

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the
STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held on
14TH JANUARY 2019

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Helen Brown

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: As per Council Meeting

302/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

As per Council meeting with the addition of Councillor Clive Carver.

303/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No Declarations of Interest were made by Members pertaining to this committee.

304/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 10th December, 2018 be received as a true record and signed by the Chair.

305/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

306/18 POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Steph Jones had submitted her apologies to the meeting and had circulated an incident report to members via email.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the incident report.

307/18 HIGHWAYS ISSUES:

John Griffiths, Area Co-ordinator, Flintshire County Council had been welcomed to the meeting.

Members requested John to review a number of issues including pot holes, concrete bollards and blocked drains to which John responded accordingly.

Councillor Emma Preece said that residents had asked her to pass on their gratitude to John for the work undertaken at Alderberry Avenue.

Councillor Ant Turton asked if any improvements could be made to the junction at the Cottage Lane/Mancot Lane after several accidents during recent weeks. Councillor Bob Connah said that an application had been submitted for a 'Safer Routes to School scheme' for Hawarden Way and Mancot Lane that might help to alleviate this.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

308/18 REVIEW OF THE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF FLINTSHIRE:

The County Council Members had reviewed the consultation and proposed a solution to meet the needs of the review. It had been proposed to merge parts of the Hawarden electoral ward with Aston and Mancot and rename the new wards Hawarden East and West, or North and South etc. A meeting to progress this would take place at County Hall the following day.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note and approve the proposal.

309/18 REVIEW OF COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the Welsh Government "Areas for Action" following the recent independent review of the sector.

310/18 APPRENTICESHIPS:

Councillor Helen Brown had requested that this item be placed on the agenda. She proposed that the Community Council consider an apprenticeship scheme to enhance the Council's workforce and to provide an opportunity for local people to participate in.

Members discussed a number of advantages and disadvantages of such a scheme and IT WAS RESOLVED: to discuss the feasibility, associated costs and practicalities with the local college.

311/18 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised Members of the following matters:

- She had recently attended a collaborative event last Friday and had circulated a briefing note to members earlier in the day via email. The key outcome of the event focussed on the implications of the Well-being of Future Generations and the need for the Community Council to produce an annual report for consideration at the AGM in May 2019.
- An Action Plan would be presented to the Community Council for consideration in February for "Operation London Bridge".

- A letter had been received from Flintshire County Council about the potential visit by a member of the Standards Committee to observe Community Council meetings.
- Kevin Griffiths, Senior Maintenance Officer, had enlisted upon a 10-week Electricity Regulations course at Coleg Cambria.

IT WAS RESOLVED TO: receive the updates and convey the Council's best wishes to Kevin Griffiths.

312/18 COMMUNITY YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Sam Bidwell had been unable to attend the meeting due to his educational commitments. The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that the two-year period of office for Sam would expire in the Spring. Members collectively praised the appointment of a Community Youth Representative and asked if Sam could assist in the promotion and mentoring of future representatives.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT: the appointment of Community Youth Representatives be continued and that the Clerk and Financial Officer ascertain if Sam would be willing to act as a mentor to future representatives.

313/18 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Members commented that the recently appointed Lengthsman/Litter Collector, Carl Wright, had proven to be an excellent appointment as Carl had been extremely hard working and Members had seen an improvement throughout the community.

Councillor Janet Axworthy conveyed to Members concerns that she had received from residents about the local doctors' surgery that had recently been placed in 'special measures'. Following a discussion, Councillor Dave Mackie offered to write to the Community Health Council to ascertain if an inspection could be made to the Surgery with any outcomes to be shared with the Community Council as this was a major concern for local residents.