



## **HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **HYBRID MEETING**

**13<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**6.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Chair: Councillor Janet Axworthy

**Councillors:** Joyce Angell, Helen Brown, Billy Cooper, Martin Davey, Lesley Evans, Sarah Hicks, Dave Mackie, Doreen Mackie, Hayley Selvester, Darren Sterry, Sam Swash, Linda Thomas, Richard Taylor and Ant Turton

**Officers:** Mrs Sharron Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer  
Mrs Fran Griffiths, Administrative Officer

### **COUNCIL MEETING:**

#### **1. PRESENTATION BY JAMES HUNT, NANNY BISCUIT:**

An informative presentation was received from James about the work of Nanny Biscuit and the *Grand Week in Wales*. James will forward a copy of a presentation, a downloadable pack for schools and the website link to the Clerk and Financial Officer.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Received from Councillors Emma Preece, Margaret Redfern, Dale Selvester and Ant Turton.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Councillor Helen Brown declared an interest in the grant application.

**4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Received and approved, save and except that minute number 166/22 be amended to read "*via consultation with the community on a proposed site*" at the end of paragraph two. The resolution to read "*to note the update and receive any suggested locations to the Clerk and Financial Officer*".

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

There were none.

**6. HYPNET PROJECT:**

It was agreed that Councillors Janet Axworthy (Chairman), Joyce Angell, Gillian Brockley, Helen Brown, Bill Cooper and Linda Thomas form a "Task and Finish Group" to work closely with Hynet officials, meet regularly and report back to Community Council.

**7. REPORT ABOUT THE POSITION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN:**

Report withdrawn.

**8. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:**

The Chairman would be attending the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) interviews to be held at Hawarden High School on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March together with Councillor Joyce Angell, Sarah Hinks and the Clerk and Financial Officer.

**STAFFING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:**

**9. PERSONAL ID CARDS FOR STAFF AND MEMBERS:**

To approve the quote from a local business, Total ID.

**10. VEXATIOUS COMPLAINTS POLICY:**

To defer this report to the next meeting following members contributions.

**11. TRAINING NEEDS SURVEY 2023:**

Councillor Janet Axworthy and the Clerk and Financial Officer would complete the questionnaire on behalf of the council, prior to the closing date of 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**12. POLICE MATTERS:**

Recent incidents were reported.

**13. HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:**

A number of issues were raised with John Griffiths, Senior Highways Officer for action.

**14. LIGHTING FAULTS:**

There were none.

**15. MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:**

There were none.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

**16. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:**

No objections to the planning applications x 4.

Planning decisions noted.

There were no appeals.

'Northopia' pre planning consultation – urgent meeting called with key councillors to prepare a statement.

### **COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:**

#### **17. NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE AT EWLOE:**

Verbal update received and noted.

#### **18. H.M. KING CHARLES III CORONATION:**

No commemorative coins to be purchased.

An amount of £2,000 had been provided in the budget for street parties; poster to be advertised.

#### **19. BIODIVERSITY SECTION 6 DUTY:**

(i) Environmental Action Plan – received and noted.

(ii) Queens Trees to be placed on the Gladstone Playing fields with a commemorative plaque.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

#### **20. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES FINAL REPORT:**

Final report outcome on tax element clarified and noted for 2023/24 municipal year.

#### **21. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

Updated list of payments for March 2023 were approved.

**22. CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Costs to the council for the Joint Maintenance Committee to be confirmed at the next meeting.

To note and approve the receipt of £461.00 following the sale of scrap metal from depot surplus.

**23. BANK RECONCILIATIONS:**

Bank reconciliation for the period ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 received and noted.

**24. SMALL GRANT APPLICATIONS:**

Grant application from the **Aston Bowling Club** for a defibrillator was approved for £500.