



HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting

held on

10th July 2023

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Janet Axworthy

Councillors: Joyce Angell, Helen Brown, Gillian Brockley, Bill Cooper, Sarah Hinks, Dave Mackie, Doreen Mackie, Emma Preece, Margaret Redfern, Hayley Selvester, Ralph Small, Raphaëlle Soffe, Darren Sterry, and Ant Turton

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

Also present: 1 member of the public.

48/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received and accepted for Councillors, Lesley Evans (work), Dale Selvester (work), Sam Swash (work), Richard Taylor (work) and Linda Thomas (personal).

49/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

50/23 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous hybrid meeting of the Council held on 12th June be approved as a correct record.

51/23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

With regards to the item requesting member representation, the Clerk and Financial Officer said that she had not yet received any nominations from members for the panels for RYLA, Community Awards and Bursary Awards.

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With regard to the item about a donation from a member of the public, the Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed that a bird table and plaque would be purchased.

She also said that arrangements would be made for the Community Volunteer Award recipient, Kate Tyndall, to receive her award over the Summer.

52/23 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 12th June be approved and confirmed.

53/23 COUNCILLOR VACANCY – HAWARDEN MANCOT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer said that Martin Davey had resigned with effect from 26th June 2023 and that a casual vacancy would be advertised and a by-election called, if requested. If no by-election was called, then the vacancy would be advertised and filled via the co-option process.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to advertise the vacancy in accordance with procedure.

54/23 HYNET UPDATE:

Members had received an informative update from the Chairman following the Senior Management briefing held on 3rd July.

She said that the project would go ahead and further hearing would take place in August. An offer in the region of £3,000 had been offered for the disruption to land at Vickers Close play area. Members felt that this sum was insignificant and that a higher offer be sought.

Members referred to various considerations at Vicker's Close with some members saying that a scheme ought to be designed but others argued that without a said amount this could be difficult. There had been an amount of £80,000 earmarked for play areas but this was not just for Vicker's Close.

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IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update and await a further renewed offer for the land at Vickers Close for consideration at the September meeting.

55/23 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

The Chairman had recently attended an LGBT+ event at the Hawarden High School on 27th June which had been organised by the Youth Service. Representatives of Hawarden Community Council had attended and it had been anticipated that this would become an annual event.

Together with the Clerk and Financial Officer she had attended an awards presentation evening at Hawarden High School on Friday 7th July and it had been an excellent evening and very well attended.

She would attend the Flintshire County Council's Chairman's Civic Service on 23rd July at St. Cynfarch and Cyngar Church in Hope.

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

STAFFING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

56/23 POLICE MATTERS:

Members raised the following issues:

- i) A member said that he had been unable to contact a witness regarding incidents at The Paddocks in Mancot, but would continue to try.
- ii) Drug equipment and products had been found behind the Village Hall in Mancot.
- iii) There had been an increase in anti-social behaviour in Mancot with North Wales Police had been made aware and would increase their patrols in the area particularly during the summer holidays.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

57/23 HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:

John Griffiths had been welcomed to the meeting and outlined the following:

- i) Manor Lane would be re-surfaced in the next programme of road re-surfacing.
- ii) A camera crew would attend Leaches Lane in Mancot to review the flooding issues.

Members also raised the following issues with John:

- i) Overgrown trees on Leaches Lane.
- ii) Overgrown tree on Hawarden Way cut back by resident but now in worse condition than previous; John agreed to send a letter to resident.
- iii) Spraying of overgrown weeds on roadside kerbs – John confirmed that this was in hand and that weeds take two to three weeks to die back. Another spray would be carried out soon and he agreed to engage a road sweeper to assist.
- iv) Drain blockage at Holywell Road opposite the old Boars Head pub.
- v) Grids overflowing with rainwater at bottom of Greenville Avenue.
- vi) Repaired potholes on Greenville Avenue breaking up.
- vii) Overgrown hedge near flyover on Liverpool Road.
- viii) Request for a dog bin near Smithy Lane.
- ix) Property near Mechanics pub, Chester Road East, new wall built which protruded further than others– this issue was with the Legal Department.
- x) Overgrown link footpath by Patten Close – this was the responsibility of Redrow Homes.
- xi) Glass on footpath under the A494 flyover.
- xii) Wild flowers had not taken on Carlines Park – John to arrange for grass to be cut.

Members thanked John for attending and dealing with these issues and members of the Carnival Committee thanked him for sorting the traffic cones for The Highway.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates and action as required.

58/23 LIGHTING FAULTS:

The column at Kearsley Avenue/Wood Lane had not been resolved by Flintshire County Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to chase the matter up with the County.

59/23 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

A member queried the Service Level Agreement between Broughton and Bretton and Shotton and the impact on workload. He was advised that the workload was currently manageable and reviewed twice a year during the Joint Maintenance Committee meetings.

A member congratulated the Hawarden Community Events committee, volunteers and Hawarden Community Council staff, students from Hawarden High School and the local army cadets, for all their hard work during a very successful Carnival day on 8th July.

A member asked if the overgrown ivy on the House of Correction could be cut back.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

60/23 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.

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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:

61/23: NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE AT EWLOE:

The Delivery Team had met on 6th June 2023 and provided the council with an update.

The Chairman said together with the Clerk and Financial Officer, she had recently attended the High School to listen to presentation from pupils who had undertaken research into the provision of a Community Centre within Hawarden. The research and proposals had been excellent and it had been a very interesting and timely project.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

62/23 DOG WALKING AREA IN MANCOT:

A Mancot member had requested that a fenced off area for dog exercise be made available at Mancot playing fields. He said that currently, dogs are allowed to run free, invade the football playing pitches, zip wire and MUGA areas and that dog waste is not always picked up. Another member said there was an example of a well-used and designed dog exercise area located near a play area in Mynydd Isa which should be visited.

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After discussion, it was suggested that the request be accepted, in principle, and the Clerk and Financial Officer should speak to her colleague at Argoed Community Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to establish a working group with Mancot Members and the Chairman of the Community and Environment Committee to visit the site in Mynydd Isa and report back to council.

63/23 HAWARDEN WAR MEMORIAL – ADDITIONAL NAMES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: (i) to approve the cost of the inscription of twelve additional names to be added to the memorial in honour of the fallen men and women whose names had not previously been listed and (ii) to utilise the remaining £2,000 grant money from CADW for this purpose.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

64/23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the updated list of payments in the sum of £28,844.20 for July be approved and that a programme of conferences available throughout the year be distributed at the beginning of each year.

65/23 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the bank reconciliation for the period ending 30th June 2023 be sent to members when the bank statement had been received.

66/23 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported that the Joint Maintenance contribution for July had been £11,398.

A request had also been received for a memorial bench on the Gladstone Playing fields and the council had consented to a similar request previously.

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IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the Joint Maintenance contribution and to approve the installation of a bench which will be in keeping with the style of the current bench. All work and costs will be met by the family.

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