

## **HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the MEETING of the STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on 16 APRIL 2012**

**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:**

As per the Council meeting

#### **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 12 March 2012, be received as a true record and that they be signed by the Chair.

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

##### Mancot Lane, Mancot

The Clerk confirmed that a joint letter had been sent to residents living in properties opposite the White Bear Public House and close to the Cottage Lane junction. He said that it was not apparent that the situation had improved as a result.

##### Street Scene Service

The Clerk reported that Harvey Mitchell the Flintshire County Council Street Scene Manager would be attending the Council's June meeting to apprise Members of the service alterations.

#### **POLICE MATTERS:**

The Clerk confirmed that he had invited Inspector McKeown to the meeting. However Inspector McKeown had been replaced by Inspector Geoff Moses who had been uncertain of his ability to attend.

The Clerk said that he had received an email that day from PC Cath Jones advising that she was transferring from her post as CBM for Hawarden and Ewloe to take up a response position. She would be replaced by PC Anthony Butlin who had previously been a CBM in Mold.

Members noted the response which had been received from Mr Mark Tami MP in connection with the Council's letter concerning the deterioration in liaison and communication between the Police and Town and Community Councils in Flintshire. Members felt that it was apparent from the reply that it would be necessary to take the matter further and Councillor Halford proposed that the Council should write directly to the Chief Constable enclosing a copy of Mr Tami's letter.

Councillor Clive Carver referred to incidents of arson in the Gladstone Playing Fields woods over the past two weeks, which were giving concern to residents in Birch Rise. Councillor Brown said that there had also been arson incidents on the Penarlag estate. The Clerk said that the Arson Reduction Team had visited Gladstone Playing Fields and had left signs to be erected which warned the public of deliberate fires being started in the area. Members of the Arson Reduction Team intended to speak on this subject at a forthcoming assembly at Hawarden High School. He said that the Council's workforce had cleared area of undergrowth which were providing cover for the youngsters and had also removed quantities of dead wood which could be used for starting fires.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:**

(a) to note the situation at Gladstone at Gladstone Playing Fields

(b) to write directly to the Chief Constable in connection with the Council's concerns regarding liaison and communication between the Police and Town and Community Councils in Flintshire and to enclose a copy of the Member of Parliament's letter.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

The following matters were reported:

Citizens Advice Bureau

The Clerk referred Members to the statistics for the use of the Buckley Outreach CAB facility for the period 1 January – 31 March 2012. Councillor Halford asked that a letter be sent to the staff at the outreach office thanking them for the work which they were doing on behalf of residents of this Community.

Public Disorder in Hawarden

A complaint had been received regarding public disorder, drug use, underage drinking at a licensed premise in Hawarden. The complainant had been advised to contact the County's Licensing Section.

Elections 2012

The Clerk thanked Members for the manner in which they had represented their Wards during the Council's term of office and wished all Members success in the forthcoming election.

Initial Proposals for Parliamentary Constituencies Consultation

The Chair referred members to the document attached to the agenda in connection with possible changes to the Parliamentary Constituencies covering Flintshire. In so far as Alyn & Deeside was concerned this proposed that the constituency be extended to include Mold and some of the surrounding villages.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report be received.

**MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:**

There were none.