



HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting

held on

9th March 2026

PRESENT: **Chairman:** Darren Sterry

Councillors: Joyce Angell, Janet Axworthy, Bill Cooper, Michael Crockford, Sarah Hinks, Liz Kennedy, Stephen Lancashire, Dave Mackie, Doreen Mackie, Emma Preece, Colin Randerson, Margaret Redfern, Ralph Small, Ant Turton, and Connor Wynne.

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

Youth Representatives: Callum Hodgson, Hawarden High School

178/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Gillian Brockley, Helen Brown and Linda Thomas.

179/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Dave Mackie, Doreen Mackie and Margaret Redfern declared an interest in Item 13 – Planning Applications and duly completed their Declaration of Interest forms.

180/25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 9th February 2026 be approved as a correct record.

181/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

65 Chairman's signature: _____

182/25 VACANCY IN HAWARDEN - MANCOT WARD:

The Clerk and Financial Officer stated that the vacancy had been re-advertised for Co-option and the deadline date had been Friday 13th March 2026.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the information.

183/25 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

The Chairman thanked the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Bill Cooper, for attending the Mayor of Flintshire County Council's Charity Event on his behalf.

STAFFING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

184/25 POLICE MATTERS:

There were none.

185/25 HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:

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

- i. There is a lot of wear and tear on the roads which had caused a lot of the road markings to be none-existent on the road leading up to the St. David's round about and on the roundabout.
- ii. There had been over a hundred pot holes in a sixty metre stretch that had been deep and caused damage to vehicles and cycles along Colliery Lane and Mancot Lane.
- iii. A resident had reported that a lot of the road signs had become faded and unclear on Smithy Lane and Liverpool Road.
- iv. The tarmac works in Ewloe had been a mess and residents had not been informed of the project. A large number of cars, bikes and prams had driven over it.

- v. Residents had complained about the rubbish bins that had been removed from outside the Sunflower takeaway in Ewloe which had resulted in an increase of litter in this area.
- vi. A member wished to report that large artic lorries overtook vehicles and did not adhere to the speed limit on the Aston Hill and they sometimes tail gate cars.
- vii. The footpath and road at the junction of Ash Lane and Cross Tree Lane had become damaged as drivers had cut the corner.

The Clerk and Financial Officer read out a redacted complaint from a resident about the Gladstone Way development that linked to the previous item. It had been reported that large wagons continuously made deliveries to the site and parked either in the road or half way on to the footpath which had blocked the way for vehicles and caused an obstruction with residents having to walk around the vehicles.

A member shared that he had had a similar experience when walking his grandchildren to the Village School, two artic lorries with tarmac had pulled in at around 8:25am, one had blocked the footpath and another was half on the footpath so residents could not get around the lorries. 'No parking' signs had been displayed but not complied with. When the driver had been asked to move his vehicle, he had been very obliging, but this should not happen.

The member had contacted Castle Green Developments about the issue who had replied that the law states that if there is a footpath on both sides of the road a vehicle can park on one side.

It had been clarified that as part of the planning conditions this situation should not arise.

Issues around flooding and noisy generators had also caused a disturbance to residents.

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

186/25 LIGHTING FAULTS:

There were no lighting faults reported. The Clerk and Financial Officer advised members that the five-year replacement LED programme had been near completion with only 17 new heads that required replacement. The next phase of the project would be update old concrete lighting columns.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

187/25 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

In response to a question about the naming of the new development off Gladstone Way, the Clerk and Financial Officer said that a meeting had taken place with Mancot members who had suggested a number of alternatives names. These had been sent to Flintshire County Council and a response had been awaited.

A member advised that he had a Health and Safety Meeting at the Hawarden Village School where the parking situation had been reviewed. It had been agreed to reconsider the one-way proposal together with the installation of barriers around the "D".

Members raised concerns about Cross Tree Lane becoming a one-way road particularly as it would become a cut through for the new development. It was felt that the traffic build up into the village could be further exacerbated.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the information.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

188/25 CONSULTATION ON DRAFT PLANNING ENFORCEMENT POLICY 2026:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that the draft policy had been available to view online and the deadline for comments had been 9th March, the day of the meeting, but she had requested permission from the County Council to submit comments a day late, following this council meeting.

A member asked whether the Planning Team could take into consideration the Council's meeting dates as some of the planning applications had already had a decision date before they had been discussed within the Council meeting.

A member referred to another Council and advised that the planning applications are sent directly to the ward members when they are received from Flintshire and they send comments if they wish.

The Chair of the Planning Committee offered to write to the Planning Team and ask if the applications could be sent in a more timely manner so that the Council had a chance to consider the applications prior to the deadline date; this was approved.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Clerk and Financial Officer respond to the survey on behalf of the Council.

189/25 COMMUNITY REVIEW 2025 – DRAFT PROPOSALS:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised council of the outcome of the review and in particular, the proposal to reduce the Aston ward by one member, from seven to six.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to object to the proposal to reduce Aston by one member as the council currently had three seven member wards which adequately reflected the representation of the three communities.

190/25 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 was one planning appeal.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

191/25 HYNET/VICKER'S CLOSE:

Members requested that the Clerk and Financial Officer write to Hynet to voice concerns around the large vehicles / wagons that continue to park on the path and cause obstruction and lack of knowledge of the project from contractors.

IT WAS RESOLVED: the Clerk and Financial Officer write to Hynet.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

192/25 SMALL GRANTS SCHEME APPLICATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Mancot Bowling Club receive a grant of £500 towards the cost of the installation of a new kitchen.

193/25 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

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

194/25 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer stated that the Service Level Agreement cost for February had been £18,82,98.

195/25 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the bank reconciliation ending 28th February be received and approved.