



HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting

held on

11th March 2024

PRESENT: Chairman: Councillor Janet Axworthy

Councillors: Joyce Angell, Gillian Brockley, Helen Brown, Bill Cooper, Dave Mackie, Doreen Mackie, Emma Preece, Ralph Small, Darren Sterry, Linda Thomas and Ant Turton

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

205/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Margaret Redfern, Sam Swash and Richard Taylor. Councillors Sarah Hinks and Hayley Selvester also submitted apologies due to IT difficulties connecting to the meeting,

206/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

207/24 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.

208/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The Clerk and Financial Officer said that in relation to minute number 195/24 she had sent a congratulatory card to the Head Teacher at Penarlag CP School on behalf of the Community Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the updates.

70 Chairman's signature: _____

**209/24 VACANCIES IN HAWARDEN – MANCOT AND EWLOE
WARDS:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that there were three vacancies in Mancot and one in Aston that had been advertised. If no interest is shown from the public, the Clerk and Financial Officer suggested a more attractive advert be uploaded onto Facebook and the council notice boards.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to agree to the enhanced promotion of the vacancies.

210/24 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

The Chairman said that she had attended several meetings including the Rotary Club, Hynet and the new Community Centre delivery group which were all on the agenda for further discussion..

The Chairman also suggested that the Community Council look at purchasing a number of 1st and 2nd class stamps as from April 1st stamps would increase by 10p.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

STAFFING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

211/24 POLICE MATTERS:

No incidents had been reported.

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

212/24 HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:

Issues had been raised with John Griffiths, Highways Supervisor about the pot holes on Greenville Avenue, Hawarden and surrounding areas.

Residents had also complained about the state the grass verge had been left in after workman had been completing gas work.

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

213/24 LIGHTING FAULTS:

There were no lighting faults reported.

214/24 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Emma Preece wanted to thank all members for their well wishes, flowers and congratulations on the birth of her baby boy, Otis.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the information.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

215/24 STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS: TRAINING:

Members who had recently attended the training had raised concerns about how the strategic development plans could take precedence over the local development plans and all the hard work that had gone into them would not be recognised or looked into to, in the future.

Members agreed to draft an objection letter against the strategic development plans.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that a letter of objection be drafted and information be shared on the council's social media websites informing the public of the new changes.

216/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:

The Chairman referred to Item 2, The Coppice and said that the planning application had been approved, despite numerous objections and complaints from residents and a formal complaint from herself. She had sent an email to the Planning Officer, Stef Connah.

The Clerk and Financial Officer referred to the letters some members had received directly about the new housing development in Ewloe. Queries had been raised as the application had additional houses from the original application.

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.
- (e) That a zoom meeting be arranged with the County Council's Strategic Development Manager to discuss the extra houses and that consideration be given for an open day in the Scout Hut for members of the public to share their views.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

217/24 COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMME:

A request had been received from the Community Outreach Adviser asking for suitable locations to run the Community Outreach Programme that had been up and running for twelve months.

It was agreed that the local community centres, Scout HQ and library be offered.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the contact numbers for the Scout HQ, library and Community Centre be passed on to the Community Outreach Adviser.

218/24 NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE AT EWLOE:

The Chairman of the Delivery Group provided an update on the project following the meeting on the 14th February. An update from Betsi had been provided and contact made with Aura and Theatr Clwyd.

It had been anticipated that an accommodation schedule could be drawn up and initial plans drafted for the proposed layout.

Councillor Dave Mackie had been commended for his extensive research work with current users of the Level Lane Community Centre.

The next meeting would be held on 20th March 2024.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

219/24 HYNET/ VICKER'S CLOSE:

The Clerk and Financial Officer said that on 28th February there would be a meeting held with the Senior Officers of Hynet and that they would attend the April meeting to provide an updated presentation to members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

220/24 SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA) BETWEEN HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND THE HAWARDEN EVENTS TEAM:

A draft Service Level Agreement had been circulated between the Community Council and the Hawarden Events Team, noting the typo on page two of the document that should read "second Saturday of July, not Tuesday.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Service Level Agreement be approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

221/24 MANDATORY MEMBER ALLOWANCES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that members receive their mandatory member allowance unless they confirm in writing to the Clerk and Financial Officer that they do not wish to accept it.

222/24 ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD (RYLA):

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Council approve and accept the cost of £425 for the RYLA award.

223/24 SMALL GRANT APPLICATIONS:

An application had been received from the Youth Service asking for funding to go towards the LGBT Event that would be held in Hawarden High School.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the application for funding towards this event be declined as funding is not given directly to schools.

224/24 /24 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the list of payments in the sum of £42,914.61 for March, be approved.

225/24 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer stated that the Joint Maintenance cost for February had been £15,089.27 and that March had yet to be completed.

She had recently attended a One Voice Wales Event which entitled "planning for future generations" and had completed a Conference Report which can be sent to members, on request. It had been a really useful conference.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the cost to the Council for the Service Level Agreement for February and receive the March amount at the April meeting.

226/24 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the bank reconciliations for the period ended 28th February be approved.