



HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting

held on

11 OCTOBER 2021

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Ralph Small

Councillors: Joyce Angell, Janet Axworthy, Gillian Brockley, Bob Connah, Cheryl Carver, Clive Carver, Dave Mackie, Dan Preece, Emma Preece, Ryan O’Gorman, Darren Sterry, Ant Turton, Sam Swash and Richard Taylor.

Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer
Fran Griffiths, Admin Assistant

Also present: 1 member of the public

68/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Ve Amos (illness), Helen Brown (personal), Lowri Earith (caring responsibility), George Hardcastle (caring responsibility) and Sarah Hinks (illness).

69/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillors Cheryl and Clive Carver declared an interest in item 11, Vickers Close Play Area, Public Consultation and would complete their declaration of interest forms respectively.

70/21 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous virtual meeting of the Council held on 13th September 2021 be approved as a correct record.

71/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

72/21 CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS:

There were none.

73/21 COMMUNITY/PLACE PLAN:

Prior to the establishment of a community steering group, it had been recommended that a bespoke training session be arranged with One Voice Wales at a cost of £399 for 20 members. The course would equip the council with all the information required and provide some tools and techniques for the essential steps.

A member commented that the elections scheduled for May 2022 might have an impact on this decision as the elected members may change and a new council elected. This could mean a further training session for a new council and he felt that the council should defer the training until after the elections.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to arrange the bespoke training session by One Voice Wales.

Councillor Darren Sterry, Chair of Staffing and General Purposes, presented the following items:

74/21 POLICE, HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS:

Members reported the following issues:

- Alleged incident of assault published on Facebook – request for a more visible police presence on the streets and plain clothed officers to be replaced with uniformed officers.
- Footpath at the bottom of Leaches Lane/Hawarden Way had tarmac missing and was in need of maintenance.
- Pavement at Oakley Road/Deiniol's Road had not been re-surfaced properly after completion of housing development.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates and advise the relevant authority.

75/21 MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

A member asked if a date had been set for a meeting of the Charitable Trust for the Gladstone Playing Fields to which the Clerk and Financial Officer responded that a meeting would be arranged in due course.

Councillor Joyce Angell, Chair of Planning, presented the following item:

76/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:

IT WAS RESOLVED:

(a) County Council Members:

It was noted that the participation of those Councillors who were also Members of the County Council, in both the debate and subsequent vote, was on the basis that the views expressed had been preliminary views taking account of the information made available to the Community Council.

The County Councillors reserved their final views on the applications until they were in full possession of all relevant arguments for and against.

- (a) That the County Planning Authority be advised of this Council's observations on the applications submitted to it for consideration, as per the attached schedule.
- (b) That the planning decisions be noted.

Councillor Ant Turton, Chair of Community and Environment presented the following items:

77/21 2021 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER:

The Clerk and Financial Officer provided a verbal update on the arrangements for the 2021 Remembrance Service.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that a working party be established to review the remembrance parade for 2022 early in the New Year.

78/21 VICKERS CLOSE PLAY AREA: PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to arrange two workshops with all members to review the consultation responses and provide a report to the November meeting.

Councillor Dave Mackie, Chair of Finance, presented the following items:

79/21 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the list of payments in the sum of £38,020.95 for October be approved.

80/21 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and accept the Council's half yearly income and expenditure report.

81/21 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported on the following matters:

- The cost to the Council for the joint maintenance agreement for October had been £13,397.37.
- She had received a letter of thanks from the Hawarden Institute for receipt of their annual grant.
- She sought permission that the council be involved in the pilot scheme to review the "self-evaluation toolkit" designed by One Voice Wales and the Society of Local Council Clerks.
- John Griffiths, Senior Maintenance Manager, Flintshire County Council, had returned to work following his recent illness.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates and approve the council's involvement in the pilot scheme for a self-evaluation toolkit.

82/21 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the bank reconciliation for the period ending 30th September be approved.