#### Minutes of the Meeting of

# HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

held on

#### 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018

**PRESENT:** Chair: Councillor Dave Mackie

Councillors: Ve Amos, Joyce Angell, Janet Axworthy, Helen Brown, Clive

Carver, Cheryl Carver, Bob Connah, Lowri Earith, George Hardcastle, Kevin Jones, Dan Preece, Emma Preece, Ralph

Small, Darren Sterry and Ant Turton

Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer

Fran Griffiths, Administrator

#### 295/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gillian Brockley, Helen Meredith and Ryan O'Gorman.

## 296/18 PRESENTATIONS:

The Chairman welcomed Anna Day-Williams and Emma Evans to the meeting as they had recently been selected to attend the 2018 RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) scheme. They continued to provide a very informative and impressive presentation about their experiences and had learned new skills and gained confidence.

Anna stated that RYLA had given her the confidence and the skills to enable her to make positive decisions about her future university and career options and said that she had become more independent and appreciative of core team roles.

Emma said that she had always thought of herself as a leader and liked to take the lead in decision making but had learned how much she had enjoyed being part of a team. RYLA had enabled her to improve her communication skills and enable her to exercise tact and diplomacy.

Anna and Emma thanked the Community Council for enabling them to embrace this opportunity that had given them such a positive experience.

The Chairman thanked Anna and Emma for their impressive presentation and, on behalf of the Council, wished them every success for their future careers.

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### 297/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest from Members.

#### 298/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### 299/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Councillor Kevin Jones said that he had been disappointed and concerned about the lack of full Member attendance at recent meetings and asked the Clerk and Financial Officer for a report. The Clerk and Financial Officer said that a statistical report could be prepared but that there was little that could be done unless a member failed to attend any meetings for a continuous period of six months as they would 'automatically' be disqualified as a Community Councillor.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT: that the Clerk provide a statistical report for the next meeting.

#### **300/18 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings of the following Committees held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 be received:

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

# 301/18 CHAIR'S REMARKS:

The Chair had recently attended the following events:

- Carol service at The Sacred Heart Catholic Church.
- A Candle lit carol service at St. Bartholomew's Church, Sealand.
- Christmas carol concert at Hawarden High School.

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