



HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting

held on

8th July 2024

PRESENT: Chairman: Councillor Joyce Angell

Councillors: Janet Axworthy, Helen Brown, Billy Cooper, Dave Mackie, Doreen Mackie, Colin Randerson, Darren Sterry, Sam Swash, Amanda Wormall and Connor Wynne.

Officers: Mrs Sharron Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer

45/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Gillian Brockley, Emma Preece, Margaret Redfern, Ralph Small, Linda Thomas and Ant Turton.

46/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

47/24 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 10th June 2024 be approved as a correct record, save and except that the minutes should refer to King Charles III.

48/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

49/24 VACANCIES IN HAWARDEN – MANCOT AND ASTON WARDS:

The Chairman welcomed Mr Connor Wynne to the meeting who had expressed an interest in one of the casual vacancies in Mancot. Mr Wynne gave a brief summary of his background and his experience within the community.

Members voted in favour for Mr Connor Wynne to become a Community Councillor for the ward of Hawarden - Mancot and Councillor Wynne duly signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and thanked members for their support.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Councillor Connor Wynne be elected as a Community Councillor for the ward of Hawarden - Mancot.

50/24 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

The Chairman said that she had recently attended the LGBTQ+ Event at Hawarden High School with Councillors Axworthy, Cooper, Hinks, Mackie and Mackie and the Assistant Clerk. The event had been a great success and other schools in Flintshire had been in attendance.

The Chairman had also attended the Hawarden High School Excellence Awards presentation but as she was already the Chairman of Governors, she had asked the Vice Chairman, Councillor Darren Sterry to attend on behalf of the Community Council. The event had been a very enjoyable evening and a great success.

Together with the Clerk and Financial Officer, she had attended the Founders Day at Gladstone Library which had been a really interesting and informative event.

The Chairman reminded members that the annual Carnival would take place on Saturday 13th July and encouraged members to attend and assist with the organisation.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the above information.

STAFFING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

51/24 POLICE MATTERS:

A member reported that three properties in the area had been subject to graffiti with racial comments. One of the properties had been empty but the other two had occupants. It had been reported to the Police and was understood to have been an unprovoked attack. The Police had posted it on social media and had asked the public for information.

Flintshire County Council's Housing Department had completed satisfactory welfare checks.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the information.

52/24 HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:

A member advised that the re-surfacing works at Upper Aston Hall Lane and Bennetts Lane had now been scheduled after seven years of complaints. It was advised that a footpath along the righthand side would also be installed following some additional funding secured by the County Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the information.

53/24 LIGHTING FAULTS:

There were none.

54/24 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

A member advised that the Clerk to Shotton Town Council had been expecting major surgery which would result in her absence from work. The Clerk and Financial Officer for Hawarden had been asked to cover and had agreed for one month only. If the absence extended for more than one month then alternative arrangements would need to be made.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the information.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

55/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:

Members referred to the Castle Green application and said that the new play area was too close to the Council's existing play area at Circular Drive, Ewloe. The developers had been asked to relocate the play area. There would be a mix of affordable housing and larger properties on the plan. Members had requested that the affordable housing be located together, but the developer had said that they had to be distributed throughout the development.

Members suggested that some land near to the Council's existing play area be allocated for the future expansion of the current play area.

There had also been some concerns about the footpaths and roadways that the developer had agreed to look into, including the flood protection measures due to existing flood problems and the impact of such a large development.

A member expressed his disappointment that a recent planning application had been approved by the County Council despite the Community Council raising its concerns and objections

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:

56/24 HYNET UPDATE:

There had been no update for the Hynet project and the Clerk and Financial Officer had been asked to establish whether there had been any progress.

57/24 NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE AT EWLOE:

The Clerk and Financial Officer shared that the provisional drawings for the Community Centre had been completed and would be discussed at the next meeting of the Delivery Team on Wednesday 17th July at 11:00am prior to approval by the Community Council before a public consultation.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

58/24 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the list of payments in the sum of £33,513.07 for July, be approved.

59/24 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the bank reconciliation for the period ended 30th June 2024 be received and approved.

60/24 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer stated the joint maintenance costs for June will be shared at the next meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the above information.

61/24 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item due to the financial affairs of a third party.

62/24 BONNIES PIZZA – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Service Level Agreement be approved subject to a break clause to be added in the event of the company being unable to operate.