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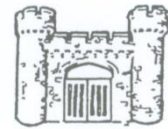


**Councillor Ralph Small
Chair of the Council**

**Sharron Jones
Clerk and Financial Officer**



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WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

It gives me great pleasure to present the fifth edition of Hawarden Community Council's Annual Report for my time as Chairman from May 2022 to May 2023. Hawarden Community Council is the second largest community within Flintshire but still retains its "village" feel.

I am sure that you will be interested to learn about the work of the Community Council and the positive impact that the Council has had upon the local community of Hawarden that now includes the new electoral wards of Hawarden - Aston, Hawarden – Ewloe and Hawarden – Mancot, that were created in time for the 2022 Local Government elections.

I particularly enjoyed presenting pupils at each of the four primary schools and the High School with commemorative coins for the late H.M. Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee which were well received by pupils, together with the provision of small grants we provided for street parties.

The council were fortunate enough to be able to deliver a short proclamation event for King Charles III thanks to the last-minute planning of our Clerk and I was delighted that Lord Barry Jones and Lady Janet had been able to take part in the event with Lord Barry reading out the Proclamation itself. The Community Council have recently provided grants for street parties to mark the coronation of H.M. King Charles III in May 2023.



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I wholeheartedly thank the elected members and officers of the Community Council for their hard work during the past twelve months and I enjoyed taking everyone out for a well-deserved Christmas meal as a personal thank you from myself. The members and officers work tirelessly for the good of the community and provide an efficient service.

I am particularly pleased that the “new” council has continued to work together for the benefit of the community following the election of a new council in May 2022. We held our first “corporate” day in July to properly introduce the new members, and remind returning members, of the role of the council, the council as an employer, together with the necessary finance and legal training. This day was extremely well organised and facilitated by the Clerk and Financial Officer and I would welcome this as an annual event.

During the sessions we also challenged ourselves in the way that we work following the introduction of the *Finance and Governance Toolkit* issued by the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) and One Voice Wales (OVW). This toolkit provides a mass of information to enable the council to work as efficiently as possible and up to date with the latest governance and legislative requirements.

I am delighted to report that the recruitment of two new members of our Maintenance Team in April and May last year has been seamless. They are an asset to the council’s workforce and have blended into the team superbly.

An annual event that I, along with the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Janet Axworthy and the Chairman of Community Amenities, Sarah Hinks, thoroughly enjoyed participating in was the Bursary awards for pupils at Hawarden High School. We rewarded 5 pupils with bursaries and the children were a credit to themselves, their parents and Hawarden High School in 2022. Similarly, we were delighted to award four community volunteer awards within the community to those volunteers who had particularly shone through with their voluntary services during the previous 12 months.



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I am exceedingly proud to have taken part in the annual Remembrance Day event in November 2022 which saw an enhanced attendance and many remarks at how well the event had been organised. This is a large community event which is commemorated so well. I was delighted to be able to read out the list of wreath layers during the service which welcomed such a large number of community groups to this annual event.

It also gave me great pleasure to lay a wreath at the Hawarden Memorial for the 40th Anniversary of the Falkland's war on the 14th June 2022.

I thoroughly enjoy working with the community events team at Hawarden and was thrilled to donate proceeds from events to Nightingale House.

I am excited to be working with members and officers on behalf of our community over the next year.

Councillor Ralph Small

Chairman of Hawarden Community Council



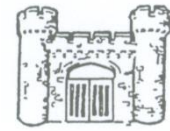
SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION TO THE REPORT

This annual report sets out to inform the residents of Hawarden - Aston, Hawarden – Ewloe and Hawarden - Mancot about the activities undertaken by the Community Council during the period May 2022 to April 2023. This report will contain an outline of the structure of the Council, an overview of the Council's activities throughout the last year and a financial summary. The report also includes details of all the Community Councillors, members of staff and how to contact the Council.

Wales faces a number of challenges now and in the future, such as climate change, poverty, health inequalities and jobs and growth. To tackle these challenges, we need to work together in order to give current and future generations a good quality of life and we need to think about the long-term impact of the decisions we make today. We also need to bear in mind the impact that the Covid-19 pandemic has had on our residents and the local economy and of course the impact of the recovery process over the next few years.

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 provides a legally-binding common purpose – the seven well-being goals – for national government, local government, local health boards and other specified public bodies. It details the ways in which specific public bodies must work, and work together to improve the well-being of Wales. There is a specific duty under Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 to produce an annual plan on how the council contributes to the climate change and biodiversity plans for the area. A copy can be accessed via this link:
http://www.hawardencommunitycouncil.gov.uk/Policies_and_Procedures_40703.aspx

This following report will outline how Hawarden Community Council has contributed to the seven well-being goals for the community of Hawarden and covers the municipal year from May 2022 to May 2023 during the Chairmanship of Councillor Ralph Small.



SECTION 2 - HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Hawarden Community Council was formed in 1985 as the successor Authority to the former Hawarden Parish Council.

The Community Council comprises three electoral wards following a review of county boundaries and now consists of **Hawarden - Aston, Hawarden – Ewloe and Hawarden - Mancot**. There are twenty-one Councillors representing a population of approximately 14,280 (*Source: 2011 Census*). As part of the boundary change we have increased from 20 members to 21 members, with seven members representing each of the three wards. Following the May 2022 Local Government elections there were four vacancies open to co-option with one notice of vacancy advertised; all of which have now been filled.

Individual Councillor details are listed on pages **20 -21**.

At the figure head of the Council is the Chairman, who is elected annually from amongst its serving Councillors. The current Chairman is Councillor Ralph Small who is a resident of Hawarden – Mancot. The current Vice-Chair is Councillor Janet Axworthy who is a resident of Hawarden – Ewloe.

The Community Council employs seven members of staff on a full and part-time basis. Six members of staff work jointly for Broughton and Bretton Community Council and via a service level agreement provide an administrative and maintenance service for Shotton Town Council. Hawarden Community Council also employs its own Lengthsman/Litter Collector.

A staffing structure can be seen at **Appendix 1**.



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The Community Council Offices are located at 113 The Highway, Hawarden (see 'contact us' on page 23) but holds its meetings in the Scout Headquarters, Gladstone Playing Fields, 113 The Highway, Hawarden.

Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings of the Council and its Committees. The meetings are held at 6.30pm on the second Monday of each month excluding August when the Council is in recess. The meetings are held via a hybrid arrangement to increase public participation. The Council has four Committees chaired by an elected member as follows:

- Staff and General Purposes
Chair: Councillor Joyce Angell
- Community Amenities
Chair: Councillor Sarah Hinks
- Planning
Chair: Councillor Darren Sterry
- Finance
Chair: Councillor Dave Mackie





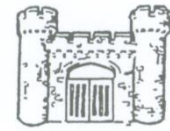
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The Council has a vacancy for a Community Youth Representative to represent the youth sector and be a 'voice' on the Community Council for local issues affecting young people.

The Council's main duties include:

- Providing financial and administrative support in respect of all services delivered by the Community Council
- Management and maintenance of the council office located at 113 The Highway, Hawarden and the Council's Depot
- Management and maintenance of street lighting, open spaces and seven council owned play areas
- Management of the Council owned allotment site
- Litter collection throughout the community of Hawarden and provision of litter bins (where not provided by the County Council)
- Provision of village name signs at the gateway to the villages
- Provision of CCTV surveillance at the Council Offices and Aston
- Provision of financial support (Grants/Donations) to local community groups and organisations
- Production of walks literature
- Organisation of Remembrance Day service in partnership with the Ewloe and Hawarden branch of the Royal British Legion
- Maintenance of various planters throughout the community
- Custodians of the Hawarden War Memorial (Grade 1 Listed building), the Gladstone Memorial Fountain and the House of Correction
- Maintenance of the public clock at Glynne Way, Hawarden
- Installation each year of Christmas lighting across Hawarden - Aston, Hawarden – Ewloe and Hawarden - Mancot (and as part of the "Joint Agreement" throughout Broughton and Bretton and Shotton)
- Management of numerous annual events that take place in the community throughout the year including remembrance, community volunteers and bursary awards to the students at Hawarden High School
- Management and maintenance of the Gladstone Playing Fields and Tennis Courts
- Provision of community notice boards



- Maintenance and planting of land adjacent to Ewloe roundabout and opposite Ewloe Green CP School.
- Provision of roadside seats
- Jointly manage the pavilion building with Hawarden Rangers Football Club under a lease arrangement.

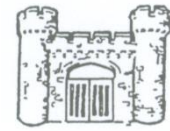


SECTION 3 - THE SEVEN WELL-BEING GOALS FOR WALES

The summary of the Council's activities that follows is based upon the seven well-being goals of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (hereinafter called "The Act"). The Act defines sustainable development as the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by acting, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the well-being goals.



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Hawarden Community Council recognises the role it has to play in promoting sustainable development and how it goes about meeting its duty under the Act whilst working for and with its local communities.

The well-being goals are indivisible from each other and explain what is meant by the well-being of Wales. The Community Council embraces these well-being goals and places them at the heart of its planning and decision-making process to improve the general quality of life (well-being) within its administrative area. The seven goals are as follows:

| | |
|--|---|
| A Prosperous Wales | Cymru Lewyrchus |
| A Resilient Wales | Cymru Gydnerth |
| A Healthier Wales | Cymru Iachach |
| A More Equal Wales | Cymru sy'n fwy Cyfartal |
| A Wales of Cohesive Communities | Cymru o Gymunedau Cydlynus |
| A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language | Cymru â Diwylliant Bywiog lle mae'r Gymraeg yn Ffynnu |
| A Globally Responsible Wales | Cymru sy'n Gyfrifol ar Lefel Fydeang |

The Act requires the Council to think about the long-term impact of its activities on the community. The Council needs to work together with key partners and agencies in order to achieve these goals. The profile of the community can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/PDFFiles/Planning/LDP-evidence-base/Local/Assessment-of-Local-Well-being-for-Flintshire.pdf>



Cymru Lewyrchus - A Prosperous Wales

“An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.”

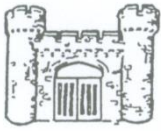
Hawarden Community Council has representatives on numerous bodies which aim to deliver future plans to grow the economy within the community. St. David’s Park Ewloe continues to expand with new employers building premises and the re-location of some departments of Flintshire County Council at Ewloe will continue to assist the local economy within the vicinity. Hawarden High Street continues to thrive.

The St. David’s Park Hotel is ideally situated just off the A55 expressway for commuters in both leisure and business.

The village of Hawarden has a number of local and specialist stores and has recently opened up an Artists café and revamped the old post office. The communities of Aston, Ewloe and Mancot also hold vital and thriving small business premises and shops.

The Community Council has strong links with its four primary schools and the Hawarden High School and work on various projects collaboratively throughout the year. The Community Council has entered its eighteenth year of presenting a small number of Hawarden High School students with a Bursary award to assist them in their studies.





Cymru Gydnerth – A Resilient Wales

“A nation which maintains and enhances a bio-diverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economical and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example, climate change.)”

The Community Council has attempted to invest in more efficient and environmentally friendly use of energy sources during recent years which has resulted in a reduced carbon footprint and energy costs.

The Council embarked upon a major capital programme to replace its street lights with new LED¹ Heads which consume less energy and are more environmentally friendly. The Council continues to benefit from reduced energy bills month by month as each of the Council's stock is updated.

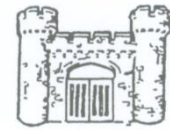
The council produces an annual bio-diversity report to outline areas where it can enhance and encourage biodiversity as legislated by the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 (Public Authorities subject to the Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty) Regulations 2021 Section 6 Duty on Welsh Councils. (see link on page 6 for details.)

The Clerk and Financial Officer continues to work towards a paperless office transferring files from paper to electronic, where possible, and archiving older documents via the Record Office. The use of email as a form of communication has greatly increased and large documents are circulated via email rather than in paper copy with the Council's agenda. During the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic the introduction of The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Wales) Regulation 2020 enabled the council to meeting virtually and use electronic forms of communications including summons' to meetings.

¹ LED stands for "light emitting diode." A diode is an electrical component with two terminals which conduct the electricity only in one direction. With an electrical current, the diode emits a bright light around the small bulb. Typically, diodes have been used in many technologies such as radios, televisions and computers as an electrical component for conduction.



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The Community Council has installed a smart metres at its office to reduce costs and continues to recycle its own waste.



Cymru iachnach – A Healthier Wales

“A society in which people’s physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood”.

The Community Council aims to support groups who encourage healthier living.

Clubs that have benefitted during in the past from annual or one-off grants include:

- Aston Bowling Club
- Hawarden Institute
- Level Road Community Centre
- Ewloe Community Centre
- Mancot Village Hall
- Ewloe Social Club
- Hawarden Air Cadets
- Hawarden Brownies and Guides
- Rotary Youth Leadership award



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The Community Council is closely aligned to the Community Events team, a volunteer led community group that organises the annual Hawarden Carnival, Santa Dash and other community events.

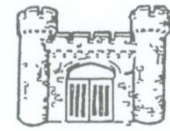
The Community Council is also responsible for 7 children's play areas within the community, numerous open spaces and sports fields and has an Outdoor Adult Gym on the Gladstone Playing fields. The council has recently committed to ensuring that at least one piece of inclusive equipment is located in each of its play areas and has just awarded a contract to upgrade and improve the facilities at Mancot play area, a project that I have continued to support and am delighted that it is now coming to fruition.

At the start of 2020 the Community Council invested in a completely new play area at Circular Drive in Ewloe which proved a major success.

There are a number of Bowling Clubs within the community which benefit from an annual grant.

The Community Council jointly manages an allotment site of 40 plus plots plus an apiary. There are large, half and quarter plots available to the residents within the community of Hawarden. During lockdown, the council saw an increase in the number of requests for members of the public to apply for an allotment. There are currently plans to extend the allotment site and to develop the community orchard.

The Council has funded or part-funded community defibrillators across the community at Gladstone Playing Fields, Mancot, Ewloe and Hawarden.



Cymru Mwy Cyfartal – A More Equal Wales

“A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio-economic background and circumstances)”

The Council continues to financially support diverse groups within the community and is represented via members on a number of community groups and organisations including Older 50s, Religious Organisations, community and play groups, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Nanny Biscuits, Deeside Round Table and school governing bodies to name but a few.

The Community Council will provide council reports and/or correspondence in alternative formats, on request.

The population characteristics as defined by the “Assessment of Local Well-being for Flintshire” states *“that the age structure of this area is older than that of Great Britain but similar to Wales and the Flintshire average. Population total increased well above Flintshire and Wales average in the past 10 years due to significant developments, particularly in Ewloe.*

Ethnicity and religion are significantly less diverse than England and Wales averages, but there is a high proportion of “other white” ethnic groups compared to Wales as a whole.

Welsh speakers are well below the Welsh average.”





Cymru o Gymunedau Cydlynus – A Wales of Cohesive Communities

“Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities”

The Community Council, in exercising its statutory and consultative responsibilities, continues to engage in issues that affect all people across the community and takes its time to ensure that it makes the best decisions in the interests of the community.

Hawarden Community Council continues to provide support to local community groups via one-off grants or an annual commitment in the case of Community Centres and Bowling clubs.

The Council supports events such as Remembrance, Summer Festivals, Christmas Lights, Santa Dash etc., to bring the community together. These events bring the community together and increase in size and participation year on year.

There is regular dialogue with the local Police Community Support Officers who respond to issues efficiently.

The Council also has its own Litter Collector/Lengthsman to improve the community environment and keep it tidy and supports a number of Community Closed Circuit TV Cameras to assist with anti-social behaviour throughout the community.

The Council was successful in obtaining grants from the Welsh Government under the Keep Wales Tidy initiative. A butterfly garden has been installed in the grounds of the Aston Community Centre and a wildlife garden has been installed next to the community library in Mancot.





A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language
Cymru Â Diwylliant Bywiog lle mae'r Gymraeg yn Ffynnu

“A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh Language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.”

The Community Council has adopted a Welsh Language Scheme approved by the Welsh Language Board. The Council however converses in the English language to conduct its business.

The most recent statistics show that the number of Welsh speakers in the community of Hawarden is well below the Welsh average. Relevant council documentation will be made available in Welsh or alternative formats on request.

The Council also supports Hawarden High School with the Welsh Baccalaureate and continues to provide valuable work experience to pupils undertaking this course of study at the relevant time.

The Council annually provides a Summer Play scheme in each of its four wards. The scheme is professionally run by Flintshire County Council and the Community Council provides funding to the county council on an annual basis so that the scheme can run each year. In the wards of Mancot and Aston a free lunch has also been provided.

In January 2021 the Council had land transferred into its ownership by Flintshire County Council for the development of a completely new Community Centre in Ewloe. A delivery team meets on a monthly basis and aims to introduce *the first carbon neutral community centre in the UK.*



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**A Globally Responsible Wales
Cymru sy'n Gyfrifol ar Lefel Fyd-eang**

“A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to the global well-being”

The information contained throughout this annual report illustrates quite clearly how Hawarden Community Council contributes towards the enhancement of people’s well-being locally. By retaining its focus on the future requirements of local people and continuing to work closely in partnership with local communities and other key stakeholders who have a wider remit, including Flintshire County Council and members of the Public Services Board, Hawarden Community Council can be confident of contributing positively to national and indeed global well-being.

The Council has an outdoor gym on the Gladstone Playing fields donated by a local play provider, a skate park and 7 play areas within the community of Hawarden. The play area at Circular Drive has recently benefitted from a complete refurbishment of the play area utilising section 106 monies received from local building developments.

The Community Council is also jointly responsible for the production of the “Hawarden Village Trail” popular booklet which provides an historical account of key points of interest throughout the village. This booklet was jointly produced with the Hawarden Record Office and local researchers.



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The Council has recently resolved to develop a Place Plan² with involvement from the community and such a document will have a “material impact” on future planning applications. A training event took place this year to understand what is involved and the new council will be responsible for taking this forward.

A Place Plan is something that can be developed in relation to the Local Development Plan (LDP)³ and can have a material impact on any future planning applications if it is adopted by the principal council as a Supplementary Planning document.⁴ Some detailed information about the current LDP and the comments about Hawarden is provided below:

The community of Hawarden is not Tier 1⁵ and already has 95 new homes planned for Hawarden – Ewloe with an additional 130 affordable properties proposed in addition to the LDP. The LDP proposes 298 and 288 new homes which could mean over 800 new homes, double the number proposed in any tier 1 category town within Flintshire.

² Place Plans are a mechanism introduced by Welsh Government for communities to engage creatively with the planning process and for planners to support in place-making initiatives with local people.

³ Following the development of the Flintshire Unitary Development Plan (UDP), the Council is now embarking on the preparation of a Local Development Plan (LDP) for the County. A Local Development Plan (LDP) is a new style of Development Plan which differs from the UDP in terms of how it is prepared.

⁴ Supplementary planning documents (SPDs) are intended to expand upon policy or provide further detail to policies in development plan documents (DPDs), but they do not have development plan status. These documents can demonstrate how policies can be taken forward.

⁵ Tier 1 = man service area



The following submission is based on the document Flintshire Local Development Plan 2015 – 2030. Deposit Plan September 2019 LDP-KSDDEP1

DISCUSSION 1

The following extracts are from Page 46 of the above plan

Tier 1 - Main Service Centres will be the main locations for new housing development which reinforces and contributes to sustainable settlements.

Tier 2 - Local Service Centres will be the locations for more modest levels of new housing development.

Pages 148 and 149 show the allocations proposed in tiers 1 and 2 as follows:

Tier 1

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Well St, Buckley | 159 |
| Broad Oak, Connah's Quay | 32 |
| Highmere Drive, Connah's Quay | 150 |
| Northop Road, Flint. | 170 |
| Maes Gwern, Mold. | 160 |
| Denbigh Road, Mold. | 246 |

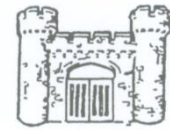
Tier 2

| | |
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| Holywell Rd, Ewloe | 298 |
| Ash Lane, Hawarden | 288 |
| Wrexham Road, HCAC | 80 |

The largest allocations of 298 and 288 are in tier 2 centres so are not “more modest” than any in the tier 1 centres. These allocations do not comply with the statements on page 46.

DISCUSSION 2

Since the Flintshire Unitary Development Plan expired there have been 3 significant developments in Ewloe:



| | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Off Old Hall Rd | 41 houses | valid Dec 2013 | approved March 2015 |
| At 59 Wood Lane | 23 houses | valid Aug 2017 | approved Sept 2018 |
| The Boars Head | 31 flats and houses | valid April 2018 | approved August 2019 |

This totals 95 new dwellings in the settlement of Ewloe now occupied or nearing completion since the FUDP expired and within the period of the LDP (2015 to 2030). Appendix 1 of LDP-KSDDEP1 does not show these numbers.

A further proposal for 130 affordable homes on the Candidate Site EWL007 has been submitted. If this proposal is approved, which seems likely as it is an all affordable development, there will be the potential for an additional 225 new homes in Ewloe since the FUDP ended, which is more than all but one of the allocations in tier 1 above.

DISCUSSION 3

If the 298 allocation for Ewloe is retained and added to the 225 in Discussion 2 there will be an increase of 523 new homes in Ewloe, far more than for any Centre in tier 1.

DISCUSSION 4

The list of Main Service Centre Settlements on page 46 of the LDP Deposit Plan includes all the main towns and communities in the county, but not Hawarden, a community with a similar number of properties to Buckley and Connah's Quay.

The proposed allocations for Ewloe (298) and Hawarden (288) are both in the Hawarden Community area and would impose an additional 583 on that community, which would rise to 808 with the 225 additional properties mentioned previously as already built or likely to be built within the LDP period.

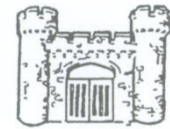


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This number far exceeds anything proposed for any other town or community in Flintshire with the added concern that Hawarden is not considered to be a Main Service Centre.





SECTION 4 – 2022-23 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Community Council has an expenditure budget of £440,058 for the forthcoming financial year 2023-24. The Council’s precept has been set at £303,896 with further money generated via income raised for the provision of a range of services including allotments, tennis courts and the Council’s joint agreement for Administration and Maintenance with Broughton and Bretton Community Council and Shotton Town Council.

A summary of the main areas of the budget expenditure for 2023-24 are shown below:

| Heading | Expenditure £ |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Staffing | 251,226 |
| Premises | 19,044 |
| Joint Admin | 46,881 |
| Joint Maintenance | 85,996 |
| General | 15,750 |
| Community Funding | 25,249 |
| Open Spaces | 10,120 |
| Highways/Verges * | 42,342 |
| Public Lighting | 37,300 |
| Allotments | 2,250 |
| TOTALS | 536,158 |

The total income for the financial year is projected at £441,673.

**The Highways/Verges spend includes the appointment of a full-time Lengthsman and Litter Collector.*

The council’s precept is low as the second largest in the county, please view the leaflet on page 3 of the Council Tax Budget leaflet via this link:
<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/PDFFiles/Council-Tax/Council-Tax-Budget-Leaflet-2023-24.pdf>



SECTION 5 – ‘A COMPETENT COUNCIL’

The future is challenging for Community and Town Councils in Wales. Welsh Government recently conducted a review of this tier of government and the findings can be viewed via the following link:

<https://gov.wales/docs/dsjlg/publications/localgov/180807-independent-review-panel-en.pdf>

The Community Council is subject to internal and external audit to ensure that it manages public finances appropriately. Thanks to the diligence of the Clerk and Financial Officer working closely with the Chairman of Finance, the council's finances are sound and the Council have had a clean audit since 2017.

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 was introduced in April 2021 and allows for the local councils to use the “**General Power of Competence**”. This can be applied where a council has a qualified clerk, two thirds of its members have been elected and it has two years unqualified audits. I am extremely pleased to report that Hawarden Community Council is able to resolve to be a council with the General Power of Competence which shows that the council is a competent council. This matter will be debated at the council's annual meeting on 15th May, 2023.

All Community Council agenda, minutes accounts and contact details can be viewed via the council's website or by emailing the office at mail@hawardencommunitycouncil.gov.uk. The Community Council is also signed up to the ‘*Community Charter*’ to govern its relationship with Flintshire County Council.

The Community Council during 2022 also signed up to the Civility and Respect Pledge and in accordance with the Local Government Elections (Wales) Act 2021 have developed a training plan for members of staff and elected members which can be accessed at:



http://www.hawardencommunitycouncil.gov.uk/Policies_and_Procedures_40703.aspx

I was delighted to have taken part, with the Council's officers and members of the Hawarden events committee, in an "Emergency First Aid at Work" and even more delighted that we all passed and now hold a three-year certificate.

SECTION 6 - DETAILS OF WARDS, MEMBERS AND CONTACT DETAILS

Details of members including the wards they represent, contact details and political affiliations are available via this link:

http://www.hawardencommunitycouncil.gov.uk/Councillors_40697.aspx

HAWARDEN - ASTON WARD



**Councillor
Joyce Angell**



**Councillor
Gillian Brockley**



**Councillor
Helen Brown**



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**Councillor
Sarah Hinks**



**Councillor
Margaret Redfern**



**Councillor
Dale Selvester**



**Councillor
Richard Taylor**



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HAWARDEN – EWLOE WARD



**Councillor
Janet Axworthy**



**Councillor
Bill Cooper**



**Councillor
Dave Mackie**



**Councillor
Doreen Mackie**



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**Councillor
Emma Preece**



**Councillor
Linda Thomas**



**Councillor
Darren Sterry**

HAWARDEN – MANCOT WARD



**Councillor
Martin Davey**



**Councillor
Lesley Evans**



**Councillor
Hayley Selvester**



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**Councillor
Ralph Small**



**Councillor
Raphaëlle Soffe**



**Councillor
Sam Swash**



**Councillor
Ant Turton**



SECTION 7 – COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE TIMETABLE

Dates of meetings, Agendas and Minutes of all the meetings of the Council and its Committees are all available via the Council's website at http://www.hawardencommunitycouncil.gov.uk/Full_Council_40715.aspx

Please note that minutes only become an approved document when they have been ratified by Council at the following meeting and may therefore be subject to alteration.

The Council and each of its committee meetings take place in the Scout Headquarters, Gladstone Playing Fields, 113 The Highway, Hawarden 6.30 p.m. on the dates below via hybrid arrangements. Members of the public are more than welcome to attend.

Meeting Dates 2023/24

| | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 12 June 2023 | 08 January 2024 |
| 10 July 2023 | 12 February 2024 |
| 11 September 2023 | 11 March 2024 |
| 09 October 2023 | 08 April 2024 |
| 13 November 2023 | 13 May 2024 |
| 11 December 2023 | |

Full Community Council meeting followed by the following committees on a rolling agenda:

Staff and General Purposes Committee
Community Amenities Committee
Planning Committee
Finance Committee



SECTION 8 - CONTACT DETAILS:



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Monday to Thursday 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Friday 8.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.



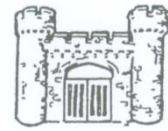
Fran Griffiths
Administrative Assistant



Nigel Davey
Senior Maintenance Officer



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Howard Williams
Maintenance Officer



Wayne Evans
Maintenance Assistant



Carl Wright
Litter Collector and Lengthsman



Paul Davies
Seasonal Worker



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CYMUNED
PENARLAG**

STAFF STRUCTURE JANUARY 2022

Clerk and Financial Officer
(SGJ)
F/T

Senior Maintenance Officer
(ND)
F/T

Administrative Assistant
(FG)
P/T

Maintenance Officer (HW)
F/T

Lengthsman/Litter
Collection (CW)
F/T

Maintenance Assistant
(WE)
F/T

Seasonal Worker
(PD)