

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on 12TH MARCH 2018

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Kevin Jones
Councillors: As per Council Meeting
Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer

482/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

As per Council meeting.

483/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

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

484/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

485/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

486/17 POLICE MATTERS:

Councillor Helen Brown asked the Clerk to ascertain if there had been any update on the Aston speed issues.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT: the Clerk requests an update on Aston.

487/17 HIGHWAYS ISSUES:

John Griffiths, Senior Maintenance Officer, Flintshire County Council had submitted his apologies for the meeting. Members raised a number of concerns about the state of the roads and the severity of the pot holes and requested that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for discussion.

Councillor Darren Sterry referred also to the flooding at bus stops on the Highway and Councillor Lowri Earith said that the alley way at the top of Overlea Drive required further attention.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT: the issues be reported accordingly.

488/17 CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk advised of the following:

- The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) had produced its final report. The Member expenses had remained as mandatory and the Council's budget would need to be reviewed to reflect this. The Clerk advised that during the half yearly financial report the position could be reviewed. The report would be discussed in detail at the Council's Annual General Meeting in May 2018 as is normal practice.
- Flintshire County Council had commissioned a short survey to establish how many members had attended Code of Conduct training. The Clerk would email a reminder out to members.
- The Clerk had recently attended the Practitioners Conference and had gained positive information about the new General Data Protection Regulation, VAT, Festival Insurance and Risk Assessments.

489/17 JOINT SERVICES COMMITTEE:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Joint Services Committee meeting held on 25th January 2018 be noted.

490/17 CONSULTATION ON COMMUNITY REVIEWS:

Councillor Kevin Jones asked that the consultation links be also emailed to members direct to which the Clerk responded that this could be done.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the consultation.

**491/17 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE IN LOCAL COUNCILS
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Councillor Mackie had read the consultation and highlighted a number of key issues.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the consultation.

492/17 COMMUNITY YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Sam Bidwell advised that the Section 106 monies from Flintshire County Council were still outstanding. Upon receipt of confirmation of the amount he would work with the Clerk and the Ewloe Members on the redevelopment of Circular Drive Play Area. Sam had also spoken to colleagues in the sixth form at Hawarden High School about the development of the play areas and skate park etc., and had received some valuable feedback.

493/17 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were none.