



HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DECISIONS

12th June 2023

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Janet Axworthy

Councillors: Joyce Angell, Billy Cooper, Martin Davey, Sarah Hinks, Dave Mackie, Doreen Mackie, Emma Preece, Margaret Redfern, Dale Selvester, Hayley Selvester, Ralph Small, Darren Sterry, Linda Thomas and Ant Turton

Officers: Mrs Sharron Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer
Fran Griffiths, Admin Assistant

Also present: Two members of the public
PCSO Helen Holden

COUNCIL MEETING:

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Gillian Brockley (family emergency), Helen Brown (holiday), Lesley Evans (work), Raphaelle Soffe (work) and Sam Swash (holiday).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Received and approved as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

5. INTERNAL AUDIT:

The Internal Auditor's report for the financial year ended 31st March 2023, was approved and actions duly noted.

6. ANNUAL RETURN 2022-23:

The council's Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2023, was approved together with the governance statements and the Chairman signed it.

7. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES:

Nominations for the three groups to be sent to the Clerk and Financial Officer.

8. WELSH GOVERNMENT CTC DATABASE PRIVACY NOTICE:

Noted.

9. HYNET UPDATE:

Members received a comprehensive update from the Chairman and Councillors who had attended the hearing days. A meeting of the senior group of members would be arranged with Hynet as soon as possible.

10. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

The Chairman advised members of a few meetings that she had attended and shared a card that had been received from HRH King Charles III in response to the condolence books.

STAFFING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

11. POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Helen Holden had attended the meeting and introduced herself to Community Council members. She also provided an update on her current work and the area that she covers.

12. HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:

A Councillor commented on the overgrown hedges in Mancot that were dangerous and putting members of the public at risk.

13. LIGHTING FAULTS:

There were none.

14. MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

A member commented on the bad odour that had apparently been smelled in Mancot. A local member from Shotton Town Council had set up a protest group.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:

Planning applications considered accordingly.
No planning appeals.
Decisions had been noted.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

16. NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE AT EWLOE:

A confidential update had been shared at the meeting.

17. CONSULTATION ON THE IMPLEMENTING OF A DOG CONTROL PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER:

Approved and noted with the comments that Enforcement needed to be strengthened and that the Gladstone Playing fields should be excluded from this Order.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

18. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Approved.

19. BANK RECONCILIATION:

Received and noted.

20. CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

- (i) The council's contribution to the Joint Maintenance Committee for the month of June was £11,943.35;
- (ii) The Clerk provided an update following her attendance at a recent Community Building Management Summit.
- (iii) A kind donation of £260 to the Community Council had been received from a member of the public for an environmental/wildlife project. It was agreed to purchase a bird table.
- (iv) The council endorsed that the Clerk complete the Toilet consultation issued by the County Council.

21. FINANCIAL POLICIES:

The following polices had been approved:

- i) Policy on income
- ii) Annual Investment Strategy
- iii) Financial Risk Assessment, with an amendment.
- iv) Internal Financial Controls