

**CYNGOR CYMUNED PENARLÂG
HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**



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4th February 2026

To: **ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Dear Councillor,

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend the **HYBRID MEETING** of the **HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL** to be held on **MONDAY 9th February 2026 at 6.30 P.M.** The remote access meeting link will be sent out on Monday afternoon on request.

The agenda and papers are attached.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe the meeting. Please contact the Clerk and Financial Officer on **07931 231770** direct if you require log-in details for the meeting, or if you have any problems logging in.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sharron G Jones
Clerk & Financial Officer

Gyda Chyfarchion. *With Compliments*

MRS SHARRON G JONES
Clerc a Swyddog Cyllidol *Clerk & Financial Officer*

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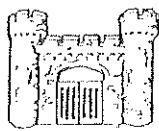
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HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HYBRID MEETING

9th February 2026

A G E N D A

6.30 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING:

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

To receive any declarations of interests from Members.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of the council held on 12th January 2026, copy attached.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

5. JOINT SERVICES COMMITTEE:

To receive and note the minutes of the Joint Services Committee held on 23rd January 2026. Copy attached.

6. VACANCY IN HAWARDEN - MANCOT WARD:

To receive a verbal update from the Clerk and Financial Officer.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

STAFFING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

8. POLICE MATTERS:

To consider any matters of concern.

9. HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:

To consider any matters of concern for onward submission to John Griffiths, Senior Highways Officer.

10. LIGHTING FAULTS:

To raise any lighting issues.

11. MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

To consider any relevant information items from Members.

12. PROPOSED STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING, NEW DEVELOPMENT OFF GLADSTONE WAY, HAWARDEN:

Report attached.

13. SECTION 6 – BIODIVERSITY ANNUAL REPORT:

Report attached.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:

County Council Members:

- (i) To formally note that the participation of those Councillors who are also members of the County Council, in both the debate and subsequent vote, is on the basis that the views expressed are preliminary views taking account of the information presently made available to the Community Council.

The County Councillors reserve their final views on the application until they are in full possession of all relevant arguments for and against.

(ii) To consider the planning applications received to date for the month of February.

Members are asked to view the applications on-line prior to the meeting via

<http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Planning/Home.aspx>

(iii) To note any planning appeals.

(iv) To note the attached planning decisions for February.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

15. Hynet/Vicker's Close:

To receive any relevant updates.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

16. SMALL GRANTS SCHEME APPLICATION:

To consider the following application for the Small Grants Scheme:

Riverlink Donkey Sanctuary – copy to be emailed separately to members.

17. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

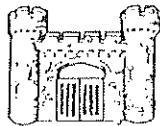
To approve the attached list of payments for February, copy attached.

18. CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

To receive a verbal report on the Council's contribution to the Joint Maintenance Committee for the month of January at £19,941.65 and February to follow.

19. BANK RECONCILIATION:

To receive the bank reconciliation statement for the periods ending 31st December and 31st January, *copies attached*.



HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting

held on

12th January 2026

PRESENT: Chairman: Councillor Darren Sterry

Councillors: Joyce Angell, Janet Axworthy, Gillian Brockley, Bill Cooper, Michael Crockford, Sarah Hinks, Liz Kennedy, Stephen Lancashire, Dave Mackie, Emma Preece, Colin Randerson, Ralph Small, Sam Swash and Connor Wynne.

Officers: Sharron Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer
Georgey Griffiths, Assistant Clerk

Youth Representatives: Callum Hodgson, Hawarden High School

142/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Helen Brown, Doreen Mackie, Margaret Redfern, Linda Thomas and Joshua Stott, Youth Representative.

Joshua Stott had also issued his apologies.

143/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

144/25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 08th December 2025 be approved as a correct record.

145/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

A member referred to page 48, paragraph 133/25 and stated that the work has started on the St. David's roundabout. There was a query around crossing the boundary, however the hotel does own up to the edge of the footpath, they have replanted new hedgerow and planted more trees on the grass verge that borders the dual carriageway.

146/25 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

The Chairman thanked members who attended the Christmas dinner at the Holiday Inn and the Vice Chairman Councillor Cooper for attending the Mold Town Council Event.

STAFFING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

147/25 POLICE MATTERS:

There were none.

148/25 HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:

The following matters were raised, to be forwarded to the County Council's Senior Highways Officer, John Griffiths:

A member queried the programming of street works and advertising of the closures as it caused traffic problems.

A lot of highway signs are left on the roads or footpaths following the completion of road works for some time.

Warning signs for the Hynet project have been erected for a couple of months, half on the footpath and half on the road.

The B5125 road between Ewloe and Northop Hall contains a lot of litter and pot holes that require attention.

Pot holes on the A494 on the roundabout by Asda, outside Willow Park.

53 Chairman's signature: _____

Commercial fly tipping had appeared on Moor Lane outside the Cricket Club.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the above issues be reported to John Griffiths, Senior Streetscene Highways Officer.

149/25 LIGHTING FAULTS:

There were no lighting faults. The Clerk and Financial Officer thanked members for the agreement that Christmas lights be lit 24/7 as this had resulted in minimum call outs during the festive period.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the information.

150/25 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were none.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

151/25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:

A member had attended two meetings at Flintshire County Council meetings regarding the Ash Lane development and had asked what address the houses would be under due to the boundary between Hawarden and Mancot. He had received various answers including that it would be up to Royal Mail as they need to fit it in with their delivery routes. The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that the County Council usually propose street names and that she would make enquiries.

Another member informed members that the housing development in Ewloe had been rejected by the Planning Committee in December which had been welcomed.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

(a) **County Council Members:**

That the participation of those Councillors who were also Members of the County Council, in both the debate and subsequent vote, was on the basis that the views expressed had been preliminary views taking account of the information made available to the Community Council.

54 Chairman's signature: _____

The County Councillors reserved their final views on the applications until they were in full possession of all relevant arguments for and against.

- (b) That the County Planning Authority be advised of this Council's observations on the applications submitted to it for consideration, as per the attached schedule.
- (c) That the planning decisions be noted.
- (d) There were no planning appeals.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

152/25 NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE AT EWLOE:

No further update.

153/25 HYNET/VICKER'S CLOSE:

No further update.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

154/25 SMALL GRANTS SCHEME APPLICATION:

A request had been received to consider a grant application for the Donkey Sanctuary. However, an application had not been received prior to the meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to defer this decision pending the receipt of a grant application.

155/25 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the list of payments in the sum of £39,904.03 for January, be approved.

55 Chairman's signature: _____

156/25 DRAFT BUDGET 2026-27 AND PRECEPT DEMAND:

The Clerk and Financial Officer referred to the Finance Working Group with members that had been informative and provided an opportunity for members to scrutinise the budget line by line.

She referred to a slight reduction in employer pension payments at 20% rather than 23.1% due to the actuarial valuation and the provision of Electricity – Public lighting. She reminded members that the contract with Southern Scottish Energy (SSE) had expired on the 31st March 2025 and it had been agreed to combine the council's contract with Flintshire County Council. However, this process had been delayed by SSE and discussions had subsequently been held with Crown Commercial Service (CCS) who provided its energy to Flintshire County Council. This new arrangement should be in place by 1st April 2026 with a similar level of efficiencies previously agreed.

The Finance Working Group had proposed that the Community Library in Mancot be awarded an annual grant of £300 rather than the library applying for a grant each year. This was the only library within the community and this would be a consideration when setting the final budget.

The Clerk and Financial Officer alerted members to a budget provision of £24,000 to repair the village clock and sought member approval. In addition, she would also obtain a quote from a Clock Makers in Cumbria and apply for heritage lottery funding.

Some members commented on the proposal to include £20,000 for the development of a Place Plan and argued that timing might be inconvenient now that the Local Development Plan had been concluded. However, other members argued that this would be more timely, particularly as the Community Council had previously agreed to commit to a Place Plan and that, if adopted, the Place Plan would be used as a "material consideration" in planning terms if it was adopted as a Supplementary Planning Guidance note.

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that a Place Plan can take up to a minimum of two years to develop from liaising with other Community and Town Councils and Planning Aid Wales.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the 2026-27 budget proposals and Precept Demand be approved as presented and including the following:

- (i) That the precept for 2026-27 be set at £406,189 which means £63.31 per band D charge. This equates to an annual increase of £5.76 (£5.23 last year) per household which equates to £0.11p per week.
- (ii) That the £24,000 for the village clock be removed from the proposals.
- (iii) That £20,000 be included within the proposals for the purpose of the creation of a Place Plan.
- (iv) That the Community Library in Mancot be awarded an annual grant of £300 per annum.
- (v) That youth support be increased to £10,000.
- (vi) That the Public Lighting contract details be noted.
- (vii) The council's earmarked reserves remain as presented.

157/25 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer stated that the council's contribution to the Service Level Agreement in January would be shared at the February meeting.

158/25 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the bank reconciliation be shared at the February meeting.

Hawarden Community Council

Planning Committee

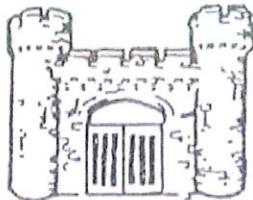
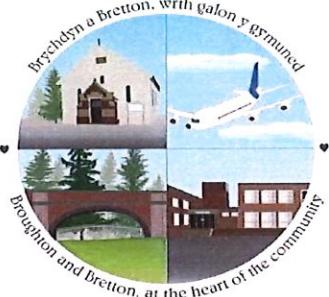
12th January 2026

Planning Applications for consideration:

No.	Planning Application Number	Proposal	Address	CASE OFFICER
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1.	LDC/001064/25 Ward: Mancot	Use of the property as a 5 bedroom HMO (Use Class C4)	Greengates, Chester Road East, Pentre, Deeside, CH5 2DT	10.12.2025 Stef Connah OBJECT in principle
2.	FUL/001012/25 Ward: Aston	Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension, First Floor Front Extension, replacement garage, new gymnasium and complete refurbishment.	The Nest, Bennetts Lane, Hawarden, Deeside, CH5 3HG	26.11.2025 Stef Connah Approved by FCC after agenda sent out
3.	FUL/001020/25 Ward: Ewloe	Replacement of the existing 13.9m monopole with a new 20m lattice mast together with installation of antennas and ancillary equipment and the extension of the existing compound area.	STUD FARM, Liverpool Road, Buckley, CH7 3LN	27.11.2025 Alison Dean OBJECT in principle
4.	OUT/001010/25 Ward: Mancot	Outline planning application for B2/B8 uses with matters of access, appearance, layout, and scale in detail, and landscaping reserved for future determination.	Land adj. Manor Lane, Hawarden Industrial Park, Broughton, CH5 3PJ	27.11.2025 James Beattie OBJECT – support BBCC's objection and their supporting letter.
5.	FUL/001003/25 Ward: Mancot	Change of use of front extension to a chiropractic treatment room following temporary permission	70, Ash Lane, Mancot, Deeside, CH5 2BR	27.11.2025 Alison Dean No Objections
6.				

Accounts for Payment						
Jan-26						
Ref:	Method	Item	Cost	Net Cost	VAT	
H/25/264B	CRD 0734	RN Williams - St Asaph - Deposit for New Depot Stove	£852.00	£710.00	£142.00	
H/25/288	BACS	Mancot Library - Small Grants Scheme	£200.00	£200.00	£0.00	
H/25/289	DD	One Com - Phone Line / Wifi - November	£217.45	£181.21	£36.24	
H/25/290	CRD 0734	Keter UK Ltd - New Shed for HCC Offices	£1,365.00	£1,137.50	£227.50	
H/25/291	BACS	Relight My Fire - Removal of Depot Stove and Dispose	£750.00	£750.00	£0.00	
H/25/292	DD	Ruby Energy - Office Electric - 13th Nov - 13th Dec	£144.64	£137.75	£6.89	
H/25/293	DD	Ruby Energy - Office Gas - 01st Nov - 01st Dec	£25.43	£24.16	£1.27	
H/25/294	CRD 0734	Amazon - Office Mobile Phone Case/ Screen Protector / Shipping	£11.47	£9.55	£1.92	
H/25/295	CRD 0734	Amazon - Batteries - Office Door Bell / Shipping Cost	£7.99	£6.65	£1.34	
H/25/296	BACS	David Hughes - Ground Maintenance - Hedge Cutting	£900.00	£750.00	£150.00	
H/25/297	BACS	IG - Remembrance Day MC	£100.00	£100.00	£0.00	
H/25/298	BACS	William Hall & Co - Rent at Vickers Close Playing Fields	£25.00	£25.00	£0.00	
H/25/299	BACS	Thorncliffe - Office Car Park Pot Hole Repairs	£432.14	£360.12	£72.02	
H/25/300	BACS	Thorncliffe - Repairs to Yowley Fence	£19.58	£16.32	£3.26	
H/25/301	CRD 0734	Charlies - New ZHP Bolt Compressor	£159.99	£133.33	£26.66	
H/25/302	BACS	Done N Dusted - Office Clean - December	£35.00	£35.00	£0.00	
H/25/303	BACS	Lloyd's Bank - Salaries - January	£15,550.72	£15,550.72	£0.00	
H/25/304	BACS	Clwyd Pension Fund - Salaries - January	£6,261.01	£6,261.01	£0.00	
H/25/305	BACS	HMRC - Salaries - January	£6,495.38	£6,495.38	£0.00	
H/25/306	DD	iData - CCTV	£53.74	£44.78	£8.96	
H/25/307	BACS	SLCC - Clerk & Financial Officer Membership Fee	£595.00	£595.00	£0.00	
H/25/308	DD	Ruby Energy - Office Gas - 01st Dec - 01st Jan	£185.96	£177.10	£8.86	
H/25/309	BACS	The Powerhouse Auto Ltd - Parts & Labour on Van - KKL	£1,832.75	£1,527.28	£305.47	
H/25/310	DD	Welsh Water - Office - December	£34.02	£34.02	£0.00	
H/25/311	DD	Flotek - Mobile Phones - December	£34.51	£28.76	£5.75	
H/25/312	BACS	Flotek / Microshade - Hosted Service - Nov / Dec	£258.44	£215.36	£43.08	
H/25/313	CRD 0734	LVW Group - Cherry Picker Socket / Connection	£11.81	£9.84	£1.97	
H/25/314	BACS	SLCC - Clerk - Honours Degree Second Payment	£3,250.00	£3,250.00	£0.00	
H/25/315	BACS	SLCC - Clerk - Study Day / Night	£95.00	£95.00	£0.00	
			TOTAL	£39,904.03	£38,860.84	£1,043.19
Chairman:		<i>Mark Jones</i>				
Chair of Finance:		<i>Ally Jones</i>				
Clerk & RFO:		<i>Sefton Jones</i>				



SHOTTON TOWN COUNCIL
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**MINUTES of a MEETING of the
JOINT ADMINISTRATION/MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE
held virtually
on
FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY 2026**

Broughton & Bretton Community Council:

Councillors Penny Brett-Roberts, Ros Griffiths, Ryan McKeown and Gareth Williams.

Hawarden Community Council:

Councillors Bill Cooper and Dave Mackie.

Shotton Town Council:

Councillors Sean Bibby, Gary Cooper, David Evans, Mike Evans and Doreen Mackie.

Also in Attendance:

Sharron Jones, Clerk and Financial Officer, Broughton & Bretton and Hawarden Community Councils (SGJ)
Collette Lowry, Clerk and Financial Officer, Shotton Town Council (CL)

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR:

Councillor Ros Griffiths was nominated to act as Chairman, this was duly seconded and agreed and **IT WAS RESOLVED:** that Councillor Ros Griffiths be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

1 Chair's signature: _____

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Darren Sterry (HCC) and Connor Wynne (HCC).

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th November 2025, copies of which had been circulated with the agenda, were received and approved as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

5. JOINT SERVICES:

The Chairman referred members to the comprehensive report that had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting. The report outlined the budget position for 2025/26 and the proposals for 2026/27. A 5% increase on salaries had been budgeted for together with inflationary increases.

The Clerk and Financial Officer for Hawarden and Broughton and Bretton Councils had recently been awarded her BA (Hons) Degree in Community Governance following six years of study. She wished to place on record her thanks to all three council's for supporting her with this qualification.

The Clerk provided an update on the street lighting contract for all three councils. As members had been aware, the contract with Southern Scottish Energy (SSE) had expired on the 31st March 2025 and it had been agreed to combine the council's contract with Flintshire County Council. However, this process had been delayed by SSE and discussions had subsequently been held with Crown Commercial Services (CCS) who provided its energy to Flintshire County Council. This new arrangement should be in place by 1st April 2026 with a similar level of efficiencies previously agreed.

Members thanked the Clerk for the production of this comprehensive report.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the budget report be received and noted.

6. STREET LIGHTING – LED HEAD REPLACEMENT SCHEME:

The Clerk and Financial Officer had circulated an updated report on the number of LED Head replacements, per ward. Although the LED replacement programme was nearing its conclusion, the Council's Maintenance Team would now start to renew the old concrete columns.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

7. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS:

The Service Level Agreements (SLAs) had been circulated and approved with no amendments. Arrangements would be made to have them physically signed in due course.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to agree the current SLAs.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next mid-year review meeting would take place in October/November 2026.

The meeting concluded at 5.11 p.m.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance.

Dear Sirs

The Public Health Act 1925

The Town Improvements Clauses Act 1847

Street Naming & Numbering for Development off Gladstone Way, Hawarden

We have been approached by the developers of the residential development above to provide a road naming and numbering scheme for the development.

The developers have suggested the following names for the roads and have provided information behind their suggestions:-

- **Clos Ewart** – William Ewart Gladstone – served as prime minister
- **Lôn Hamilton** – Emma Lady Hamilton
- **Clôs Gladstone** – William Ewart Gladstone – served as prime minister
- **Heol Glynne** – Sir John Glynne – built Hawarden Castle
- **Cwrt Austin** – Edith Austin – famous tennis player
- **Lôn Maysie** – Maysie Chalmers – actress born in Hawarden
- **Lôn Lâg** – Welsh name for Hawarden is Penarlag
- **Cae'r Onnen** – Ash Field – trees in local area

We have attached a site plan showing the proposed naming & Numbering scheme.

We would be obliged if you could please provide us with any comments within the next 21 days.

We will consult with Cllr Swash and Cllr Turton under separate cover this afternoon.

Kind regards

Myra Williams BSc Hons, BA Hons, Grad CABE

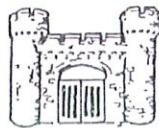
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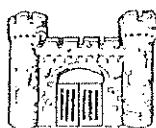
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ITEM 13

	<p>Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6</p> <p>The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty</p> <p>Report: <u>Three Year Review - December 2025</u></p>
	<p>HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL</p>
	<p>Biodiversity Organisation – Group 1 (see Appendix)</p> <p>The Appendix includes information about how the Community Council can positively contribute to Biodiversity using the “five pillars of Nature Recovery” together with the six objectives for the Nature Recovery Action Plan (NRAP) for Wales</p>
<p>Introduction and Context:</p> <p>Hawarden Community Council is the second largest Community/Town Council in Flintshire, based on the number of properties. The Community Council covers three electoral wards of Hawarden - Aston, Hawarden – Ewloe and Hawarden - Mancot and has a population of approximately 14,500 (source: <i>UK Office for National Statistics</i>). The 2025-26 precept is £367,243.</p> <p>Hawarden Community Council has a Service Level Agreement with Broughton and Bretton Community Council and Shotton Town Council for administrative and maintenance purposes. Across the three councils, the team are responsible for the administrative and financial services, maintenance of 1,073 street light columns, 12 play areas and additional open spaces together with community buildings and car parks.</p> <p>Full details of what the Council's main duties and responsibilities can be found in its Annual Report 2018-2019 via the following link:</p> <p><u>HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL</u></p> <p>In summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Council office is situated at The Lodge on the Gladstone Playing fields which also comprises a council depot and woodland area, pavilion building, tennis courts, football fields, skate park, play area and the Gladstone Bowling Green and clubhouse, which is managed by a separate Bowling Club Management Committee. The area comprises a Scout Head Quarters managed separately.	



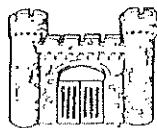
- The area consists of mainly mixed density residential property and has some open spaces included within them, mature trees and a woodland area and grass verges together with a number of retail outlets, a high street and business parks.
- There are four primary/junior schools within the Community and one Secondary school.
- The community contains Hawarden Castle Park, Hawarden Castle occupied by the Gladstone family together with St. Deiniol's Library.
- There are four community centres located at Aston, Ewloe, Level Lane and Mancot.
- The Council is also responsible for litter collection, maintenance of planters, small spaces and Woodland areas, a large community allotment site, installation of festive lighting and is the custodian of the Hawarden War Memorial which is a Grade I listed building.
- An annual summer carnival is held each year in July managed by a volunteer committee under a Service Level Agreement with the Community Council.

Action Report:

This next section will outline how the Community Council has assisted bio-diversity (through functions with regard to land management, grant funding and education opportunities etc).

Hawarden Community Council 'is' subject to the Well-being of Future Generations Act in relation to public service delivery.

NRAP objective	Principle:	Action taken:	Monitored by:
1	Embed biodiversity into decision making and procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A number of commitments to biodiversity and climate change have been reflected in the Council's 2025 Annual Plan.• The Council have taken biodiversity into consideration when considering planning applications and other associated matters, such as footpath diversion orders.	Commitments made in documents. Planning Application responses. Clerk & RFO



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For complex committee reports an "Environmental Impact" and "Biodiversity Impact" has been added to the council's report template.• The Maintenance Team no longer use damaging herbicides.• The Maintenance Team leave long grass near trees and hedges to encourage biodiversity.	Maintenance Team
	Raise awareness of biodiversity and its importance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage local schools to produce an annual "Eco Quiz". This encourages knowledge and awareness of environmental and sustainability matters amongst local children.• When promoting grants, include and encourage organisations to add some element of biodiversity, where appropriate• Encourage the community to volunteer in the context of nature/open spaces• Post details of actions we are promoting have taken on social media platforms	Feedback through council members (as Governors) and residents. Numbers of people taking part. Grant Application Conditions and decision making process. Aston play area flower beds



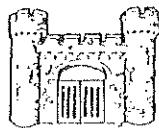
2	Safeguard principal species and habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contribution to the management of protected sites and species including local wildlife sites/sites of importance for nature conservation• Careful use of pesticides and herbicides• Retention and reinstatement of "bat boxes" in Gladstone woodland area• Grass around trees is left longer• Encourage volunteers to gather grass cuttings into piles to encourage insects/animals (soil health)	Records of any sites or species safeguarded Annual risk assessment data
3	Restore and create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage native pollinator friendly flowers on open spaces and allotments (where appropriate) Aston roundabout• Work in partnership with Flintshire County Council's Biodiversity Officers• Support local community woodland at allotment site (tree and shrub planting)• Recent tree planting and monitoring to increase tree canopy	Records of sites Allotment records Data collection Meetings and consultation responses



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House of Correction (protected access due to bats) • Apiary at allotment site 	
	Use improve and share evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with Biodiversity Officer at Flintshire County Council 	Data collection Expert advice
	Support capacity and/or other organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in close contact with Flintshire County Council's (FCC) Arboricultural Officer in supporting TPOs and ensuring council maintained trees are documented and inspected regularly (three year plan) • Increase in tree canopy (in conjunction with FCC); recent planting taken place • Require any organisation receiving a grant from us to demonstrate, where appropriate, how this will contribute to supporting biodiversity as part of their project 	<p>Outcome of planning Tree register/surveys Maintenance Team visual inspections and recommendations for actions On-going</p> <p>Grant application receipt of finance letter and confirmation</p>
	Review of s6 Duty		
Review points for three year period ending December 2025	<p>What has worked well?</p> <p>The creation of wildflower and plant areas, bat/bird boxes and tree planting has been successful across the community as it can enhance biodiversity and generate cost savings with reduced costs for mowing.</p>		



	<p>The council has been successful in achieving two Local Places for Nature to create small butterfly and wildlife gardens at Aston Community Centre and Mancot Library.</p> <p>The ongoing move to more sustainable planting and a lesser reliance of non-native annual bedding plants has continued to help to create more diverse habitats.</p> <p>The Community Council regularly submit comments on planning applications to protect trees and seek alternative solutions, including replanting, wherever possible.</p> <p>The council has all of its trees “tagged” either individually or in clusters which provides a report on the age of the tree, its condition, its name and any remedial work. This is reviewed regularly by the Council’s employees.</p>
	<p>What have the barriers been?</p> <p>The Council can only recommend and encourage residents and land owners in the community to embrace biodiversity.</p> <p>Recruiting and retaining volunteers to help look after local open spaces takes time and effort and this needs adequate resourcing.</p> <p>What will you change?</p> <p>Working more closely with the County Council’s biodiversity team and seek advice wherever necessary.</p> <p>The maintenance team will continue to review open spaces, trees and wildflower spaces.</p> <p>Promote biodiversity more proactively on the Council’s website and other social media platforms.</p> <p>Consider swift boxes on council offices.</p> <p>How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed?</p> <p>The duty will be monitored by the Council Members and the Clerk and Financial Officer reporting back to Council through periodic updates. The s6 plan will be developed and reviewed in response to such reporting.</p>



	Subject to Council approval this plan will be reviewed on a six-monthly basis and reviewed every three years (<i>to comply with the duty of subsection (1) of the Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty; Environment (Wales) Act 2016</i>).
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SUMMARY AND GLOSSARY OF TERMS

BIODIVERSITY “OUR LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM”

There are three components to biodiversity that contribute to our “biosphere”:

Atmosphere: plants absorb carbon dioxide (the main climate-altering gas) and produce oxygen instead.

Soil health: dead leaves and plants add nutrients to the soil. Insects and animals burrow, helping the soil to breathe.

Water cycle (hydrological cycle): trees and other plants slow the flow of rainwater to rivers, acting as a natural flood control.

Wales’ Well-being Goals: (there are seven, but number two states....)

A resilient Wales “A nation which **maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with health functioning ecosystems** that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change).

What are Ecosystem Services?

- Evidence tells us that ecosystems that are resilient are better able to deliver these services.
- Resilient ecosystems are diverse, connected, large enough and in good condition to be able to adapt to disturbance.

Examples include:

Carbon storage and sequestration

Soil quality and erosion control

Biodiversity

Coastal protection

Water quality

Flood regulation



Irrigation

Pollination Pest control

Scenic beauty

Fisheries

Climate regulation

Aquaculture

In addition to the actions outlined above specifically targeted at the biodiversity and resilience of ecosystems duty, the Community Council is working towards wider targets for Climate Change including:

Provision of Water meters

LED replacements on street lighting

Recycling receptacles, particularly at Gladstone Playing Fields

Paperless office (subject to legislation changes)

Solar panels on Council buildings??

Sharron Jones

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Clerk and Financial Officer

Darren Sterry

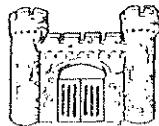
Darren Sterry

Chairman of the Council



APPENDIX 1

Group	Description of organisation relative to biodiversity. Organisations:	Minimum Actions	Examples	NRAP objectives for Action Reporting (see template Annex 1)
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that own or occupy an office building only and • whose functions are not directly connected to biodiversity and/or land management. 	Actions related to buildings management, procurement, sustainability, awareness raising, training, or in partnership with other organisations	Commissions, DVLA	NRAP objectives 1, 4, 6
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that own, occupy or manage land their own buildings and grounds, • whose functions are connected with biodiversity and/or land management, or • that can influence those who own or manage land. 	As per Group 1 above PLUS grounds management, cascading funding criteria, providing education and training	Public Health Wales, Universities, Sport Wales	NRAP objectives 1,4,6 as above NRAP objectives 2, 3, 5 relating to own grounds
3	• that own or manage land beyond their own grounds, whether their functions are connected with biodiversity and/or land management or not.	As per Groups 1 and 2 above PLUS land management to maintain and enhance biodiversity, and promote the resilience of ecosystems.	Dŵr Cymru, Local Authorities, NRW, Welsh Government	All NRAP objectives

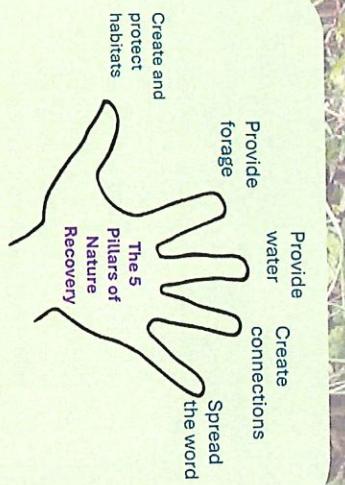


The Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales (NRAP) sets out six objectives for reversing the decline of biodiversity which should be used to help develop and guide actions to comply with the section 6 duty:

The **6 objectives** to maintain and enhance biodiversity are:

- Objective 1:** Engage and support participation and understanding to embed biodiversity throughout decision making at all levels
- Objective 2:** Safeguard species and habitats of principal importance and improve their management
- Objective 3:** Increase the resilience of our natural environment by restoring degraded habitats and habitat creation
- Objective 4:** Tackle key pressures on species and habitats
- Objective 5:** Improve our evidence, understanding and monitoring
- Objective 6:** Put in place a framework of governance and support for delivery

Public Amenity Spaces



Burial ground/Church yards

- Mowing changes
- Nature areas
- Natural burial sites
- Hedgerows
- Native trees
- Native shrubs/plants
- Pest control
- Herbicide/Weed control
- Signage
- Bird feeders/Habitat boxes
- Lighting
- Rules on flowers etc... (plastic)
- SUDs planters (buildings)
- Waste management
- Citizen science/Biodiversity recording

Parks

- Mowing changes
- Hedgerows
- Planting schemes
- Trees
- Ponds/Rain gardens
- Signage
- Create nature areas
- Sensory garden
- Community growing
- Invasive Non-native Species (INNS)
- Garden escapes
- Herbicide/Weed control
- Pest control
- Lighting
- SUDs planters (buildings)
- Waste management
- Citizen science/Biodiversity recording

Allotments

- Pollinator area/
- Ponds/Wet area
- Rainwater capture
- Pest control
- Herbicide/Weed control
- Fertilisers
- Organic methods
- No dig methods
- Peat free
- Habitat piles/Bug hotels
- Hibernacula
- Heritage varieties
- Food sharing
- Skill sharing
- Wildlife friendly gardening

Woodland

- Tree management plan
- Removal of non-native trees
- Hedgerow management
- Non-native Invasive Species (INNS)
- Natural paths
- Log piles/Habitat piles
- Standing timber
- Disease control
- Hibernacula
- Priority species
- Bird/Bat Boxes
- Ponds/Ditches/Attenuation systems
- Light levels
- Habitat variation (scrub/open spaces/understorey planting)
- Grazing management
- Citizen science/Biodiversity recording

Playing fields

- Mowing changes (zones)
- Netting/Apparatus
- Hedgerows
- Ponds/Rain gardens
- SUDs planters (buildings)
- Herbicide/Weed control

Orchards

- Local / heritage varieties
- Leave dead wood on site
- Follow pruning best practice
- Avoid pesticide
- No artificial fertiliser

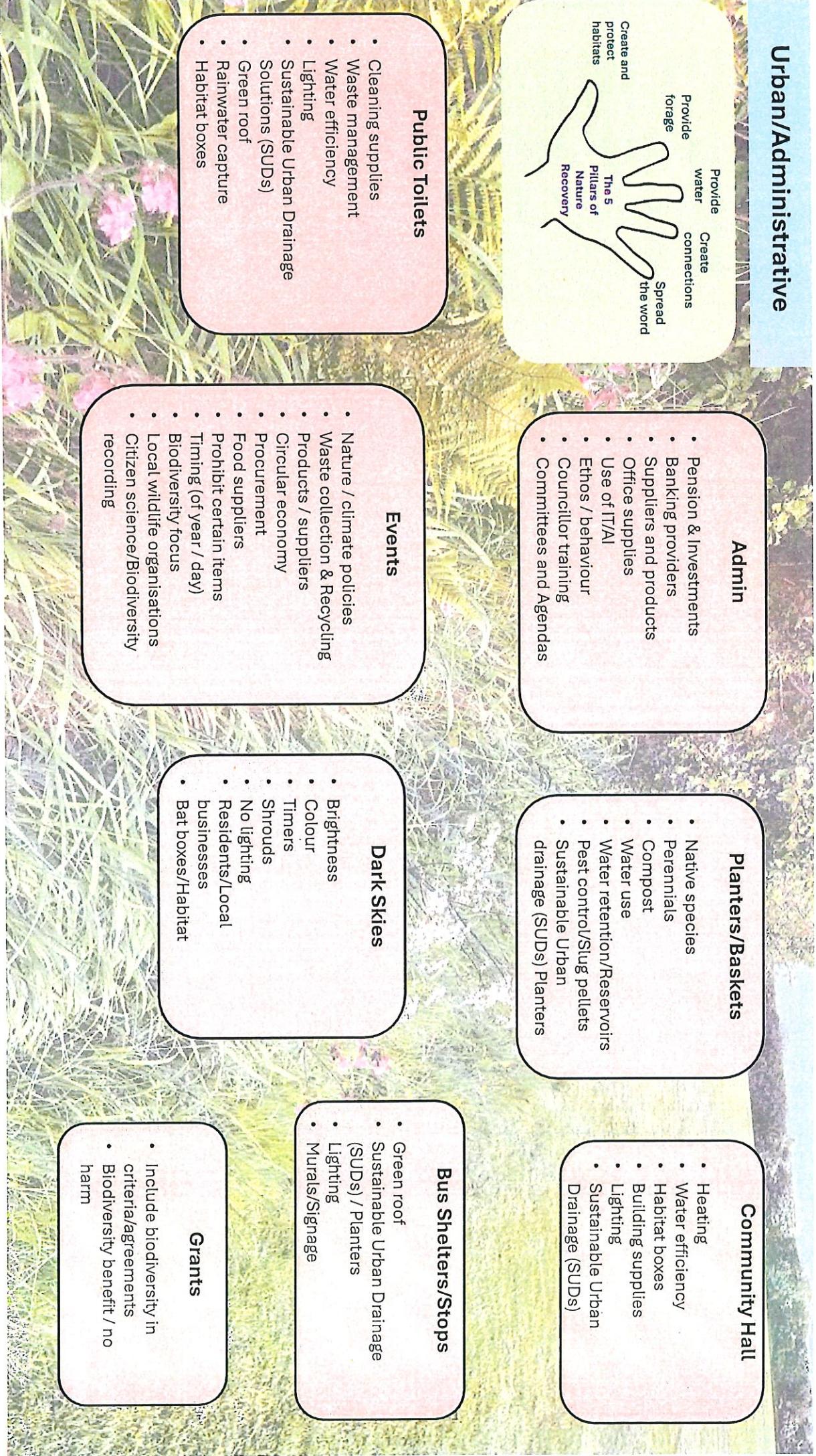
Play park

- Reduced mowing intervals
- Planters
- Hedging
- Natural play
- Bug hotels
- Signage

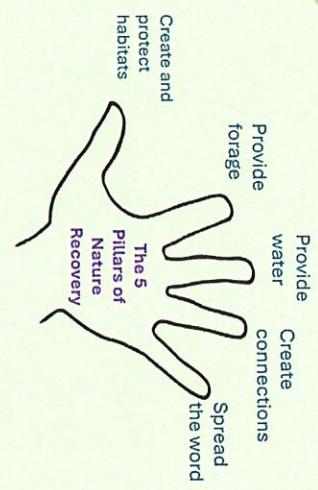
Grass verges

- Mowing changes
- Signage
- Planting trees
- Native plants, shrubs
- Native bulbs
- Bug hotels/Habitat boxes
- Scything
- Wildflower / wild areas (borders)
- Avoid root compaction (heavy machinery)
- Hedge / dead hedge border
- Community events – use the produce
- Leave fallen fruit on the ground
- Plant new trees to vary age structure

Urban/Administrative



Specialised sites



Water Bodies

- Pollution
- Invasive Non-Native Species
- Riparian habitat
- Aquatic vegetation
- Shade
- Floodplains
- Sediment
- Dredging (no)
- Beaver proxies
- Canalisation -> re-wiggle
- Upland water retention
- Natural river processes (erosion, sedimentation, direction change)
- Citizen science/Biodiversity recording

Nature Reserves

- Management plan
- Habitat management
- Surveys / data collection
- Specialist advice
- Water retention
- Responsible access
- Infrastructure / furniture
- Restricted activities
- Signage/Interpretation
- Signage/Rules
- Litter/Waste management
- Invasive Non-Native Species
- Garden escapes
- Budget / funding / grants
- Partnership working
- Citizen science

Local Designated Sites (e.g. SSSI/Common land/SAC/SINC/SAM)

- Identify designated sites
- Legislation and restrictions
- Governing body
- Management organisation
- Landownership
- Stakeholders
- 'Friends of' groups/volunteers
- Priority habitats/species
- Key pressures – litter, garden escapes, guerilla gardening, illegal use.

Farmland

- Contract & Agreement
- Monitoring
- Grazing
- Hedgerow management
- Habitat creation
- Nature Friendly Farming

Village Green

- Recreation & access cannot be impeded
- No development
- Landowner / LA permission required
- Trees
- Native plants
- Invasive Non-Native Species
- Ponds / water bodies
- Signs / information
- Mowing changes
- Native plants
- Boundaries
- Hedges

Planning Applications for consideration:

No.	Planning Application Number	Proposal	Address	CASE OFFICER
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1.	FUL/000058/26 Ward: Mancot	EXTENSION AND INTERNAL ALTERATIONS TO 21 HIGH PARK	21, High Park, Hawarden, Deeside, CH5 3EF	29.01.2026 Barbara Kinnear
2.	FUL/000080/26 Ward: Ewloe	Extension and alterations to garage to provide home office in roofspace	3, Fron Heulog, Deeside, Ewloe, CH5 3GG	29.01.2026 Barbara Kinnear
3.	FUL/000075/26 Ward: Aston	Building above an existing utility room to add an en-suite accessible from main bedroom	6, Cambrian Way, Ewloe, Deeside, CH5 3RE	28.01.2026 Barbara Kinnear
4.	FUL/000039/26 Ward: Mancot	Demolition of Existing Outrigger and Erection of Two Storey Side and Rear Extensions.	81, The Highway, Hawarden, Deeside, CH5 3DL	21.01.2026 Barbara Kinnear
5.	FUL/000006/26	Extensions to dwelling comprising single storey porch to front and two storey extension to rear	6, Crossways, Mancot, Deeside, CH5 2AN	09.01.2026 Barbara Kinnear
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**PLANNING DECISIONS MADE BY FCC FOR NOTING BY HAWARDEN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

	Planning Application Number	Proposal	Address	Decision
1.	FUL/001020/25 Ward: Ewloe	Replacement of the existing 13.9m monopole with a new 20m lattice mast together with installation of antennas and ancillary equipment and the extension of the existing compound area.	STUD FARM, Liverpool Road, Buckley, CH7 3LN	Approved 30.01.2026 Alison Dean
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Accounts for Payment					
Feb-26					
Ref:	Method	Item	Cost	Net Cost	VAT
H/25/316	DD	Scottish Power Pavillion - Nov / Dec	£128.42	£102.42	£26.00
H/25/317	BACS	Done N Dusted - Office Clean - Jan	£35.00	£35.00	£0.00
H/25/318	BACS	Canda Copying - Photocopier Useage - Dec	£594.60	£495.50	£99.10
H/25/319	BACS	Canda Copying - Photocopier Rental - Dec	£147.48	£122.90	£24.58
H/25/320	BACS	Sealand Motor Company - MOT's 2025 - KKL/PZH/LGX	£135.00	£135.00	£0.00
H/25/321	CRD 0734	DVLA - Vehicle Tax - YX19 KKL	£345.00	£345.00	£0.00
H/25/322	BACS	Viking - Office Stationery	£55.95	£46.62	£9.33
H/25/323	CRD 0734	LVW Deeside - Metal Socket & Plug	£11.81	£9.84	£1.97
H/25/324	CRD 0734	Amazon - HP Laptop Mouse	£14.19	£11.82	£2.37
H/25/325	CRD 0734	Amazon - Laptop Bag	£22.24	£18.53	£3.71
H/25/326	CRD 0734	Amazon - Laptop Keyboard and Mouse	£41.24	£34.36	£6.88
H/25/327	CRD 0734	Amazon - Laptop Bag	£18.24	£15.20	£3.04
		Cash from Ewloe cash point (£70.00) for 2 x new vehicle ramps (M. Sanders) and office refreshments (£3 to top up petty cash balance)	£70.00	£70.00	
H/25/328	CRD 0734	Idata - CCTV	£53.74	£44.78	£8.96
H/25/330	CRD 0734	Ebay - Car Seat Covers - Litter Collectors Vehicle	£16.49	£16.49	£0.00
H/25/331	BACS	Trebors Jones & Son Ltd - Loader Brackers / Spool Valves Fitted to Tractor	£8,760.00	£7,300.00	£1,460.00
H/25/332	BACS	SLCC - Practitioners Conference Jan 2026	£445.00	£385.00	£60.00
H/25/333	CRD 0734	Cromwell - Maintenance Officer Working Boots	£43.74	£36.45	£7.29
H/25/334	CRD 0734	World of Power - 2 x Lawnmower Blades	£70.10	£64.25	£12.85
H/25/335	CRD 1030	Graham's Machinery - Maintenance Officer Coverall	£30.00	£25.00	£5.00
H/25/336	DD	Ruby Energy - Electric - Office - 13th Dec - 13th Jan	£160.54	£152.90	£7.64
H/25/337	DD	Onecome - Wifi / Phone Line - December	£217.02	£180.85	£36.17
H/25/338	BACS	Peninsula - Service & Parts - Cherry Picker (Ford Flat Bed)	£270.00	£270.00	£0.00
H/25/339	CRD 0734	Charlies - Blue Roll / Screen Wash / Hi-Viz	£22.47	£18.73	£3.74
H/25/340	CRD 0734	B&Q - Concrete Mixer / 2 x Wood Saw - TBR	£302.00	£302.00	£0.00
H/25/341	CRD 0734	Ebay - 4 x Air Filters	£31.88	£26.56	£5.32
H/25/342	DD	SSE Energy - Street Lighting - Aug / September	£5,748.72	£4,790.60	£958.12
H/25/343	DD	SSE Energy - Street Lighting - October	£3,767.11	£3,077.10	£690.01
H/25/344	DD	SSE Energy - Street Lighting - November	£4,128.80	£3,372.31	£688.13
H/25/345	DD	SSE Energy - Street Lighting - December	£4,547.32	£3,714.03	£757.89
H/25/346	CRD 0734	Event Brite - Training - Cllr Cooper - Planning	£53.00	£53.00	£0.00
H/25/347	CRD 0735	Event Brite - Training - Clerk - Planning	£53.00	£53.00	£0.00
H/25/348	BACS	HW Oultram - Vehicle Fuel - December - LGX	£229.27	£192.17	£37.10
H/25/349	BACS	HW Oultram - Vehicle Fuel - December - Vans	£116.27	£97.46	£18.81
H/25/350	DD	Welsh Water - Office Water - January	£34.02	£34.02	£0.00
H/25/351	BACS	Microshade - Hosted Services	£157.42	£131.18	£26.24
H/25/352	DD	Flotek - Mobile Phones - January	£40.51	£33.76	£6.75
H/25/353	BACS	Lloyd's Bank - February Salaries	£15,572.31	£15,572.31	£0.00
H/25/354	BACS	HMRC - February Salaries	£6,504.84	£6,504.84	£0.00
H/25/355	BACS	Clwyd Pension Fund - February Salaries	£6,261.00	£6,261.00	£0.00
H/25/356	CRD 0734	Charlies - Brackets for Shelves in Depot	£5.96	£4.96	£1.00
H/25/357	CRD 0734	Car & Commercial Autocare - Vehicle Repair - KKL	£951.92	£951.92	£0.00
		TOTAL	£60,213.62	£55,108.86	£4,968.00

	Chairman:					
	Chair of Finance:					
	Clerk & FO:					

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Bank - Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 31 December 2025

Confirmed Bank & Investment BalancesBank Statement Balances

31/12/2025	Lloyds Current Account	56,568.35
09/12/2025	Lloyds Instant Access	206,032.36
30/12/2025	Lloyds Bank	287,343.80
31/10/2025	Petty Cash	50.96
		549,995.47

Unpresented Payments

0.00
549,995.47

Receipts not on Bank Statement

0.00
549,995.47

Closing BalanceAll Cash & Bank Accounts

1	Lloyds Current A/c	56,568.35
2	Lloyds Business Instant Access	206,032.36
3	Lloyds Business 30 Day A/c	287,343.80
7	Petty Cash Cbk	50.96
	Other Cash & Bank Balances	0.00
	Total Cash & Bank Balances	549,995.47

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Bank - Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at ^{3rd} January 2026Confirmed Bank & Investment BalancesBank Statement Balances

30/01/2026	Lloyds Current Account	39,001.44
30/01/2026	Lloyds Instant Access	206,154.85
30/01/2026	Lloyds Bank	258,180.35
31/10/2025	Petty Cash	50.96
		503,387.60

Unpresented Payments

62.34

503,325.26Receipts not on Bank Statement

0.00

503,325.26**Closing Balance**All Cash & Bank Accounts

1	Lloyds Current A/c	38,939.10
2	Lloyds Business Instant Access	206,154.85
3	Lloyds Business 30 Day A/c	258,180.35
7	Petty Cash Cbk	50.96
	Other Cash & Bank Balances	0.00
	Total Cash & Bank Balances	503,325.26