

## HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
**STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**  
held on  
**19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

**PRESENT:** Chair: Councillor Helen Brown

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: As per Council Meeting

**218/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

As per Council meeting.

**219/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

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

**220/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 be received as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**221/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that the First Aid training session had been re-scheduled from 1<sup>st</sup> November to the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

**222/18 POLICE MATTERS:**

PCSO Steph Jones had been welcomed to the meeting and provided an update on recent incidents. Members also raised the following issues:

- The Council wished to express its gratitude to Steph and the team for their invaluable assistance with the parade on Remembrance Sunday morning.
- A car had been abandoned at the junction of Yowley Road for approximately seven weeks – incident will be referred to North division.
- Quad bike had been seen on at least two occasions driving recklessly around Gladstone Playing Fields, between 6pm and 8pm. Driver had been dressed in black with no helmet.
- Parents who drop off their children outside Hawarden High School in the morning had caused a number of difficulties and Members had been concerned about the safety of pupils and motorists.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

## **223/18 HIGHWAYS ISSUES:**

### **Highway Issues:**

John Griffiths, Area Co-ordinator, Flintshire County Council had been welcomed to the meeting and confirmed that the barrier at Holywell Road had been repaired. Members also raised the following issues:

- i) An excessive amount of leaves had gathered at the rear the shops at Aston Park.
- ii) School warning sign had not been lit on Gladstone Way; this had been due to the absence of the safe crossing patrol officer.
- iii) Three 'abandoned' caravans throughout the area.
- iv) Tree routes coming through the path on B5129, Magazine Lane towards the roundabout.
- v) Abandoned caravan on Boars Head car park, with immobiliser attached.
- vi) Overgrown footpath leading from Ewloe post office to Unity House (responsibility of Redrow.)
- vii) Pot holes on Ash Lane.

Councillor Joyce Angell expressed her thanks to John for the replacement of the Armco barrier on Stamford Way.

Councillor Helen Brown advised John of the route of the Santa Dash this year that would run from Greenacres Animal Farm at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

### **Road Traffic Orders**

Councillor Clive Carver advised that information had not yet been received from Flintshire County Council. Councillor Lowri Earith said that she had been led to believe that a crossing would be installed on Gladstone Way with a lollipop lady and other improvements outside the School.

The Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed that the County Council had, she understood, deferred the Road Traffic Orders but that discussions had taken place between her and the Head Teacher and ultimately the Highways Department with a view to improving the access to the school car park and the installation of bollards on the "D". Councillor Carver commented that the problem lay with the education department for building a school with inadequate parking facilities.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to write to Steve Jones, Head of Streetscene to outline the Council's concerns and invite him to attend a future meeting of the Council so that Members can express their concerns direct.

## **224/18 REVIEW OF THE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF FLINTSHIRE:**

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales had reviewed the electoral arrangements for the County of Flintshire. A twelve week consultation had begun on the 1<sup>st</sup> November and the Council's response had been invited before the 23 January 2019.

Councillor Helen Brown advised Members to view the link to the website and suggested that a sub-group be established to review the proposals in detail. The sub-group would comprise Councillors Helen Brown, Clive Carver, George Hardcastle, Dave Mackie and Ralph Small.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT: a sub-group meet after the 6<sup>th</sup> December to review the proposals and draft the Council's response.

## **225/18 CLERK'S REPORT:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised Members of the following:

- She had recently attended the National Conference in October and circulated a report to Members of key issues and follow up actions for information/approval.
- 24 applications had been received for the vacant post of Litter Collector. A shortlisting panel had reviewed the applications and invited four candidates to be interviewed on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018.
- She requested Members to ensure that they read the Welsh Local Government Association policy on Social Media as this had recently been cited at the National Conference and via the County Council's Monitoring Officer as good practice. The Clerk and Financial Officer had included this as a hyper-link in the Council's recently adopted Social Media policy in October.
- The Clerk confirmed that she would review the pay and conditions of the depot workforce to ensure equality of allowances etc., in conjunction with the Chair of Staffing and General Purposes.

IT WAS RESOLVED TO: note the updates.

## **226/18 COMMUNITY YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**

Sam Bidwell had been unable to attend the meeting. Members of the Council wished to acknowledge the input of Sam Bidwell, and other students, at the recent Remembrance Day events.

## **227/18 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:**

There were none.