

Minutes of the Meeting of  
**HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
held on  
**8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019**

**PRESENT:** Chair: Councillor George Hardcastle

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

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

Also Present: Representatives from 1st Hawarden Scouts Group  
A member of the public

**66/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

The Chair of the Council congratulated and welcomed newly elected Councillors Sarah Hinks, Sam Swash and Richard Taylor to the meeting.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Gillian Brockley and Ryan O’Gorman.

**67/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Councillor Ralph Small declared an interest in the first item of business and duly completed his declaration of interest form.

**68/19 REQUEST FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> HAWARDEN SCOUT GROUP:**

Paul Wright, Chair of 1<sup>st</sup> Hawarden Scout Group and Chris Durham, Group Scout Leader had been welcomed to the meeting.

Paul provided some background information about the Scout Group and said that the group catered for children between the ages of 5½ and 18 and they had a waiting list of 70 children for the Hawarden Group. He continued to outline his proposal and requested permission to lease additional land from the Community Council following a recent flooding problem and raised concerns about the horse chestnut tree outside the building. He also sought the Council’s permission to build an additional garage to store the mini-bus and/or trailer.

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The Clerk said that she had recently been in contact with Stuart Body, Forestry Officer at FCC and a tree expert had been engaged to advise on the condition of the inside of the tree.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to defer this matter to the September Council meeting following the outcome of the tree survey work.

**69/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 10<sup>TH</sup> June 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**70/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

There were no matters arising.

**71/19 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings of the following Committees held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be received:

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

**72/19 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that it had been good practice to change the Council's Internal Auditor every three years. However, the format of the audit had been changed this year due to the Service Legal Agreement between the three Council's so she sought approval to remain with the current auditor for an additional year.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to appoint JDH Business Services Limited as the Council's Internal Auditor for 2019/20.

**73/19 CHAIR'S REMARKS:**

Councillor George Hardcastle advised that he had recently attended the following events:

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- County Forum meeting, 25<sup>th</sup> June: a number of useful and interesting discussions/presentations on Community Foundations in Hawarden and Wales; Audit presentation, Council Plan 2019-20 redesign, Council's Digital Strategy and Customer Account and Welsh Government Statutory Pre-Consultation Process for Major Developments.
- Flintshire County Council Chairman's Civic Service, 7<sup>th</sup> July: this had been a successful event and had featured an excellent performance by Northop Silver Band.

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