



HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of the
COMMUNITY AMENITIES COMMITTEE
held on **10 FEBRUARY 2020**

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Lowri Earith

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: As per Council meeting

354/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

As per Council meeting.

355/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No declarations of interest were made by Members pertaining to the Committee.

356/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 13th January 2020 be received as a true record and signed by the Chair.

357/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none

358/19 LIGHTING FAULTS:

There were none.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

359/19 COMMUNITY IN BLOOM

A discussion took place on the future of this event due to the lack of entrants and the need to revitalise the competition. Councillor Richard Taylor said that this would be the type of event he'd like to promote in a newsletter as suggested previously and will be discussed at a future Communications Sub-Committee.

91 Chair's Signature_____

A number of ideas had been suggested included the deferment of the event for a couple of years but Councillor Lowri Earith suggested that neighbouring properties/friends and/or relatives could nominate entrants via a leaflet drop with improved promotion and communications.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to trial this new arrangement for a period of one year as outlined above.

360/19 VE DAY 75 COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised of key events taking place throughout the County but little had been organised locally. Some neighbouring Community/Town Councils had said that they would issue grants to local groups who wished to arrange a street party, some civic and church services would take place and the schools, within Hawarden, did not intend on doing any commemorative events over the bank holiday weekend. The Royal British Legion would consider a short commemorative event at the memorial, but the detail had yet to be confirmed.

The Clerk and Financial Officer said that there had been money in the budget for grants and subject to the next round of grants, an amount of £1,000 could be set aside for grants for street parties. The mandatory member allowances could also be used for this purpose, subject to member uptake.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to set aside £1000 for community groups; to be allocated to the first 10 community groups and to include a good representative area across all wards, if practicable.

361/19 MESH FOOTPATH FROM PAVILION TO HARD STANDING:

The Clerk and Financial Officer outlined the costs involved with this request following some research. Councillor Darren Sterry said that he believed he could obtain a more reasonable quote and report back to Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

362/19 HERBERT GLADSTONE RECREATION GROUND (HGRC) CHARITABLE TRUST:

The Chairman referred to a formal request from a local independent Solicitor to provide free advice and support to the HGRG Charitable Trust but had been strongly opposed to this offer as, following some research, as it had transpired that the support offered could not be seen to be independent due to the residential location of the Solicitor.

Members referred to the support already provided to the Community Council, via the Clerk and Financial Officer, from Wellers Hedleys, an organisation that provided specialist advice and support to all Town and Community Councils across the nation.

92 Chair's Signature_____

IT WAS RESOLVED: to decline the offer of support but send a letter of thanks to the individual.

Councillors Janet Axworthy, Cheryl Carver and Clive Carver wished to have their names recorded as having voted against this decision.

363/19 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that the Circular Drive play area had been completed and a post-inspection report undertaken by the Royal Society of the Prevention of Accidents. However, due to the adverse weather conditions over recent months it had not been possible to open the play area. It had been anticipated that the play area could be opened in time for the half term school holiday but this looked unlikely. An official opening would be arranged in due course.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

364/19 MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were none.