

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held on
10TH SEPTEMBER 2018

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Helen Brown

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: As per Council Meeting

126/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

As per Council meeting.

127/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

128/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 9th July 2018 be received as a true record and signed by the Chair.

129/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Councillor Dan Preece said that the safety barrier at Stamford Way had still not been repaired. (Minute Number 85/18 refers)

130/18 POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Steph Jones and PCSO Debra Devereux had been welcomed to the meeting. PCSO Debra Devereux introduced herself to Members and advised that she covered the Aston and Mancot wards. She had not been scheduled to work on a Monday but in consultation with her Sergeant she would ensure that she attended periodic meetings.

Members raised the following issues:

- i) Report of a young male acting indecently on Wood Lane.
- ii) Gas canisters found near Ewloe Castle
- iii) Anti-social behaviour at the Co-op, Ewloe.

PCSO Steph Jones advised Members that if they witnessed such incidents they should immediately report it to North Wales Police on the 101 number and to advise her direct about any drug activity witnessed.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

131/18 HIGHWAYS ISSUES:

Streetscene:

John Griffiths, Area Co-ordinator, Flintshire County Council had been welcomed to the meeting and a number of issues were raised including the following:

- i) Road and gutters overgrown on Old Aston Hill and in the subway under the A494 and numerous problems with parked cars.
- ii) Most alleyways in Mancot were overgrown and required attention.
- iii) Alleyway off B5125 near Ewloe Post Office overgrown.
- iv) Dog waste bin overflowing near Unity House, St. David's Park.
- v) Overgrown hedge at Blackbrook Avenue.
- vi) Bin to be replaced at Carlines Park.

On behalf of residents Members expressed their thanks to the Street Scene team for the replacement bins at by Ewloe CP School and the recent improvements made on Ash Lane.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:

- i) the updates be noted and actioned by John accordingly.
- ii) following the land registry confirmation, a letter be sent to the land owner on Hawarden Way to cut the hedge to the rear of his property.

Road Traffic Orders – Cross Tree Lane and Hawarden

Councillor Clive Carver confirmed there had been a parking problem at Hawarden Village School since the merger of the infants and junior school in circa 2015. At the time of granting planning permission, FCC had confirmed that no parking places would be lost, however this had not been the case and parents had become increasingly concerned for the safety of their children, with numerous incidents being recorded on the blind bend and over the hump back bridge.

At a Special Meeting of the Community Council held on 23rd July, Robin Nursaw, FCC had attended and suggested double yellow lines be installed along the length of Cross Tree Lane and either side of Glynne Way, however, Members refused the initial proposals and requested alternative proposals be put forward. A revised plan, which included short areas of yellow lines and areas for parking on Glynne Way, was circulated to Members for consideration.

Councillor Lowri Earith stated that although she appreciated the efforts being put forward, the need for younger children to be handed over to teachers required parents parking their cars for a length of time and installing yellow lines would not resolve the problem. Alternative areas of parking are required and questioned if the Masonic Hall and Hawarden Institute could be used. Tinkersdale car park would be another alternative car park, but to ensure the safety of children, a pedestrian crossing would be required on Glynne Way.

It was stated that the number of cars which remained on the road during the day time, i.e staff cars, could be accommodated on the school site and it was confirmed that to drop the kerb and allow access would cost approx. £2,000. Councillor Earith also confirmed that the Head Teacher had previously drawn up for a zone where parents could drop their children off without the need to park up. Other Members were concerned that installing double yellow lines would speed up the traffic creating a further hazard.

The Clerk confirmed she had spoken to William Hall, Hawarden Estates, who confirmed they could make provision for a car park on a land adjacent to the school, but an option to include housing would need to be considered.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that local residents, Members and the Community Council submit comments/objections at the time that the local County Council open the proposals up for 28 day period of public consultation.

132/18 CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk advised that she had recently attended the Regional Training Seminar in Llandudno and provided the following updates:

- i) For insurance purposes a register of name, address and duties should be retained for all volunteers assisting with any community work.
- ii) There had been a useful update on the General Data Protection Regulation and she would be submitting revised policies to the next meeting.
- iii) Tree Inspection Reports should be undertaken every 3 years.
- iv) The professional organisation, SLCC's, Chief Executive had endorsed the training programmes for Clerks to attend to continue their professional development.
- v) Planning Aid Wales would deliver two new training programmes on Place Plans and Planning Enforcement.

The Clerk also advised that she had undertaken a number of training sessions with the workforce on Health and Safety and Fire Safety and a number of training programmes had been planned for the team. She would attend the National Conference on the 10th and 11th October, Kevin Griffiths would undertake the 18th Edition Electrical Installation training course at Coleg Cambria and employees would attend the Gas Safety and Play Area inspection courses over the next few months.

A letter of thanks had also been received from the retiring Chair of the Community Walks association who had expressed his sincere thanks to Hawarden Community Council for all its assistance since the creation of the organisation.

IT WAS RESOLVED TO: note the updates.

133/18 COMMUNITY YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

No issues to report as Sam had recently undertaken exams. He looked forward to assisting Members with the development of the Circular Drive play area over the forth coming months.

134/18 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were none.