



HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting

held on

12th February 2024

PRESENT: Chairman: Councillor Janet Axworthy

Councillors: Joyce Angell, Gillian Brockley, Helen Brown, Bill Cooper, Sarah Hicks, Dave Mackie, Doreen Mackie, Emma Preece, Darren Sterry and Linda Thomas

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

Also present: Kate Glover-Jones, Youth Service

182/24 PRESENTATION BY KATE GLOVER-JONES, YOUTH SERVICE:

Kate gave a short presentation about what the Youth Service is, what projects it is responsible for and its relationship with partner agencies. She also outlined the work currently undertaken within the community and in local High Schools, including Hawarden High School. The Youth Service primarily works with young people aged 11 -25 years to develop their personal, social and educational development whilst also supporting their mental health and well-being.

Kate also outlined how successful the LGBT+ event had been in 2023 and said that the event this year would be held on 25th June; she enquired as to whether any grant funding could be made available for this event.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Members note the date of the 2024 LGBT+ event at Hawarden High School on Tuesday 25th June 2024 and await receipt of a grant application.

183/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Margaret Redfern, Ralph Small and Sam Swash.

184/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

185/24 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2024 be approved as a correct record.

186/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The Clerk and Financial Officer read out the response from the Chief Officer, Streetscene about the non- attendance of a Senior Highways Officer at Council meetings. It stated that this had been a temporary measure due to the current budget difficulties faced by the local authority. The Chief Officer requested that the Senior Highways Officer be contacted in between meetings for issues and updates.

IT WAS RESOLVED: information noted by members.

187/24 JOINT SERVICES COMMITTEE:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and note the minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2024.

188/24 VACANCIES IN HAWARDEN – MANCOT WARD:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that no by-election had been called; the deadline for the vacancies had been Wednesday 14th February 2024.

IT WAS RESOLVED: vacancies to be re-advertised.

189/24 MANDATORY MEMBERS ALLOWANCES' 2023/2024:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised members that the mandatory allowances would no longer be taxed and would be paid in March 2024. Members will be paid automatically, unless a written communication is received by the Clerk and Financial Officer by Friday 16th February 2024

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

190/24 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

The Chair attended a recent Civic Sunday Service and referred to recent scam emails received by members. Any member receiving such emails should report them to phishing at report@phishing.gov.uk.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the report.

STAFFING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

191/24 STANDARDS COMMITTEE:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Councillor Bill Cooper be nominated as the Council's first preferred candidate and Councillor Ros Griffiths be nominated as second preference.

192/24 POLICE MATTERS:

No incidents had been reported incidences reported.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Clerk and Financial Officer request PCSO Davies to attend a future meeting of the council.

193/24 HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that prior to the meeting, the Senior Highways Officer, John Griffiths, had advised that the water burst that had affected the community has been reported and would be resolved in due course.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the issues for onward submission to John Griffiths

194/24 LIGHTING FAULTS:

There were none.

195/24 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

A member advised that the Penarlag CP School had recently undergone an Estyn Inspection and had received an excellent report. The Lead Inspector had been very content with the school improvements, particularly with the attitude and approach of the pupils.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the information.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

196/24 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – PLACE PLANS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that a working group be established to review the Place Plans and its impact on the Community Council prior to the deadline of 17th March, 2024.

197/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- (a) County Council Members:
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:

198/24 NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE AT EWLOE:

There had been no update to report but a meeting of the Delivery Team would be held on Wednesday 14th February 2024.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

199/24 HYNET UPDATE / VICKER'S CLOSE:

No further update had been received from Hynet, but a meeting had been scheduled for Wednesday 21st February with the Senior Team of Members and Officials from Hynet.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

200/24 PERMISSION TO USE THE GLADSTONE PLAYING FIELDS FOR THE ANNUAL HAWARDEN CARNIVAL:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to provide the annual permission for the use of the fields subject to a written Service Level of Agreement between the Council and the Carnival Committee.

201/24 D-DAY COMMEMORATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to purchase a Lamp Light of Peace.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

202/24 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the list of payments in the sum of £38,369.07 for February, be approved.

203/24 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the cost to the Council for the Service Level Agreement in February at the March meeting.

204/24 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the bank reconciliations for the period ended 31st December and 31st January be approved.

205/24 THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to exclude the public and press from the following item of business due to the commercial nature of the proposal.

206/24 ALLOTMENT RENT REVIEW, FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the cost of the new lease at an annual fee of £140.00.