



## **HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting

held on

**11<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**PRESENT:** Chair: Councillor Ralph Small

**Councillors:** Joyce Angell, Janet Axworthy, Gillian Brockley, Helen Brown, Bill Cooper, Lesley Evans, Dave Mackie, Doreen Mackie, Emma Preece, Dale Selvester, Hayley Selvester, Raphaëlle Soffe, Darren Sterry, Sam Swash, Linda Thomas and Ant Turton.

**Officers:** Mrs Sharron Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer  
Mrs Fran Griffiths

Councillor Ralph Small reminded members that texting on phones during meetings would not be permitted and any members seen to do so, would be asked to leave the meeting.

### **48/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence had been received and accepted for Councillors Martin Davey (holiday) and Sarah Hinks (illness).

### **49/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Councillors Helen Brown, Dale Selvester and Ralph Small declared an interest in minute number 63/22 and Councillor Janet Axworthy declared an interest in minute number 62/22. Members duly completed their Declaration of Interest forms.

**50/22 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the previous hybrid meeting of the Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 be approved as a correct record.

**51/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

With reference to minute 38/22 it was confirmed that pot holes had been filled in along The Highway not that the road had been resurfaced.

**52/22 VACANCIES FOR CO-OPTION IN ASTON:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that one nomination had been received for the vacancy in Hawarden Aston Ward from Margaret Redfern, a local resident.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to co-opt Margaret Redfern onto the Hawarden Aston ward.

**53/22 CORPORATE DAY:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed that the corporate day would take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July in the Scout Hut headquarters from 9.00am to 12.30pm.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to note the update.

**54/22 COUNCIL'S SCHEME OF DELEGATION:**

**IT WAS RESOLVED TO:** approve that the Clerk and Financial Officer, and relevant Committee chairs continue to conduct business during the August recess and to extend the delegated authority in the event of Operation London Bridge being actioned.

## **55/22 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:**

The Chairman said that he had attended a lovely service at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church where the event had been conducted by the Canon from the Diocese. He also took part in a tree planting ceremony where he had been given the honour of holding the tree.

The Chairman had attended the Hawarden carnival on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July and said that it had been an excellent day, very well attended and thanked all volunteers and community council staff for their assistance. The Vice Chairman agreed.

Another member commented that he thought the carnival had been the best attended to date and he had received many positive comments. He particularly wished to thank the carnival committee, Sharron, Fran and the maintenance team for their commitment and hard work.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to note the comments and to write a letter of thanks to the maintenance team for their hard work.

## **STAFFING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:**

*Councillor Joyce Angell, Chair of Staffing and General Purposes, presented the following items:*

## **56/22 POLICE, HIGHWAYS AND MATTERS:**

Members expressed their disappointment that officers from North Wales Police had not attended the recent carnival despite an approximate attendance figure of four and a half thousand people.

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A member stated that she had received notification that officers would not be attending local events due to other priorities.

Members were advised that any drug activity witnessed should be reported to 101 with as much information as possible for example car registration number and locations.

### **57/22 HIGHWAYS/ STREETSCENE MATTERS:**

John Griffiths, Senior Highways Officer, Flintshire County Council had submitted his apologies for the meeting.

Members raised the following issues:

Parked cars and vehicles unloading on a blind bend outside the transport yard on Old Aston Hill – no parking restrictions in place; reported to the police and Streetscene Officers.

Training lorries and trailers to drive through narrow roads in area; apparently these roads had been identified as training routes due to the difficulty with multiple cars parked along the way; issue reported to the County Council in March 2022.

The Highway/Cross Tree Lane should have a speed limit sign and camera installed.

Overgrowth of vegetation on driveways, footpaths and road signs; Streetscene informed.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to note the updates and write to Heavy Vehicles training centre, Llay and the County Council to request that these roads be not used as training locations during school arrival and leaving times.

### **58/22 LIGHTING FAULTS:**

There were none.

## **59/22 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:**

A member advised of overgrowth and vegetation on a twin headed street column in the alleyway near to Circular Drive/Holywell Road.

*Councillor Darren Sterry, Chair of Planning, presented the following items:*

## **60/22 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) That the planning decisions be noted.
- (d) There were no planning appeals.

**COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:**

*Councillor Ralph Small, presented the following items:*

**61/22 GATE ACCESS TO MANCOT PLAYING FIELDS:**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to defer this item to the next meeting, due to the absence of the Councillor, due to a family emergency.

**62/22 GLADSTONE BOWLING CLUB:**

As requested, members of Gladstone Bowling Club had submitted details and a specification of the proposed outdoor seating area that they proposed to erect at the bowling club.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to approve the outdoor seating proposal.

**63/22 PERMISSION TO USE COUNCIL OWNED PLAYING FIELDS:**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:**

- a) To approve permission for Hope Church to hold a family day on Mancot Playing Fields on a Sunday in September, subject to the usual lease and public liability insurance requirements.
- b) To approve permission for Deeside Round Table to hold a car boot sale on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July, subject to the usual lease and public liability insurance requirements.
- c) To include such requests under the Council's Scheme of Delegation as discussed under minute number 54/22 above.

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

**64/22 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the list of payments in the sum of £43,330.81 for July be approved.

**65/22 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed that the costs to the council for the joint maintenance agreement for July would be circulated in due course.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to note and approve the update.

**66/22 BANK RECONCILIATION:**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the bank reconciliation for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 be circulated to members for information.