

Minutes of the Meeting of
HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
15th JANUARY 2018

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Alan Diskin

Councillors: Ve Amos, Joyce Angell, Janet Axworthy, Gillian Brockley, Helen Brown, Cheryl Carver, Clive Carver, Glenys Diskin, Lowri Earith, George Hardcastle, Kevin Jones, Dave Mackie, Wendy Mallin, Helen Meredith, Ryan O’Gorman, Dan Preece, Emma Preece, Darren Sterry and Ralph Small.

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

Also present: Sam Bidwell, Community Youth Representative

The Chair wished Members a Happy New Year.

373/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Gillian Brockley.

374/17 CAR PARKING AT CROSS TREE LANE:

Jamie Tennant, Headteacher, Hawarden Village School, had been welcomed to the meeting. He went on to say that he had been in post at the school since 2016, but that the problem of over parking had commenced following the construction of the new school building at the time of the merger of the infants and junior school which had resulted in a reduction in the size of the car park. As Members had been aware meetings had previously taking place with Members, the Police and Governors to find a solution and parents had been written to on many occasions, asking them to alleviate the problems during drop off and pick up times. A ‘Safer Route to School’ bid had recently been submitted to Flintshire County Council. The problem had been further exacerbated by the fact that the two lollipop ladies had recently retired and the local authority had been unable to recruit replacements.

Councillor Clive Carver commented that he had been awaiting a response from Flintshire County Council on the scheme they had proposed but to no avail.

A number of members said that bollards should be installed in as many locations as possible and that the use of the field adjacent to the school be investigated together with the installation of yellow lines although members recognised that the enforcement of the yellow lines had been the main restriction.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:

- i) The Clerk and Head Teacher send a joint letter to Flintshire County Council to request that this issue be escalated in light of a solution;
- ii) The Head Teacher look into the feasibility of installing bollards in specified areas; and
- iii) a site meeting with Ward Members and Officers from Flintshire County Council be arranged in order to expedite safety measures.

The Chair thanked Mr Tennant for his attendance and presentation.

375/17 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillors Ve Amos, Clive Carver and Cheryl Carver declared an interest in Item 7, Council Chamber, on the agenda and duly completed their Declaration of Interest form.

376/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 18th December 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

377/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

378/17 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings of the following Committees held on 18th December 2017 be received:

Staff & General Purposes Committee
Lighting Committee
Playing Fields Committee
Planning Committee
Community & Environment Committee
Finance Committee

379/17 COUNCIL CHAMBER:

A lengthy discussion took place about the proposed reconfiguration of the Council Chamber. Councillor Emma Preece circulated 3D plans of each of the proposals previously discussed. The majority of Members agreed that each of the designs would be constricted and therefore the Council Chamber was not fit for purpose.

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IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:

- i) The Clerk and Councillor Angell pursue the possibility of the use of the Executive Meeting room at Hawarden High School; and
- ii) Alternative venues within the Community be researched.

380/17 CHAIR'S REMARKS:

There were none.

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