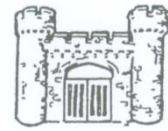




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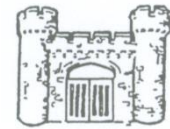


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Chairman of the Council

Sharron Jones
Clerk and Financial
Officer



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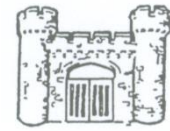


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WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Welcome to this Annual Report which is the first of its kind published by Hawarden Community Council for the year 2018 to 2019. Hawarden Community Council is the second largest Community/Town Council in Flintshire, based on the number of properties, but what we can be proud of is that we still retain that “village” atmosphere.

I hope that you will enjoy reading about the work of the Community Council and the positive impact that we have upon the local community of Hawarden that includes the electoral wards of Aston, Ewloe, Hawarden and Mancot.

I would like to thank the elected members and officers of the Community Council for their hard work this year and recognise the commitment of all concerned in the delivery of a number of community projects which can be illustrated throughout this report.

A project that has particularly stood out for me this year was the improvement, restoration, lighting and addition of names to the Hawarden War Memorial. Members and Officers worked particularly hard to ensure that this was ready in time for the 2018 Remembrance Day. Remembrance Day was particularly poignant this year as it marked the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War; the remembrance service was attended by hundreds of members of the community who also attended the National Beacon Lighting Ceremony in the evening.

I look forward to seeing what 2019-20 brings!

Councillor Dave Mackie
Chair of Hawarden Community Council



SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION TO THE REPORT

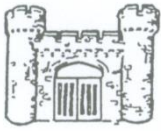
This annual report sets out to inform the residents of Aston, Ewloe, Hawarden and Mancot about the activities undertaken by the Community Council during the period May 2018 to April 2019. It is the first such report prepared by the Council and contains a brief outline of the structure of the Council, an overview of the Council's activities throughout the 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.

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.

This report will outline how Hawarden Community Council has contributed to the seven well-being goals for the community of Hawarden. The report covers the municipal year from May 2018 to May 2019 during the Chairmanship of Councillor Dave Mackie.





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SECTION 2 - HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

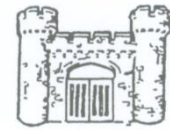
The Community Council comprises the four electoral wards of **Aston, Ewloe, Hawarden and Mancot**. There are currently seventeen Councillors and three casual vacancies representing the interests of a population of approximately 14,500 (*Source: UK Office for National Statistics*) *Individual Councillor details are on pages 17-18*).

At the head of the Council is the Chairman, who is elected annually from amongst the serving Councillors. The current Chairman is Councillor David Mackie who is a resident of Ewloe. The current Vice-Chair is Councillor George Hardcastle who represents the ward of Aston.

The Community Council employs staff on a full and part-time basis. The staff work jointly for Broughton and Bretton Community Council. The Council also provides a maintenance service for Shotton Town Council. 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 21) 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 Council has four Committees chaired by an elected member as follows:

- Staff and General Purposes
Chair: Councillor Helen Brown
- Community Amenities
Chair: Councillor Ralph Small
- Planning
Chair: Councillor Ve Amos
- Finance
Chair: Councillor Clive Carver



The Council has also appointed a Community Youth Representative, Sam Bidwell, to represent the youth sector and be a voice on the Community Council for local issues affecting young people.



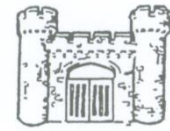
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The Council's main duties include:

- Providing financial and administrative support in respect of all services delivered by the Community
- 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 play areas
- Management of the Council owned allotment site
- Litter collection throughout the community of Hawarden
- Maintenance of various planters throughout the community
- Custodians of the Hawarden War Memorial (Grade 1 Listed building)
- Installation each year of Christmas lighting across Aston, Ewloe, Hawarden and 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 community in bloom and bursary awards
- Management and maintenance of the Gladstone Playing Fields and Tennis Courts
- Jointly manage the pavilion building with Hawarden Rangers Football Club





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. The act defines sustainable development as the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the well-being goals.

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:

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 Fyd-eang

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 seen **at Appendix 2.**



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.”

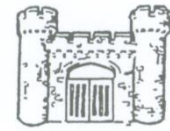
Hawarden Community Council has representatives on numerous bodies which aim to deliver future plans to grow the economy within the community. St. David’s Park Ewloe continues to expand with new employers building premises in 2018 and the re-location of some departments of Flintshire County Council being re-located at Ewloe which will continue to assist the local economy within the vicinity.

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.





Cymru Gydnherth – 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 LED Heads which consume less energy and are more environmentally friendly. [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.] The Council continues to benefit from reduced energy bills month by month as each of the Council's stock is updated.

The Clerk and Financial Officer is working 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. The legislation in Wales prohibits the Council from being completely paperless as the summons needs to be received by Members via the post (In England an electronic summons is acceptable). Some members have elected to receive electronic agendas but due to legislative constraints this cannot happen at the moment.

The Community Council has recently requested that a water meter be installed at the 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.

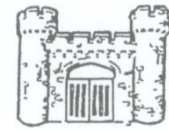
Clubs that have benefitted during the year include:

- Community Walkers
- Ewloe Harriers Football Club
- Hawarden Institute
- Level Road Community Centre
- Ewloe Community Centre
- Mancot Village Hall
- Hawarden Tennis Club
- Hawarden Rangers Football Club
- Hawarden Allotments Society

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

The Community Council is also responsible for 8 children’s play areas within the community, numerous open spaces and sports fields and has an Adult Outdoor Gym at the Gladstone Playing fields.

There are a number of Bowling Clubs within the community and the Council jointly manages an allotment site of 40 plus plots.



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) and school governing bodies to name but a modest few.

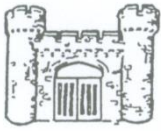
The Community Council will also provide council reports and/or correspondence in alternative formats on request.

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 is 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 the Community Walkers and Community Library for example.

The Council supports events such as Remembrance, Summer Festivals, Community in Bloom, 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 Officer who attends community council meetings and responds to issues efficiently. This year saw the introduction of a Police led community scheme, via the High Sheriff's office, to arrange a summer event in order to encourage the local young people to get involved. This event proved a key success.

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.





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 Council's policy is due for renewal.

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 the free lunch has also been provided during the Summer of 2018.

The Community Council continues to support the Community Library provision following an asset transfer from the County Council some time ago.





**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”

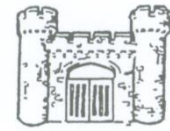
The information contained throughout this annual report illustrates quite clearly how Hawarden Community Council contributes towards the enhancement of people's well-being locally. By retaining its focus on the future requirements of local people and continuing to work closely in partnership with local 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, a skate park and 8 play areas within the community of Hawarden. The play area at Circular Drive in Ewloe has been in a poor state of repair over the years but the council has, this year, successfully negotiated a complete refurbishment of the play area utilising section 106 monies received from local building developments. Tenders were invited from four companies and the council arranged a public consultation event and consulted with the local primary school in Ewloe to decide which scheme they preferred. Work should commence on site after Easter 2019.

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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SECTION 4 – 2018-19 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Community Council had an expenditure budget of £384,699 during 2018-19. The Council's precept was £244,551 with further money generated via income raised for the provision of a range of services 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 for 2018-19 are shown below:

Heading	Expenditure £	Income £
Staffing	169,753	
Premises	13,345	
Joint Admin	14,667	19,210
Joint Maintenance	25,682	52,785
General	11,176	265,131
Community Funding	32,640	
Open Spaces	4,316	1,160
Highways/Verges	26,344	
Public Lighting	18,174	
Allotments	890	2,935
TOTALS	316,987	341,221



SECTION 5 – ‘A COMPETENT COUNCIL’

The future will be challenging for Community and Town Councils in Wales. Welsh Government have 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>

Welsh Government are seeking to implement a number of “competency” tests to help Community Councils to determine how well equipped they are to meet the challenges ahead. These tests will also bring greater consistency across this evolving sector, with higher standards of governance and financial management.

The tests are likely to include:

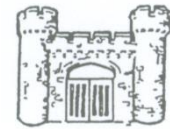
- A democracy test – Councillors must be elected at either an ordinary election or a by-election;
- A capability test – The Community Council must employ a clerk with relevant professional qualifications, such as the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA), or a Clerk/RFO who will be willing to work towards this.
- A capacity test – the Council has a minimum annual budget of income or expenditure over £200,000 and
- A governance test – the Council has sound financial management and internal control systems. It should also meet other criteria such as having a website on which it publishes agendas, minutes and accounts and is contactable by email
- The Community Council is also subject to both internal and external audit.

Hawarden Community Council meets this test as all of the current serving Councillors have been elected, the Clerk and Financial Officer recently attained her CiLCA qualification in February 2019, the annual budget is over £200,000 and the Council has sound management and financial systems in place.

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.



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SECTION 6 - DETAILS OF WARDS, MEMBERS AND CONTACT DETAILS

ASTON WARD



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George Hardcastle
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(CC for Aston Ward)
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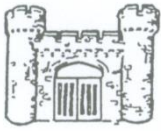


Emma Preece
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Keepers Cottage
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Darren Sterry
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NOTE: There are currently two vacancies in the Ewloe ward following the resignation of Councillors Kevin Jones and Helen Meredith in April 2019.



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HAWARDEN WARD



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NOTE: There is currently one vacancy in the Mancot ward following the resignation of Councillor Wendy Mallin in April 2019.



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/Hawarden-CC/council_meetings-6892.aspx

Please note that minutes only become an approved document when they have been ratified by 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. Members of the public are more than welcome to attend.

Meeting Dates 2018/19

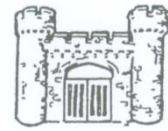
14 th May 2018	19 th November 2018
11 th June 2018	10 th December 2018
9 th July 2018	14 th January 2019
August Recess	11 th February 2019
10 th September 2018	11 th March 2019
8 th October 2018	8 th April 2019

Full Community Council meeting followed by:

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



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