



HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting

held on

13th July 2026

PRESENT: Chairman: Councillor Bill Cooper

Councillors: Joyce Angell, Janet Axworthy, Gillian Brockley, Michael Crockford, Wendy Harrison, Dave Mackie, Doreen Mackie, Emma Preece, Colin Randerson, Margaret Redfern, Ralph Small, Darren Sterry, Sam Swash, Linda Thomas and Ant Turton.

Officers: Mrs Sharron Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer
Miss Georgey Griffiths, Administrative Officer

Also present: One member of the public.

COUNCIL MEETING:

48/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Helen Brown, Liz Kennedy, Stephen Lancashire, Sam Swash, Connor Wynne and Callum Hodgson, Youth Representative – Hawarden High School

49/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

50/26 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the council held on 15th June 2026 be approved as a correct record.

51/26 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

None.

52/26 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

The Chairman welcomed Ellie Wiles to the meeting who had earlier in the day commenced one week work experience in the Office from Hawarden High School; this had been applauded by all members.

The Chairman had recently attended several events, including the One Voice Wales Conference on 1st July together with the Clerk and Financial Officer and the Chairman of Broughton and Bretton Community Council. They had received a number of informative presentations from the Bio-Diversity Team, Unity Trust, the Chief Executive of One Voice Wales and the National Lottery.

On 3rd July he had attended the North Wales Coast Rail Meeting and had learned that there would be no new trains until 2035 due to funding but that a project including the installation of 'safe places' within stations together with improved signals would be commenced.

He attended the Founders Day at the Gladstone Library on 6th July which had been a very enjoyable and informative event together with attendance at the Hawarden High School Excellence Awards evening on the 10th, along with Governors and the Clerk and Financial Officer.

On Saturday 11th July he had been involved in the annual carnival along with other members and members of staff. The day had been a great success and he thanked everyone involved in such a successful event.

The Chairman would be in attendance at the annual meeting of the North and Mid Wales Association on Friday at Shrewsbury on the 17th.

He also advised that he had received a congratulatory letter from Sam Rowlands, newly elected Member of the Senedd and that he would be arrange either a presentation to council or a 121 meeting.

STAFFING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

53/26 DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION (DBCC) ATTITUDE SURVEY:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Clerk and Financial Officer complete the survey on behalf of the Council but that individual members also complete the survey.

54/26 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Public Space Protection Orders for alcohol and Dog Fouling be approved subject to the exclusion of the Gladstone Playing Fields as previously requested.

55/26 POLICE MATTERS:

The following matters had been raised to be forwarded to the PCSO, Kayleigh Chilton:

- i. There had been reports from residents on May Hay Lane that potential drug dealing had been apparent late at night. Cars had been seen together with other activities along the lane during the early hours of the morning.
- ii. Vehicles continued to speed down the Aston Hill and did not appear to adhere to the speed limit.
- iii. Speeding vehicles at Cross Tree Lane turning into Ash Tree Lane. The speeding appeared to be worse since the introduction of the 20mph speed limit.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the reports be emailed to PCSO Kayleigh Chilton.

56/26 HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:

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

- I. The hedge on Old Aston Hill had still not been cut and was very overgrown; reported several times.
- II. The alleyway between Ewloe Green CP School and May Hey Lane was overgrown and required cutting back.
- III. The grass verges on Green Lane had not been cut recently and required attention as they had affected visibility.
- IV. The hedge that backed onto the main road on May Hey Lane was overgrown. Streetscene had said previously that this was a private road but the road is a public right of way.
- V. There had been a small sink hole in Mancot that had been reported and fenced off requiring remedial works.
- VI. The Castle Green development had put advertising signs up on the highway that need to be removed as permission had not been granted.
- VII. A map has appeared on google maps that identified the layby on the B5125 as a car park for the Ewloe Castle and Wepre Park and this was incorrect and required amending.

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

57/26 LIGHTING FAULTS:

The Chairman said that a street light was out at Greenville Avenue.

58/26 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were no updates.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

59/26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:

A member referred to the Planning Appeal on Church Lane and that a few members had attended the appeal hearing the previous week but that the matter had been handed to the Planning Inspector.

The hearing had been quite lengthy with the Inspector visiting the site and a resident who is adjacent to the site. The applicant had a strong Barrister and the Inspector had been correctly unbiased and listened to the views expressed by everyone present. An update would be awaited and likely to be in the Autumn.

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) The planning appeal updated had been noted.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

60/26 SUMMER PLAYScheme 2026:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to share the Play Scheme poster on the Council's website and social media for the arrangements this Summer.

61/26 INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR OLDER PEOPLE:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that those members wishing to attend to inform the Clerk and Financial Officer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

62/26 GRANT APPLICATION – FLINTSHIRE COMMUNITY GARDEN:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the request for a grant be declined as the application form and attachments had not provided sufficient information to benefit the residents of Hawarden.

63/26 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the list of payments in the sum of £51,302.58 for July, be approved.

64/26 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the bank reconciliation for the period ending 30th June be emailed to members.

65/26 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer informed members that the Service Level Agreement for July had been £14,949.86.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the information.