



HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting

held on

12th June 2023

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Janet Axworthy

Councillors: Joyce Angell, Billy Cooper, Martin Davey, Sarah Hinks, Dave Mackie, Doreen Mackie, Emma Preece, Margaret Redfern, Hayley Selvester, Dale Selvester, Ralph Small, Darren Sterry, Linda Thomas and Ant Turton

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

Also present: PCSO Helen Holden
2 members of the public

27/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received and accepted for Councillors Gillian Brockley (personal), Helen Brown (personal), Lesley Evans (work), Raphaëlle Soffe (work) and Sam Swash (holiday).

28/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

29/23 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous hybrid meeting of the Council held on 15th May be approved as a correct record, *save and except that* item 23/23 be amended to read 13th November 2023.

9 Chairman's signature: _____

30/23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

31/23 INTERNAL AUDIT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer had circulated a copy of the Internal Auditor's report. She advised that she had discussed the report with the Chairman of Finance who had confirmed that the minor issues would be amended.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the Internal Auditor's report for the year ending 31st March 2023.

32/23 ANNUAL RETURN 2022-23:

The Clerk and Financial Officer had circulated a copy of the Annual Return and asked members to agree the governance statements.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the Annual Return for 2022-23 and agree to the governance statements.

33/23 REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES:

A member suggested that the Chairman of the Community Council attend meetings of outside organisations but instead of the Vice-Chairman and Chairman of Community Amenities always attending, it would be fairer for other members to have the opportunity to be represented. Nominations from other members interested in this role should send them to the Clerk and Financial Officer.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive nominations from other members.

34/23 WELSH GOVERNMENT CTC DATABASE PRIVACY NOTICE:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the Welsh Government updated privacy notice.

10 Chairman's signature: _____

35/23 HYNET UPDATE:

Members had received an informative update from the Chairman and members who had attended some or all of the three-day hearings held at St. David's Park Hotel.

Many topics had been discussed, including noise levels, underground drilling and drainage. A further hearing would be held in August and the public consultation would be completed by September when a report from the Inspectors would be heard.

A meeting of the Senior Team with Hynet had been requested but comments would need to be submitted by the 20th June, 2023.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

36/23 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

The Chairman said that a thank you card from King Charles III had been received in response to the Community Council's Book of Condolence following the sad death of the late Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

She said that a draft response had been prepared for the Richard Penn consultation on the Ethical Standards Framework and a copy would be emailed to all members.

The Chairman had been involved with the organiser of the Northopia campaign and stated that comments and concerns needed to be submitted and that more questions would need to be put to the planning authority. A consultation event would be held in Northop Hall on Friday 23rd June.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and note the Chairman's update.

STAFFING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

37/23 POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Helen Holden had been welcomed to the meeting. She outlined her previous work experience and said that she was the Demand Reduction Officer working from Mold police station.

She described her current duties which covered South Flintshire and outlined recent incidents that she had been involved in. She said that she would send contact details for officers covering relevant areas in Hawarden but stated that she would also be a point of contact for members who wished to email her with any concerns.

A member suggested contacting the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) questioning the anomaly of the Hawarden ward being split into Flintshire South and Flintshire North and whether this situation could be changed.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update and write to the PCC regarding the different areas.

38/23 HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:

John Griffiths had submitted his apologies to the meeting. A member said that he had spoken to John Griffiths about overgrown trees on Hawarden Way and that this was becoming a real problem within the community.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to contact John Griffiths about the hedge in Mancot.

39/23 LIGHTING FAULTS:

There were none.

40/23 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

A member from Hawarden – Mancot, said he had received complaints of an unpleasant smell in the area which had already been reported to the Environmental Health department. The Clerk and Financial Officer said that a working party had been set up by a Councillor from Shotton Town Council to receive and manage comments and that members should liaise with him direct, Councillor Dean Stenner.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

41/23 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:

42/23: NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE AT EWLOE:

Members had recently attended the Delivery Team meeting on 2nd May 2023, together with the Clerk and Financial Officer and Councillors Bill Cooper, Dave Mackie, Doreen Mackie and Linda Thomas. Discussions had taken place with the Chief Executive of Coleg Cambria who had indicated her intention to be fully engaged with the project.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

43/23 CONSULTATION ON THE IMPLEMENTING OF A DOG CONTROL PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION CENTRE:

The Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed that Flintshire County Council had launched the consultation with a closing date of 14th July 2023. She advised that with a lack of officers, it had been difficult to enforce the existing Protection Order.

A member requested that more bins be installed at Gladstone Playing Fields and that the marked sports pitches at Gladstone and Mancot be excluded from the Order.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the survey be completed and Gladstone and Mancot playing fields be excluded from the Order.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

44/23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the updated list of payments in the sum of £28,102.30 for June be approved.

45/23 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the bank reconciliation for the period ending 31st May 2023 be approved.

46/23 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported on the following matters:

- i) that the Joint Maintenance contribution for June had been £11,943.35
- ii) Relevant information relating to the Community Building Management Summit, that she had recently attended, had been relayed to members of the Ewloe Community Centre Delivery Team.
- iii) A donation of £260 had been received from a member of the public for the Community Council to install an environmental project or something related to birds. It was agreed that a bird table be purchased.
- iv) A survey on accessibility to toilets had been launched by the County Council that the Clerk and Financial would complete on behalf of the Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the above.

47/23 FINANCIAL POLICIES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the Financial policies as follows:

- i) Policy on Income
- ii) Annual Investment Strategy
- iii) Financial Risk Assessment, *with the addition of a generic statement rather than car boot sales and fairground.*
- iv) Internal Financial Controls