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8th February 2023

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 13th February 2023** at **6.00 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.

No recording, broadcasting or photographs may be taken of the council meeting without the prior approval of the Community Council.

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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HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HYBRID MEETING

13th February 2023

A G E N D A

6.00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING:

1. PRESENTATION AND Q&A ABOUT THE HYNET PROJECT:

James Pout, Progressive Energy Ltd, will be present at the meeting to outline the Hynet proposals and answer any questions from members.

The council has already provided the below response to the first consultation:

- i. More information and clarity are required about the project with definitive maps;
- ii. What are the immediate benefits to Hawarden (Aston, Mancot and Ewloe wards) and to the wider Flintshire county area?
- iii. Proof required about the success rate and deliverability of such a project;
- iv. This is a heavily mined area (historically) with numerous mine shafts (Coal/Iron/Lead) and, the country rock below the drift geology is extensively faulted;

- v. The impact on existing bore holes on farms and domestic properties (which are numerous) could be detrimental given this work; and
- vi. Disruption of local farmland.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

To receive any declarations of interests from Members.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of the council held on 9th January 2023, copy attached.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

6. JOINT SERVICES COMMITTEE:

To receive and note the minutes of the Joint Services Committee held on 18th January 2023.

7. INTERIM INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT:

To receive a copy of the Interim Internal Audit Report 2022-23 and consider an action plan if required. Copy attached.

8. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

STAFFING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

9. PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR THE COUNCIL'S MAINTENANCE TEAM:

Members will recall that at the previous meeting some members questioned the spend on PPE for the Council's workforce and suggested that an "annual pack" be considered.

Report attached for members' consideration.

10. PUBLIC COMMEMORATION IN WALES: GUIDANCE FOR PUBLIC BODIES:

This consultation is seeking views on the draft of Public commemoration in Wales: guidance for public bodies. A copy of the guidance is available at: <https://www.gov.wales/public-commemoration-wales-guidance-public-bodies>

This is best practice guidance for local authorities, town and community councils and other public bodies, intended to help them reach well informed decisions about existing and future public commemorations.

The guidance is in two parts:

Part 1 introduces the issues around public commemoration and its impact.

Part 2 sets out four steps that public bodies should take in order to address these issues and realise the contribution of public commemoration to the achievement of an anti-racist Wales.

These four steps are:

- i. Establishing a framework for inclusive decision making;
- ii. Setting clear objectives for public commemoration;
- iii. Establishing criteria for decision making; and
- iv. Taking action to meet objectives and address issues raised by public commemoration.

The guidance follows on from *The Slave Trade and the British Empire: an audit of commemoration in Wales*, first published in November 2020. It also supports the Welsh Government's Anti-racist Wales Action Plan, which charges public bodies with responsibility for 'setting the right historic narrative, promoting and delivering a balanced, authentic and decolonised account of the past'.

The action plan also includes a specific action to 'review and appropriately address the way in which people and events with known historical associations to slavery and colonialism are commemorated in our public spaces and collections, acknowledging the harm done by their actions and reframing the presentation of their legacy to fully recognise this.'

The guidance acknowledges that Wales is a diverse society, but that many of its characteristics are barely visible in public commemorations, which may not reflect contemporary values. In setting objectives for commemoration, there is an opportunity to address under-representation and respond to changing values, as well as deepening understanding of historical issues and events.

The council is asked to consider its response to this consultation.

11. TECHNICAL ADVICE NOTE (TAN) 15 DEVELOPMENT, FLOODING AND COASTAL EROSION FURTHER AMENDMENTS:

This consultation is seeking views on draft further revisions to planning guidance in relation to flooding and coastal erosion. A previous consultation took place from 9 October 2019 to 17 January 2020.

The full consultation can be accessed via the following link:
<https://www.gov.wales/further-amendments-technical-advice-note-tan-15-development-flooding-and-coastal-erosion>

Responses are required by **17 April 2023**.

The council is asked to consider its response to this consultation.

12. STANDARDS COMMITTEE:

To note the attached letter and guidance from the Chief Officer, Governance, for information, following visits by Standards Committee members to Town and Community Councils.

13. POLICE MATTERS:

To consider any matters of concern.

14. HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:

To consider any matters of concern with John Griffiths who might be in attendance.

15. LIGHTING FAULTS:

To raise any lighting issues.

16. MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

To consider any relevant information items from Members.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

17. 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 January.

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 January.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

18. THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY (QGC):

As a nationwide initiative created to mark the Platinum Jubilee, the QGC was due to conclude in December 2022 – the end of the Jubilee year. However, as the official tree planting season in the United Kingdom is from October to March, the initiative was extended to include the full tree planting season, beginning in October 2022 and concluding in March 2023.

The Queen's Green Canopy is proud to be creating a living legacy with over a million trees planted in Her Majesty's name across the nation during the first planting season, October 2021 to March 2022. The extension of the QGC initiative will build on this legacy and serve as a lasting tribute to Her Majesty's extraordinary service to her country and her people.

Members are requested to consider locations for the seven commemorative trees in the community of Hawarden.

19. TREE MANAGEMENT:

The Council is responsible for a number of trees throughout the community and is in the process of drawing up a "Tree Management Policy and Register".

During the last eight months an amount of £1,390 has been spent on tree work and the council currently has quotes in for work required at High Park (in the region £650 to £900 net) and Trueman's Court (in the region of £2,900 to £5,000). An additional tree survey is required on one of the trees at Trueman's to determine the strength of the stem.

This work has not been budgeted for but the council has a contingency fund of £10,000 that has not been called upon in the current financial year.

The council's workforce is not '*expert*' in tree management, although the Maintenance Officer has detailed knowledge and experience about the maintenance of the trees and the suitability of tree types to be planted or replaced at various locations. The council tend to rely on the advice of the Arboriculturalist at Flintshire County for any necessary tree work.

The council is asked to accept the quotes for the relevant tree works and accept that the advice from the County Council's Arboriculturalist is authoritative.

20. NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE AT EWLOE:

In January 2022, the land at Wood Lane, Ewloe was finally transferred to the ownership of the Community Council. The land has been added to the Council's insurance policy and maintenance schedule and is currently fenced off to prevent unlawful encampments.

The Ewloe Community Centre Task and Finish Group (*Ewloe members and the Chairman of the Council*) need to meet to discuss the development of a new Community Centre and to design "the product" in order to be able to progress with this scheme and obtain grant funding.

The council is asked to endorse this arrangement. The Task and Finish Group will have no delegated authority but will need to meet on a monthly basis to progress this matter.

21. PERMISSION TO USE THE GLADSTONE PLAYING FIELDS FOR THE ANNUAL HAWARDEN CARNIVAL:

A letter has been received from the Secretary to the Carnival Committee seeking permission to use the Gladstone Playing Fields for the annual carnival. This permission has been endorsed over many years.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

22. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

To approve the attached list of payments for February 2023.

23. CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

- (i) To receive a verbal report on the Council's contribution to the Joint Maintenance Committee for the month of February.
- (ii) To approve the setting up a Direct Debit of £46.20 per month for the maintenance of the Council's newly updated CCTV cameras from I Data.
- (iii) To consider and agree the virement of Councillor Sam Swash's Mandatory Member Allowance to the Willow Park Residents Association.
- (iv) To agree to the annual sponsorship of the Rotary Youth Leadership Award at £350.

24. BANK RECONCILIATIONS:

To receive the bank reconciliation statements for the periods ending 31st December (enclosed) and 31st January, (to follow).