

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the **STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on **10 MAY 2010**

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Alison Halford
Vice Chair: Councillor Ralph Small

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were no apologies received

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2010/2011:

Councillor Alison Halford was proposed and seconded and there being no further nominations Councillor Alison Halford was duly elected Chair of Committee for the Municipal Year 2010/2011

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 April 2010 be received as a true record and signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none

POLICE MATTERS:

The Chair welcomed PC Gill Lehrle, PCSO Adam Wilson and PCSO Sue Holmes to the meeting. She then invited the Officers to address the Committee on any relevant matters.

PC Lehrle reported the crime statistics for the previous month giving a breakdown of crimes within their various categories which included drugs offences, vehicle seizures, justices of the peace disorders and speeding enforcement.

In response to Councillor George Hardcastle PC Lehrle confirmed that there was a serious issue of antisocial behaviour in the Holywell Road area of Ewloe and that an operation had been put in place to deal with this. She said that as a consequence there had been a significant reduction in the number of calls the Police were receiving about this problem.

Councillor Yale questioned whether there had been any feedback on the incidents of youngsters being approached by motorists. PC Lehrle said she was unable to give any details but investigations were ongoing concerning this matter.

Councillor Clive Carver thanked PC Lehrle for the work she had done in connection with traffic problems in Cross Tree Lane, Hawarden.

Councillor Kevin Jones asked whether attention could be given to the speed of vehicles travelling along Level Road, Hawarden.

Councillor Halford questioned PC Lehrle as to what her priorities were for the Hawarden and Ewloe area. PC Lehrle responded saying that her two main priorities were the reduction of crime and the tackling of antisocial via the Youth Justice System.

The Chair invited PCSO Holmes to comment on any relevant matters appertaining to the Aston area. PCSO Holmes said that matters were generally quiet in Aston but highlighted speed enforcement measures which had been carried out.

The Chair thanked the Officers for their attendance particularly PC Lehrle who was on a day's leave.

PROVISION OF A BUS SHELTER – COURTLAND DRIVE, ASTON PARK:

The Chair invited Councillor Yale to address the Committee on this matter which she had asked to be placed on the agenda.

Councillor Yale said that she had been approached by a number of residents who had expressed a wish to have a bus shelter situated at the bottom of Courtland Drive near its junction with Aston Park Road. She said that she had taken this request to Flintshire County Council who had indicated that the Authority would be prepared to provide a shelter subject to it being match funded by Hawarden Community Council at a cost of approximately £5,000 per Authority. Councillor George Hardcastle indicated that he also supported this request.

Councillor Clive Carver questioned what type of shelter it was as some particularly those with power were very expensive. The Clerk commented that a bus shelter had recently provided in Broughton at a total cost of £5,000.

Councillor Yale said that she would contact Flintshire County Council and ask them to approach the Community Council formally about this matter and to provide both a breakdown of the cost and details of the type of bus shelter proposed.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The following matter was raised:

Joint Administration and Maintenance Service Level Agreements

The Clerk advised that Shotton Town Council had signed the Service Level Agreement drawn up by the Council and sought the Committee's agreement for the Chair to sign it on behalf of Hawarden Community Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Chair be approved to sign the Service Level Agreement with Shotton Town Council.

MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

Toilets – Wepre Park, Connah's Quay

Councillor Hardcastle said that support was being solicited for the regular opening of the toilets for use by visitors to Wepre Park. He said that at present the toilets were only opened on an ad hoc basis.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Flintshire County Council about this matter.