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HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Newsletter

The Community Council will be including articles in future editions of the magazine to keep you aware of current issues affecting the Community and those which the Council is involved with. It is hoped that you will find the newsletter informative and that you will take the opportunity to give your views on the issues raised or indeed on relevant matters generally.

Council Website

The Community Council has recently launched its website:
www.hawardencommunitycouncil.gov.uk
which gives full information about the Council and its activities as well as giving you the opportunity to make comments and suggestions through the 'your views' facility.

Grants to Local Organisations

The Council has recently awarded grants to the following organisations:-

Ewloe Harriers Football Club
Hawarden Pre-school Playgroup
Mancot Bowling Club
1st Sandycroft & Mancot Scout Group
Aston Bowling Club

Any organisation wishing to apply for a grant will need to complete an application form which can be obtained by contacting the Council's Office or downloaded from the website by clicking on the 'grants & donations' button.

Mancot Village Hall

The Community Council has been delighted to assist the Mancot Village Hall Committee achieve its aim of replacing the old dilapidated building with a brand new purpose built Village Hall. The Council contributed £20,000 to the construction cost and assisted with the provision of a lease of the land and negotiations with the various funding partners and professionals.



The Hall was officially opened on 2nd February 2007 and is a wonderful facility for local groups and organisations.

Hawarden Carnival

Arrangements are in hand for the 2007 Carnival to be held on Saturday 14th July. Should you wish to be involved in the organisation and or running of the Carnival on the day, please contact the Community Council Office on 01244 533692 or Councillor Helen Gambino on 01244 528907

Gladstone Playing Fields Hawarden – Changing Pavilion.

The Council has engaged an Architect to draw up a schedule of improvement works to the interior of the Pavilion with the aim of providing additional showering and improved changing facilities and the upgrading of the lighting and general appearance. The exterior of the building was attended to in 2006 when the windows were replaced, the bell tower and clock refurbished and the roof repaired.



The Pavilion is used by local football clubs including Hawarden Rangers, The Crown & Liver FC and The Plough Inn FC and members of the recently formed Hawarden Tennis Club.

A494 (Aston Hill) Improvement Scheme.

You will no doubt be aware of the proposal to continue the improvements to the A494 on the ‘Welsh side’ of the River Dee. You may not however be aware that this will involve the construction of four lanes plus a hard shoulder ‘up the hill’ and three lanes plus a hard shoulder ‘down the hill’. – More lanes than the majority of the UK’s motorways!

The Community Council has been fully consulted by the Welsh Assembly Government. The Council’s final response can be read on the website by clicking on ‘letter’ in the Community Information section. In brief however, the Council has:

- Accepted the need to improve the A494 but opposed the number of lanes proposed.

- Objected to the proposed 70mph speed limit.
- Supported the ‘off slip’ at Ewloe from the A55 Chester direction.
- Objected to the proposed closure of the ‘off slip’ from the Mold direction.
- Objected to the closure of the Plough Lane on and off slips in the northerly direction (down hill).
- Opposed the closure of on and off slips in the southerly direction (up hill).
- Opposed the non replacement of the Chevron’s Road footbridge.
- Supported the closure of the Aston Mead subway.
- Expressed its serious concerns about the traffic congestion which will occur at Queensferry roundabout resulting from the various junction closures.

Dispersal Order – Ewloe

In response to the problem of youth related anti-social behaviour in the Ewloe area, the North Wales Police Force introduced a Dispersal Order covering the main problem locations for a three month period beginning in December 2006. The Council has itself recognised the need to encourage good behaviour and citizenship amongst young people and has introduced a number of initiatives to reinforce this including:-

- Agreeing to financially support regular Youth Club attendees’ outings.
- Supporting the new Hawarden High School Bursary Scheme.
- Establishing a Youth Council where matters affecting young people in the Community can be discussed and initiatives progressed.

Footway Lighting in Mancot

In response to representations by the Mancot Community Beat Officer and local Councillors the Community Council has agreed to provide lighting along the footpath linking Cottage Lane and Park Avenue.

Tennis

The Council's tennis courts at Gladstone Playing Fields will be open to the public from Wednesday 18th April. Casual and season tickets can be obtained from the lodge.

Hawarden Tennis Club is running coaching courses for youngsters aged 5-14 years on Tuesday evenings from 16th April to 22nd May and 5th June to 10th July and between 9.30am – 3.30pm on 11th, 12th & 13th April. Contact John Whitehall on 07734705149 for more details.



Council's Expenditure 2007/2008

The Council's budget for 2007/2008 allows for expenditure of £257,600 compared to a budget of £246,400 in 2006/2007. To facilitate this, the Council's precept is £179,000 which represents £30.15 for an average Band 'D' property, an increase of 2.6%.

Community Council Meetings

Meetings of the Community Council and its Committees are held at Hawarden Institute at 7pm on the second Monday of each month, excluding August. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Contact

Hawarden Community Council can be contacted at:

The Council Offices

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Should you wish to speak to a local Councillor you may contact any of the following:

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Councillor Paul Armstrong 535887

Councillor Helen Gambino 528907

Councillor George Hardcastle 814572

Councillor Mike Jones 532272

Ewloe Ward

Councillor Mrs Margaret Aitken 520240

Councillor Ryan O'Gorman 07929632069

Councillor David Parry 536003

Councillor Pamela Walkden 538238

Hawarden Ward

Councillor Clive Carver 531696

Councillor John Edwards 535848

Councillor David Evans 830676

Mancot Ward

Councillor Mrs Lily Armstrong 532787

Councillor Alan Diskin 531557

Councillor Mrs Glenys Diskin 531557

Councillor Ralph Small 531400

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