

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCILⁱ , held on the 10th of July 2023

Members Present: Councillors S. Clutton, P. Done, W. Wilson, G. Williams, M. Morris (Wrexham CBC), D. O'Brien, J. Jones

Chair: Councillor D. O'Brien

Clerk: Serena Baxter.

Apologies: Councillors A. Reeves, M. Davies

- 171. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were given and accepted.
- 172. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Members were reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of any personal and/ or prejudicial interest for any item under discussion.
- 173. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** There were no members of the public present, in person or online.
- 174. CRIME REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS:** The Crime report provided by PCSO L. Davies was considered. Concerns were raised about a recent serious incident that had taken place in the area, and that no public assurance had been given by the police to residents, a number of whom had been very upset by it. This is to be fed back to the Police. Councillor Morris fed back on the results of speed testing that had been carried out with the PCSO. 50% of those surveyed had been doing over 30mph. A discussion took place over contacting the Highway department with the results of these tests to look for permanent solutions to lower the speed of traffic, such as dog legs or road narrowing.
- 175. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th of June 2023:** The Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th of June 2023, were APPROVED as an accurate record.
- 176. MATTERS ARISING:** There were no matters arising.
- 177. FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS: i)** The payments for July 2023 were APPROVED: It was noted that the SLCC Membership should be shared with Isycoed Community Council and therefore the payment should be £40.

Payment To	Reason	Amount
EXPENDITURE		
Clerk- (salary 1st July 2023)	Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours	
Vodafone	Telephone account	22.31
WCBC	Half yearly instalment for Inspection of Play area Maes Brenin	730.80
SLCC	Membership renewal	80.00 (50%)

- 178. REVISED STANDING ORDERS ONE VOICE WALES:** The Clerk advised that a this item would be brought forward for the September meeting.
- 179. PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE:** It was noted that the situation is as reported last month, with a report due to Executive Board in September. Councillor Morris advised that as the site will have been independently valued, part cost will be shared with the Community Council.

180. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE: The Clerk submitted the latest report A discussion took place about the lack of communication regarding the lorry park, despite requested updates. The Clerk was asked to set up a meeting with First Investments to have a discussion. The meeting held at WCBC offices had been very positive, yet there has been no progress. The clerk updated regarding the noticeboard, which is that Mr Palmer of WCBC had advised there would be no objection to siting the noticeboard where originally planned. Councillor O'Brien raised again the issue of the surface of the footpath being in a poor state. The Clerk will write to WCBC.

181. PROGRESS ON VACANCIES: As last month, the Clerk advised that both vacancies are now advertised under Co-option, but no expressions of interest have been received to date.

182. TO CONSIDER ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED):

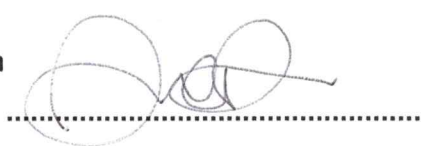
- i. P/2023/0358: Erection of single storey rear extension to provide storage space (in retrospect)- Unit 2 Oakwood house, Blackwood Business park, Ash road South, Wrexham Industrial Estate , Wrexham. The Council had no objections to make but wished to remind developers of the lack of any facilities (including toilet facilities) for visiting lorry drivers to the Industrial estate, and the knock-on effect this has for local residents particularly where drivers take a break overnight in Wrexham Industrial estate.
- ii. P/2023/0388: Erection of warehouse extension and loading bay canopy- F.Lloyd Penley Ltd, Bridge Road South, Wrexham Industrial estate, Wrexham. This was considered in conjunction with P/2023/ 0387. The Council had no objections to make to either proposal but wished to remind developers of the lack of any facilities (including toilet facilities) for visiting lorry drivers to the Industrial estate, and the knock-on effect this has for local residents particularly where drivers take a break overnight in Wrexham Industrial estate.
- iii. P/2023/0387: Erection of warehouse extension and loading bay canopy- F.Lloyd Penley Ltd, Bridge Road South, Wrexham Industrial estate, Wrexham.. As detailed above.

183. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS: Councillor Williams again raised the issue of poor visibility at the first roundabout down Bridge Road, due to an overgrown hedge. This to be raised with First Investments. Councillor Jones raised a concern about parking near Dragon Packaging, following a near miss accident, due to the lack of visibility caused by the parking near to the junction. It was agreed that the Clerk shall write to the companies in that vicinity and copy in Highways, the Police and First Investments. Councillor O'Brien raised the issue of drains being blocked on roads which had led to flooding with the recent heavy downpours. Additionally, a footpath out of Llwyn Onn estate has been blocked. Other roads and lanes around the Industrial estate were mentioned by Councillors as having been flooded. A discussion took place raised by Councillor O'Brien concerning dogs on Llwyn Onn estate being walked whilst not on a lead, this had led to a very upsetting incident. The Clerk will contact Joanne Rogers of WCBC to enquire about the Public Open Spaces order.

184. DATE, VENUE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on the 11th of September 2023, and will commence at 7 p.m.

i) This meeting took place as a Hybrid meeting, 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 both in person and with remote attendance.

COUNCILLOR D. O'Brien
CHAIR.



DATE 11/9/23