



Minutes of the Meeting of  
**HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
held on  
**13 JANUARY 2020**

**PRESENT:**           **Chair:** Councillor George Hardcastle

**Councillors:**     Ve Amos, Joyce Angell, Janet Axworthy, Gillian Brockley, Helen Brown, Cheryl Carver, Clive Carver, Bob Connah, Lowri Earith, Sarah Hinks, Dave Mackie, Dan Preece, Emma Preece, Ralph Small, Darren Sterry, Sam Swash, Richard Taylor and Ant Turton

**Officers:**           Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer  
Fran Griffiths, Administrator

**293/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillor George Hardcastle welcomed members to the first meeting of the new year and expressed his good wishes to all member for a Happy New Year.

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Ryan O’Gorman.

**294/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

No declarations of interest were made by Members.

**295/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 be approved as a correct record.

**296/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

There were none.

**297/19 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings of the following Committees held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 be received:

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

**298/19 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL, HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND SHOTTON TOWN COUNCIL**

Councillors Clive and Cheryl Carver said that they had requested to have their votes recorded as having abstained from the vote at the meeting. Councillor Emma Preece requested that the word 'defer' be deleted from the resolution.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and note the minutes of the special meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020, noting the amendments as outlined above.

**299/19 NOTICE OF MOTION (ATTACHED):**

A Notice of Motion had been submitted with the agenda for the meeting to rescind the decision taken by the Community Council at its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 "to not support the motion for the Local Electricity Bill". The Notice of Motion indicated that the Community Council had not been fully aware of the details of the proposal.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to rescind the decision.

**300/19 LOCAL ELECTRICITY BILL:**

A lengthy discussion took place about the potential of local organisations able to establish energy companies and sell surplus energy back to the community. Councillor Sam Swash outlined that the proposal had been to change the legislation to allow local organisations to sell their surplus energy to the local community and not to the National Grid.

The Clerk and Financial Officer had also highlighted that the Community Council had been required to produce an Annual Report on its proposals for Climate Change under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and that this could form part of this work.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to agree, in principle, to the motion to support the campaign for more local energy generation and incorporate key actions within the Council's Climate Change plan.

Councillors Clive Carver, Cheryl Carver and Bob Connah requested that their names be recorded as having voted against this decision.

**301/19 CHAIR'S REMARKS:**

The Chair had not attended any recent events.

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