiwicz presented a report on behalf of PC Pullen who was unable to attend the meeting. The report advised as follows:

- PCSO Wilson was undertaking a project at Deeside for a 16 week period commencing 9 November.
- Parking Cross Tree Lane Schools – PC Pullen had met with both Head Teachers and had organised to meet the School PTAs in October. PC Pullen would report back to the Council following completion of his discussions.
- County and Community Councillors were invited to attend a Yowley Road Residents meeting on Sunday 1 November.
- A site meeting was to take place on the Chippy Lane footpath, Ewloe on Sunday 1 November to which County and Community Councillors were invited to attend.
- The visit to the North Wales Police Airbase was arranged for 23 October, with those attending to meet at Hawarden Institute at 6.15pm.
- PC Pullen requested a contribution from the Council towards the cost of a visit to the Airbase by residents of the Woodside Centre.

The Chair thanked PC Monkeiwicz for presenting the report. He said however that he was concerned that at the last meeting PC Pullen had indicated that he would relay information to his colleagues but it was apparent that this had not taken place as PCSO Wilson was unaware of the situation vis-à-vis Cambrian Way. Councillor Hardcastle said that he had raised his concern with the Inspector.

Councillor Amos questioned whether there had been any feedback in respect of the shooting she had reported at the previous meeting. PC Monkeiwicz advised that there had been no progress on this incident as unfortunately they had been unable to gain any information in connection with either the registration or the description of the vehicle from where the shots had been fired.

Councillor Carver reported that he would be meeting PC Pullen in the near future to review the situation referred to earlier in connection with parking outside the Cross Tree Lane Schools.

The Chair thanked PC Monkeiwicz for his attendance at the meeting.

NATIONAL JOINT COUNCIL SALARY AWARD 2009/2010:

The Chair advised that following agreement by the Employer's side and the Unions salary increases of 1.25% had been agreed for Officers on salary scale points 4-10 and 1% for those Officers on scale points 11 and upwards.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that this be noted

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk advised that there were no matters which he wished to draw to the Council's attention

MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Yale advised that Flintshire County Council intended to introduce double yellow lines on the stretch of The Highway from St David's Park roundabout to the Co-operative store and from the St David's Park roundabout to the last house on the opposite side from which point onwards to the Post Office there would be a restriction of a two hour period with no return for a further two hours. It was hoped that these enforcements would be in place by late November 2009.