



HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HYBRID MEETING

11th September 2023

DECISIONS

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Janet Axworthy

Councillors: Joyce Angell, Gillian Brockley, Helen Brown, Billy Cooper, Sarah Hinks, Dave Mackie, Doreen Mackie, Emma Preece, Margaret Redfern, Hayley Selvester, Ralph Small, Raphaele Soffe, Sam Swash, Darren Sterry, Richard Taylor and Ant Turton.

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

Also present: John Griffiths, Senior Highways Officer

COUNCIL MEETING:

1. PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARD:

The Chairman presented Kate Tyndall with her Community Volunteer Award as she had been unable to attend the annual meeting in May.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Lesley Evans and Dale Selvester.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Approved.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that the vacancy in Hawarden – Mancot had been advertised with a closing date of 22nd September, 2023.

6. HYPNET UPDATE:

Verbal update received from the Chairman.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Chairman had attended a few events recently and referenced them to members.

STAFFING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

8. POLICE MATTERS:

ASB mentioned in Mancot.

9. HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:

A number of issues were raised with the Senior Highways Officer.

10. LIGHTING FAULTS:

There were none.

11. MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

A member referred to the need to clean the war memorial of wreaths and asked when the gate in Mancot could be installed.

12. NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY: PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

It was agreed that Councillors Joyce Angell, Janet Axworthy, Gillian Brockley, Doreen Mackie, Margaret Redfern, Dale Selvester and Linda Thomas meet with the Clerk and Financial Officer to agree the Council's response. It was of particular concern that the Deeside Fire Station was at risk.

13. LETTER FROM THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE:

Two letters had been received from the Standards Committee, the contents of which had been noted.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:

Planning applications considered, agreed or objected to.
There were no planning appeals.
Decisions noted.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

15. NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE AT EWLOE:

A verbal update from the Delivery Team was received. It was hopeful of some architect's drawings in the Autumn.

16. VICKERS CLOSE PLAY AREA – RENEWAL OF LEASE, TERMS OF LEASE AND APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITORS:

It was agreed not to accept the proposed rent increase, agree the term of the lease for the longest possible time and establish the Solicitors fees; all members to receive a copy of the lease prior to contacting the Estate Office.

It was agreed to review all other leases.

17. GLADSTONE PLAYING FIELDS FOOTBALL, RENEWAL OF LEASE, TERMS OF LEASE AND APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITORS:

It was agreed to formalise the lease via the appointment of Solicitors based on the draft terms of lease previously agreed. The council to pay all legal costs as confirmed in the minutes of the Playing Fields Committee held on 12 October 2015.

The Football Club to pay the electricity for the pavilion but the Community Council continue to pay the water charges as they pay the water charges for the Gladstone Bowling Club.

18. TREE POLICY AND TREE INSPECTION SYSTEM:

Report received with the addition of a clause to replace trees where appropriate.

Thanks had been extended to Fran Griffiths for her sterling work on this document prior to her retirement.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

19. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Approved.

20. BANK RECONCILIATION:

July reconciliation approved and noted, August to follow.

21. CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The cost to the council for the Joint Agreement for the month of August had been noted at £12,643.05 and £11,351.03 for September.