



HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting

held on

09th February 2026

PRESENT: **Chairman:** Vice Chairman Bill Cooper

Councillors: Joyce Angell, Janet Axworthy, Gillian Brockley, Bill Cooper, Michael Crockford, Dave Mackie, Doreen Mackie, Emma Preece, Colin Randerson, Margaret Redfern, Ralph Small, Linda Thomas, Ant Turton, and Connor Wynne.

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

Youth Representatives: Callum Hodgson, Hawarden High School

159/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Sarah Hinks, Liz Kennedy, Stephen Lancashire, Darren Sterry and Sam Swash.

Apologies also received from Joshua Stott, Community Youth Representative.

160/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

161/25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 12th January 2026 be approved as a correct record.

162/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

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163/25 JOINT SERVICES COMMITTEE:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Joint Services Committee be received and noted.

164/25 VACANCY IN HAWARDEN - MANCOT WARD:

The Clerk and Financial Officer said that the casual vacancy poster had been advertised with a deadline of 17th February. If there was no call for a by-election, then a co-option poster would be added with new deadlines.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

165/25 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

The Chairman said he would attend the Charity evenings for Flintshire County Council and Mold Town Council on the 6th March and 11th April, respectively.

STAFFING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

166/25 POLICE MATTERS:

The Clerk and Financial Officer had been in contact with PCSO Kayleigh Chilton who had advised that her shifts had changed which meant that she would no longer be able to attend the Council meetings. However, Kayleigh had offered to deal with issues via email.

The Chairman had reported an issue about alleged drug dealing within his ward and horse and carriages charging down The Highway, Hawarden for Kayleigh to investigate.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note this information.

167/25 HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:

The following matters were raised to be forwarded to the County Council's Senior Highways Officer, John Griffiths:

- The black bollards that had been placed on the grass verge to stop people parking at Fieldside looked unsightly and members requested their removal. (John already aware).
- The ongoing issue on Old Aston Hill with people parking on the blind bend had worsened due to the lane closure on the St. David's roundabout.
- Speed limit signage on the St. David's roundabout is missing. There were no speed indications now that the works had been carried out.
- A member asked for an update on the cutting of the hedge on Wood Lane that met Level Road; it is overgrown and obstructing traffic.
- There remained road signs indicating road works although the works had been completed; they required removal.

A member added that Flintshire County Council had an “app” that all residents and members could download to report any issues. Once logged a reference number would be provided to assist any follow up queries. The member said she would share this with all members.

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

168/25 LIGHTING FAULTS:

There were none.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

169/25 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

A member asked if a letter could be issued to Daleside Nursery requesting them to cut back the hedge that bordered Cottage Lane as it had caused an obstruction.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that John Griffiths be requested to send a letter.

170/25 PROPOSED STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING, NEW DEVELOPMENT OFF GLADSTONE WAY, HAWARDEN:

The developer had suggested names for the new development off Gladstone Way, Mancot – Hawarden. Members felt that some of the names had been inappropriate and suggested a number of alternatives to recognise local residents, long serving public figures and well known female figures that had contributed to the local area.

It was agreed that the Mancot members meet to review the list and come up with alternative suggestions.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Mancot members meet to discuss their recommended options to forward to Flintshire County Council.

171/25 SECTION 6 – BIODIVERSITY ANNUAL REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that a report was tabled on an annual basis, but that it was a legal requirement to produce a three year plan explaining what the Council had done, what had been learned and what would be improved in relation to Biodiversity, as part of the section 6 duty of the Environment (Wales) Act.

She encouraged members to attend the Biodiversity Training available via One Voice Wales and asked for a member (s) to consider becoming a Biodiversity Champion.

IT WAS RESOLVED: (i) to receive and accept the report, (ii) to appoint Councillor Bill Cooper as a Biodiversity Champion; and (iii) if any other member had been interested then they should email the Clerk and Financial Officer.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

172/25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:

The Chairman provided an update on planning application numbers LDC/001064/25 (*approved on 20th January 2026*) and OUT/001010/25 – James Beattie, Planning Officer had advised that this application bordered both Hawarden Community Council and Broughton and Bretton Community Council.

Broughton and Bretton Community Council had drafted a very good objection letter and it had been suggested that Hawarden Community Council provide a similar objection and provide support to Broughton and Bretton Community Council's objection.

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 Councillor Wynne write an objection letter, on behalf of the Council, to support Broughton and Bretton Community Council with the objection to Planning Application LDC/001064/25

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COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

173/25 HYNET/VICKER'S CLOSE:

The Chairman shared that there had been no update direct but that there would be a Community Information Event held at Sandycroft Community Centre on Tuesday 17th February 2026 between 4:00pm and 7:00pm.

A member added that the Hynet Project had large vehicles travelling along Church Lane that had blocked the roads and restricted elderly residents from parking outside their own properties. The vehicles had also caused damage to the roads due to their size.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the information and share the council's concerns with Hynet.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

174/25 SMALL GRANTS SCHEME APPLICATION:

An application had been received for a small grant application from the Donkey Sanctuary for new mats for the donkeys. The work currently being undertaken by Hynet had exacerbated the issues experienced at the park.

Members discussed the application but noted that the organisation had successfully organised a GoFundMe page which had recently raised a substantial amount of money.

IT WAS RESOLVED: (i) that on this occasion the application be declined, but that the organisation be encouraged to apply for future funding where appropriate; and (ii) that for future grant applications, the accounts be not circulated to all Members and the Clerk and Financial Officer be requested to provide a verbal summary during the consideration of any applications.

175/25 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the list of payments in the sum of £60,213.62 for February, be approved.

176/25 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer stated that the Service Level Agreement cost for February had been £20,220,06.

She advised members that she had recently obtained her BA (Hons) Degree in Community Governance with a 2.1 and thanked members for all their support during her six years of study; Members congratulated the Clerk and Financial Officer on such an achievement and provided a round of applause.

The Clerk advised members of ongoing operational issues with Lloyds bank, for information.

177/25 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the bank reconciliations for January and February be received and approved.