



HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HYBRID ANNUAL MEETING

11th MAY 2026

DECISIONS

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Bill Cooper

Councillors: Joyce Angell, Janet Axworthy, Helen Brown, Michael Crockford, Wendy Harrison, Sarah Hinks, Liza Kennedy, Stephen Lancashire, Dave Mackie, Doreen Mackie, Emma Preece, Colin Randerson, Margaret Redfern, Ralph Small, Darren Sterry, Sam Swash and Connor Wynne

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

Also present: Callum Hodgson, Youth Representative –
Hawarden High School and one member of the public.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN 2026/2027:

Councillor Bill Cooper appointed as Chairman.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2026/2027:

Councillor Ant Turton appointed as Vice-Chairman.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies had been received from Councillor Gillian Brockley, Linda Thomas and Ant Turton.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Sam Swash declared an interest in Item 24 – but had also received a dispensation. He duly completed his Declaration of Interest forms.

5. RETIRING CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS:

Councillor Darren Sterry provided a short speech on his past year as Chairman thanking all members, staff and the maintenance team for their support and continuous hard work.

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Approved.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Members asked for an update on the Planning appeal letter sent on behalf of the Community Council. No response had been received. Another email to be sent asking for a response.

8. MEMBERS’ CODE OF CONDUCT:

Approved.

9. STANDING ORDERS:

Approved.

10. EXPENDITURE POLICY AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:

Expenditure Policy – Approved.

Financial Regulations - Approved.

11. SCHEME OF DELEGATION:

Approved.

12. CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE (WALES):

Approved.

13. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE:

Approved.

14. LOCAL RESOLUTION PROTOCOL:

Approved.

15. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Agreed to designate the standing committees of the Council for the municipal year 2026/27 as follows:

- Staffing and General Purposes, including Lighting
- Planning
- Community and Environment including Playing Fields
- Finance

16. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES:

Councillor **Janet Axworthy** appointed Chairman of **Staffing** and **General Purposes**, including Lighting.

Councillor **Connor Wynne** appointed as Chairman of **Planning**.

Councillor **Ralph Small** appointed as Chairman of **Communication** and **Environment** including Playing Fields.

Councillor **Dave Mackie** appointment as Chairman of Finance.

17. APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE:

Councillors Bill Cooper, Liz Kennedy and Colin Randerson appointed to be the members of the Personnel Sub-Committee in the place of Councillors Helen Brown, Ralph Small and Darren Sterry.

18. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES:

Councillors Janet Axworthy, Bill Cooper and Colin Randerson elected to serve on the Community Volunteers, Bursary Awards and RYLA Appointments. Councillor Bill Cooper to serve on the North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils.

Governors to schools as follows:

Ewloe Green CP School – Councillor Bill Cooper
Penarlag CP School – Councillor Dave Mackie
Hawarden Village Church School – Colin Randerson
Sandycroft CP School – Ant Turton

19. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR:

JDH Business Services Ltd to continue as Internal Auditor for the financial year 2026/27.

20. CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Service Level Agreement for April and May was £14,265.57 and £18,113.60, respectively.

The report for President of the Society of Local Councils (SLCC) was approved.

The Clerk and Financial Officer also reported the vandalism that had occurred in the Circular Drive Play Area and the repairs required following an incident at Mancot Play Area.

21. DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2026/27:

15 th June 2026	11 th January 2027
13 th July 2026	08 th February 2027
14 th September 2026	08 th March 2027
12 th October 2026	12 th April 2027
09 th November 2026	10 th May 2027
14 th December 2026	

NOTE: It had been requested and approved that the June meeting be changed from the 08th June to the 15th June 2026.

22. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Approved.

23. BANK RECONCILIATION:

Approved.

24. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:

Planning applications approved with one objection.
Two planning appeals were discussed.
Decisions noted.