



HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting

held on

10th March 2025

PRESENT: Chairman: Councillor Joyce Angell

Councillors: Bill Cooper, Dave Mackie, Doreen Mackie, Emma Preece, Darren Sterry, Sam Swash, Linda Thomas, Amanda Wormall and Connor Wynne.

Officers: Sharron Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer
Georgina Griffiths, Assistant Clerk

Others: Megan Harris, ENI
Rob McKenzie, WSP
James Glass, Principal Pipeline Engineer
PCSO Kayleigh Chilton

183/24 ONE MINUTE OF SILENCE:

The Chairman advised of the sad death of the late Alison Halford who had been a past member of the council and a past County Councillor and requested members stand for one minute of silence in respect of Alison.

184/24 PRESENTATION:

Representatives from the Hynet Project had attended the meeting to provide an update and shared a presentation with members. A map that showed the route pipeline between the Mold and Buckley area had been shared and the representatives said that it would not go through the Hawarden boundary but that it would be adjacent to it.

An Environmental Impact Assessment and Planning Application would be completed in the near future and a land owner 'Open Day' had been held to provide land owners with an opportunity to share their concerns.

There had also been a Community information day held and letters had been sent to properties within 1km of the boundary. School engagement has also commenced with young and older pupils about carbon dioxide

In spring 2025 Hynet will hold a pre-app consultation event following which they would submit a planning application for Padeswood in the Summer with the hope of completing groundwork in 2026. There would be two public events held in April, one in Northop Hall and one in New Brighton. There would also be an online link for members of the public who could not attend in person. Feedback forms will be given out and accessible online.

Members raised a few questions to which the representatives duly responded.

The Chairman thanked the representatives for attending the meeting and providing an update.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the informative presentation.

185/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Janet Axworthy, Colin Randerson, Margaret Redfern, Ralph Small and Ant Turton.

186/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Darren Sterry declared an interest in one of the Planning Applications and duly completed his Declaration of Interest form.

187/24 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: the minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 10th February 2025 be approved as a correct record.

188/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

189/24 VACANCIES IN HAWARDEN – MANCOT AND ASTON WARDS:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that expressions of interest had been received but that no further interest had been received.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

190/24 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

The Chairman had recently attended the Hawarden Rotary Youth Leadership Award interviews where two candidates from the school had been selected to take part. She also confirmed that she would attend the funeral of the late Alison Halford on Friday 15th March at Connah's Quay catholic church.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the information.

STAFFING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

191/24 DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION CYMRU 2025 – POLICY AND PRACTICE DOCUMENT IN PREPARATION FOR THE 2025 ELECTORAL REVIEW PROGRAMME:

A copy of the report had been shared and members had been invited to make comments.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the report and its implications.

192/24 THE ROLE, GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL SECTOR:

The Chairman advised that following the Welsh Government Inquiry, a report had been produced with eleven recommendations. It had been disappointing to note that no additional finance would be forthcoming for the sector, but a new audit regime had been suggested together with improved partnership working between local councils and the principal council.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the report.

193/24 VE/VJ Day and other commemorative events for WWII

A discussion had been held about events to support this commemorative event including wreath laying, lamp light of peace, flag flying (*subject to the purchase of a flag pole*) and community events etc.

IT WAS RESOLVED: (i) that small grants of up to £60 be provided to community groups for commemorative events and that a poster be created and placed on the council's social media. (ii) that the purchase of a flag pole be looked into.

194/24 POLICE MATTERS:

The Chairman welcomed Police Community Safety Officer (PCSO) Chilton to the meeting. Members had nothing new to report but PCSO Chilton had been in contact with a Mancot member about complaints of irresponsible car parking at Sandycroft CP School; both herself and the member would attend school the following day review the situation.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the information and acknowledge thanks to PCSO Chilton for her presence.

195/24 HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:

Members raised the following issues for submission to the Senior Highways Officer, John Griffiths:

- Large fly tip at the top of Shotton Lane on Wet Lane.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be sent to Streetscene.

196/24 LIGHTING FAULTS:

A member reported that a street light on St. Deiniol's Road, Mancot had been flashing continuously.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the lighting fault be passed on to the Senior Maintenance Officer.

197/24 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Nothing new to report.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

198/24 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:

199/24 NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE EWLOE:

The next meeting would be held on Thursday 20th March 2025.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the information.

200/24 COMMUNITY YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES:

Two applications had been received from Hawarden High School pupils for the two vacancies.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Callum Hodgson and Joshua Stott be appointed as the Council's Youth representatives and that the Clerk and Financial Officer advise them accordingly.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

201/24 SMALL GRANT APPLICATIONS:

No grant applications had been received.

202/24 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the list of payments in the sum of £46,443.77 for February, be approved.

203/24 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed that the costs to the council for the Service Level Agreement for the month of March was £18,079.31.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the information.

204/24 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the bank reconciliation for the period ended 28th February 2025 be received and approved.

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

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the exclusion of the public and press for the following item of business as it relates to confidential and commercial interests.

**206/24 CONTRACT TO RESURFACE GLADSTONE PLAYING
FIELDS CAR PARK:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer provided a confidential update on the contract for the completed works. Members had been satisfied with the improvements. Flintshire County Council had also resurfaced the pavement outside the entrance to the car park which had further improved the area.

The Contractor would be required to return to site in the spring/summer to finish the binding of the potholes as the temperature had to be above 17 degrees.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be noted.