



## **HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting

held on

**14<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**PRESENT:** Chairman: Councillor Darren Sterry

**Councillors:** Joyce Angell, Janet Axworthy, Gillian Brockley, Bill Cooper, Michael Crockford, Elizabeth Kennedy, Stephen Lancashire, Dave Mackie, Doreen Mackie, Emma Preece, Colin Randerson, Margaret Redfern, Sam Swash, Ant Turton and Connor Wynne.

**Officers:** Sharron Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer  
Georgey Griffiths, Assistant Clerk

### **Youth Representatives:**

Joshua Stott and Callum Hodgson  
Hawarden High School

**Hynet:** Rob McKenzie, Cerys Percival, Hynet  
Mike Cobble, Matt Payne, United Living

### **44/25 HYNET PRESENTATION:**

Representatives from Hynet and United Living had attended the meeting to provide an update on the pipeline project and share a presentation with members. A map that showed the route pipeline between the Mold and Buckley area had been shared.

The Hynet Hub had been being repurposed to act as a central point of contact for members and members of the community. An email address with links to the hub and a contact form had been provided.

There would be drop in sessions for landowners so that they could speak to the Project Team and discuss the plans related to their land. Any land effected by the pipeline would be returned to its original condition and site visits would be scheduled to resolve any issues.

A workforce of around three hundred would be employed with approximately one hundred appointed for United Living; the remainder would be recruited as per relevant professions. The workforce would be located within the community.

Members might have noted that signage had been erected along the vicinity of the route; this had been for the survey teams in order to note where the road crossing would be together with a unique reference point that had been displayed. There would be no deviation from the proposed route as this would not be permitted. The red line boundary would be as per the Development Control Order (DCO).

Members raised a number of questions to which the representatives duly responded, including a reference to 'trial pits' to test the soil in relation to potential archaeology impacts.

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

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to note the informative presentation.

**45/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Helen Brown, Sarah Hinks, Ralph Small and Linda Thomas.

**46/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were none.

**47/25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 09<sup>th</sup> June 2025 be approved as a correct record.

#### **48/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

There were none.

#### **49/25 VACANCIES IN HAWARDEN – MANCOT WARD:**

Stephen Lancashire had expressed an interest in the vacancy in the Hawarden – Mancot ward. The Chairman welcomed Stephen to the meeting and invited him to introduce himself. Stephen outlined his family background and his work experience including twenty four years in the military and subsequently the Police. He had retired in 2016 to spend more time with his grandchildren and wished to give something back to the community.

A member asked Stephen if he had been a member of a particular political party to which he replied that he had stood as an independent member.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that Councillor Stephen Lancashire be co-opted as a Community Councillor for the Hawarden – Mancot ward. Councillor Lancashire to be invited to the council offices for an Induction and completion of the necessary paperwork.

#### **50/25 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:**

The Chairman had attended several events including a "Founder's Day" at the Gladstone Library which had been thoroughly enjoyable and interesting. On Friday evening he and the Clerk and Financial Officer had attended Hawarden High School for the Governors Presentation Awards Evening; he had been overwhelmed at the level of talent displayed during the evening.

Together with other members and volunteers, he had attended the Hawarden Carnival on the previous Saturday which had been a great success. He wished to thank all members, volunteers and Maintenance staff for their efforts as the event had been an incredible success.

## **STAFFING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:**

### **51/25 POLICE MATTERS:**

Members discussed the recent crime incidents that had taken place in the area which included car theft, a member of the public being burgled and a hit and run incident. People had been arrested and it had been believed that the crimes had been linked.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to note the update.

### **52/25 HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:**

Members reported the following issues to be forwarded to the County Council's Senior Highways Officer, John Griffiths:

- The hedge on Old Aston Hill had been trimmed up to shoulder height which had left an overhang that residents had to avoid; (reported the previous month)
- The white line road markings along the B5125, around the roundabout at St. David's Park and the fly over had all disappeared and required renewal.
- The split in the road on the St. David's roundabout continued to increase in size causing a major gap in the road.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the above issues be reported to John Griffiths, Senior Streetscene Highways Officer.

### **53/25 LIGHTING FAULTS:**

There were none.

### **54/25 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Nothing to report.

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

### **55/25 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:**

### **56/25 NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE AT EWLOE:**

The Chairman of the delivery team said that a full update would be shared with members at the September/October meeting. A site meeting had taken place on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025 with representatives from Scottish Power and some further information had been awaited.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to note the update.

### **57/25 SCHOOL SIGNAGE:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer provided an update on this initiative that had been approved, in principle, at the council meeting in April.

Councillor had previously requested whether the Community Council could purchase speed awareness signs within the vicinity of schools.

She had liaised with the Clerk to Connah Quay Town Council as they had made enquiries with a local supplier and it had been anticipated that a more competitive price could be sourced for the signs. She had sent an email to all the local Primary Schools within the community and provided an update. One school had yet to respond.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to defer this item to the next meeting pending confirmation from the schools and the supplier about costs.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

**58/25 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the list of payments in the sum of £48,710.26 for July, be approved.

**59/25 BANK RECONCILIATION:**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the bank reconciliation for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 be received and approved.

**60/25 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported that the costs to the council for the Service Level Agreement in June and July had been £17,101.03 and £15,589.44 respectively.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to note the information.