

## HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018

**PRESENT:** Chair: Councillor Kevin Jones

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer

#### **539/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

As per Council meeting.

#### **540/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

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

#### **541/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 be received as a true record and signed by the Chair.

#### **542/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Councillor Gillian Brockley asked if there had been any update on the Aston speed issues to which the Clerk responded that PCSO Steph Jones had advised that she had passed all her information onto Arrive Alive and would chase the matter up.

#### **543/17 POLICE MATTERS:**

Apologies had been received from PCSO Steph Jones and an incident report had been circulated for information.

#### **544/17 HIGHWAYS ISSUES:**

The Chair welcomed John Griffiths to the meeting. Members raised the issue of pot holes at this juncture (Item 8 on the agenda) and John outlined the process for filling the potholes and the priority order etc. Councillor Glenys Diskin asked John if anything could be done about the large vehicles travelling down Moor Lane despite signs being erected and Councillor Ralph Small asked that a dog bin be erected in the alley way at Maxwell Avenue. John asked Councillor Small to check with the local residents before he proceeded to install a bin to ensure that there would be no local objections.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT: the issues be actioned accordingly.

#### **545/17 ARRIVA BUS SERVICES, CHANGES TO NO 3 BUS SERVICE:**

Councillor Joyce Angell had asked that this item be discussed following a number of concerns from residents. It was the No 12 service, not 3, that had changed its route and now stopped at Broughton Park. This meant that residents had to change at Broughton Park to go further into Saltney or Chester and that this had been inconvenient.

Councillor Angell said that although she accepted that Arriva Bus Company operated as a commercial enterprise, due to the number of complaints from residents, she requested the Clerk to write to Arriva to ask if they could reconsider this decision. Councillor Dave Mackie also asked if the Council could query the drop off locations too, as they appeared to be different from pick up locations which had been confusing and inconvenient for residents, particularly the elderly and infirm and parents of small children.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to write to Arriva as outlined above.

#### **546/17 POT HOLES:**

This matter had been discussed during Item 544/17 above.

#### **547/17 CLERK'S REPORT:**

The Clerk advised that she had received formal notification from the Trunk Roads Agency about the maintenance works to the A55, A494 and A483. Councillor Janet Axworthy had previously notified Members via email.

#### **548/17 ONE VOICE WALES: RESPONSE TO INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL ON THE FUTURE OF COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS IN WALES:**

Members noted the response prepared by One Voice Wales to the Welsh Government Independent Review Panel on the Future of Community and Town Councils in Wales. Councillor Dave Mackie said that the response was poor and contained a lot of duplication.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the response as outlined.

#### **549/17 COMMUNITY YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**

Sam Bidwell had submitted his apologies for the meeting and the Clerk confirmed that there had been no update on outstanding Section 106 monies.

#### **550/17 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:**

There were none.