

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCIL (HELD REMOTELY<sup>i</sup>) on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2022**

**Members Present:** Councillors, P. Done, C. Borland- Jones, S. Clutton

**Chair:** Councillor P. Done

**Clerk:** Serena Baxter.

**Apologies:** Councillors G. Williams, A. Reeves, G. Lowden, W. Wilson, T. Jones, D. O'Brien, PCSO Lisa Davies, M. Morris (Wrexham CBC)

- 86. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were given and accepted. It was determined that the meeting was quorate.
- 87. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Members were reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of any personal and/ or prejudicial interest on the form provided for this purpose for any item under discussion.
- 88. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** There were no members of the public present.
- 89. **CRIME FIGURE REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS:** The Clerk presented a report for crime figures up to the end of November. The PCSO's had sent through an update report.
- 90. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD:** The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 were **APPROVED** as an accurate record.
- 91. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The question was raised regarding the vacancy which had been filled by co-option at the last meeting. The Clerk explained that she had sent the necessary paperwork to the Councillor appointed however he had not been back in touch. The Clerk will endeavour to contact Mr Jones to see if he still wishes to take up the post of Councillor.
- 92. **FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS:** i) The payments for January 2022 were **APPROVED:**

Date	Payment To	Reason	Amount
January 2022			
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
	Clerk- (salary 1st January 2022	Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours	
	WCBC	Half yearly instalment Inspection and maintenance of play areas	697.20
	WCBC	Quarterly Maintenance Community Street lighting to 30.9. 21	138.56
	Gallagher	Insurance	626.81
	<b>INCOME</b>		
	WCBC	Precept	4160.00
	Caia Community Council	Part share payment to Defibrillator housed on Community Centre Pentre Gwyn	619.10
	Unity Bank	Bank interest payment	2.16

- 93. **PRECEPT AND BUDGET FOR 2022-2023:** The Clerk confirmed the request had been received from WCBC for the precept for 2022-23 and presented a draft budget report. Of significance was the impact of the reduction of the tax base to 309, due to the boundary changes coming into effect. Those Councillors present considered the matter and it was generally agreed that with so few Councillors present and given the issue arising it would be pertinent and a safer decision if more Councillors were present to discuss this. It was therefore **RESOLVED** to ask Wrexham Council Finance Manager if the matter could be delayed until the March meeting, and if not, to

call a special meeting of the Council to consider specifically the budget and precept. Action: Clerk will contact WCBC and if necessary, call a special meeting.

- 94. GRANT APPLICATIONS AND REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS:** The Clerk outlined requests for grants and donations that had been received over previous months. These were considered and it was thought that with so few councillors present the matter should be deferred to the next meeting of the Council, with the exception of donations requested by Nightingale House and Marie Curie. In view of donations to these charities agreed in previous years it was **RESOLVED** to grant the amounts of £100 to each of these charities. Action: Clerk will action payments and put the item on the next agenda.
- 95. PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE:** The Clerk advised that she is trying to arrange a meeting with Wrexham Council officers as previously, and looking to different funding streams that might tie in.
- 96. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:** There was no up to date report, due to the Clerk having been absent. The report presented in November was looked at and updated, and the Clerk presented several items of correspondence.
- 97. TO CONSIDER ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED):**
- i. P/2021/1189: Erection of Industrial Unit (Class B2) Village Bakery Ltd, Coed Aben Road, Wrexham Industrial Estate, Wrexham – No Objections were raised.
  - ii. P/2021/1208: First floor extension and external alterations-Ipsen Biopharm Ltd Ash Road North Wrexham industrial estate Wrexham- No Objections were raised
  - iii. P/2021/1138: Single storey warehouse canopy and ancillary parking spaces- Redwither works, Redwither Road, Wrexham industrial estate Wrexham - No Objections were raised
  - iv. P2021/1134: Change in use from Class C3 (dwelling house) to Class C2 (Care home). The conversion of the existing five bay garage to residential accommodation and material alterations to the external appearance of the existing two bay garage:- Hullah Farm, Cefn Road, Wrexham.- Abenbury Community Council wished to raise concern about the increase in the impact of a higher traffic volume at this location should the proposal go ahead, particularly at school start and finish times, when the road is already congested due to the proximity to a nearby school. Bends in the road, visibility and proximity to a junction are also of concern regarding this proposal.
- 98. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS:** Councillor Borland Jones raised a concern about speeding occurring around Pentre Maelor. The feasibility of an electronic sign advising of the speed limit was discussed. The concern is to avoid an accident as a lot of children play on the area and on bikes. It was **RESOLVED** to raise the matter with Councillor Morris who can raise the matter with Housing and Highways as appropriate. Councillor Clutton raised a concern about fly tipping on Erlas Lane. It was **AGREED** to report this via Streetscene.
- 99. DATE, VENUE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on the **14<sup>th</sup> of February 2022, and will commence at 7 p.m.** It was **AGREED** to hold the next meeting remotely in view of case numbers, and to look to hold a face-to-face meeting in March should conditions allow. The meeting ended at 8.10 pm.

**COUNCILLOR P. DONE**

**CHAIR** ..... **DATE**.....

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*i) This meeting took place remotely, using 'Go To' Meetings software, under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (following **The Local Authorities (Coronavirus)(Meetings)(Wales) Regulations 2020.**) which make provision for meetings to take place remotely.*