

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCIL<sup>1</sup> held on the 11th of March 2024**

**Members Present:** Councillors: P. Done, G. Williams, W. Wilson, J. Jones

**Chair:** Councillor P. Done

**Clerk:** Serena Baxter.

**Apologies:** Councillors: D. O'Brien, A. Reeves, S. Clutton, M. Morris (Wrexham CBC)

251.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</b> Apologies were given and accepted. It was determined that the meeting was quorate. In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Councillor Jones nominated Councillor Done as Chair.	Clerk																								
252.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</b> Members were reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of any personal and/ or prejudicial interest for any item under discussion.																									
253.	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</b> The meeting was attended by Mr and Mrs R Squire, and Mr G Lowden, residents of Pentre Maelor. The meeting was adjourned to allow those present to address the Community council about a matter of concern. The matter concerned the felling of trees across the road from Pentre Maelor, at Lloyds and Mr Squire gave the background to the incident and advised that he had alerted Wrexham Council planning and the AM and MP. The trees were stopping lights being seen from the plant into residents' houses, and also stopped fumes from the vehicular activities. There had been no permission given to fell the trees. After hearing about the incident, the Council reconvened the meeting, and <b>RESOLVED</b> to write to the Planning department to see what could be done to resolve the issue and to find out if it had breached any Planning conditions. Concern was also raised about the new signage which is very large.	Letter to the Planning department.																								
254.	<b>CRIME REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS:</b> The Crime report provided by PCSO L. Davies was considered and no issues were raised. the Clerk reminded about the upcoming Operation Cinnamon. This was discussed and Approval was given to print and distribute flyers to as many residents as possible to publicise the event.																									
255.	<b>TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th of February 2024:</b> The Minutes of the meeting held on the 12 <sup>th</sup> of February 2024, were approved as a true record.																									
256.	<b>MATTERS ARISING:</b> There were no matters arising.																									
257.	<p><b>FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS:</b> i) The Payments set out for payment in March 2024 were APPROVED.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payment To</th> <th>Reason</th> <th>Amount £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="3"><b>EXPENDITURE</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk- (salary 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024)</td> <td>Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vodafone</td> <td>Telephone account</td> <td>25.47</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Viking Office</td> <td>Stationery and stamps</td> <td>200.87</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WCBC</td> <td>Cost of Play Service provision 2023</td> <td>4,203.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"><b>INCOME</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>No income</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payment To	Reason	Amount £	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			Clerk- (salary 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2024)	Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours		Vodafone	Telephone account	25.47	Viking Office	Stationery and stamps	200.87	WCBC	Cost of Play Service provision 2023	4,203.00	<b>INCOME</b>				No income		Clerk
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	<p>ii) The Clerk advised that Internal Audit arrangements are now due. Council's approval to appoint JDH Business Services Ltd as internal Auditor is required. After discussion, Approval was granted for the appointment of JDH and for the Clerk to liaise as necessary.</p> <p>iii) The Clerk again reminded those not previously present that Member's claims for expenses were now due for the financial year, so that these can be paid in March if necessary. Members were asked to complete the necessary form should they not wish to be awarded the expenses due. The Clerk advised of the report that had been received from IRPW.</p>																			
258.	<p><b>TO CONSIDER REQUESTS RECEIVED FOR DONATIONS:</b> The Council considered the report provided by the Clerk, outlining requests received from charitable organisations. After consideration, it was RESOLVED to award the following amounts:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Wrexham Litter Pickers</td> <td>£100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Family Friends</td> <td>£100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wales Air Ambulance</td> <td>£100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SSAFA Armed Forces</td> <td>£50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>National Eisteddfod Wrexham</td> <td>£100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marie Curie</td> <td>£100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Urdd Eisteddfod</td> <td>£50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Advance Brighter Futures</td> <td>£50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Calon FM</td> <td>£50</td> </tr> </table> <p>The total amount awarded under S 137 is £700. The Clerk was approved to award the amounts allocated.</p>	Wrexham Litter Pickers	£100	Family Friends	£100	Wales Air Ambulance	£100	SSAFA Armed Forces	£50	National Eisteddfod Wrexham	£100	Marie Curie	£100	Urdd Eisteddfod	£50	Advance Brighter Futures	£50	Calon FM	£50	Clerk
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259.	<p><b>UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE AND LEASE.</b> The Clerk advised that she had advised the Assets department that the draft Heads of terms had been agreed upon at the previous meeting, and these would now go forward to the Legal team of WCBC. Nothing further can be done at the present time.</p>	Clerk																		
260.	<p><b>CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDANCE:</b> The Clerk advised on the report prepared. It was noted that no further response had been received from First Investments concerning the Lorry Park. However, the issue of the lorry park had been raised and answered at a recent public meeting held at Isycoed. Arrangements are being made to move the noticeboard to a more suitable location and the Clerk advised of a suggested location from residents of Llwyn Onn. This was approved if the land was suitable given that it was next to the substation. The Clerk advised on arrangements to advertise the Vacancies on the Community Council. It was agreed to purchase a flag for the D Day commemoration and to ask Hydro to fly it, as previously. The Clerk advised of correspondence received detailing solar speed signs and it was agreed to enquire further about them.</p>	Clerk																		
261.	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS:</b> i. P/2024/0072: Notification of Demolition works (Prior notification). The Bridgeway Centre, Bridge Road, Wrexham industrial estate, Wrexham, LL13 9QS. The Clerk advised that this Planning approval had now gone through.</p> <p>ii. P/2024/0117: Alterations to existing access, construction of additional car and lorry spaces, siting of security gate and barriers and installation of new security gate</p>																			

	and barrier to existing car park: - Annyalla chicks UK Ltd, Abenbury Way, Wrexham Industrial estate, Wrexham. There were no objections raised.	
262.	<b>REPORTS FROM MEMBERS:</b> Councillor Williams raised the issue of speeding and the 30mph limit along Bridge Road. This was discussed but concluded that there was no further action that could be taken at present.	
263.	<b>NEXT MEETING:</b> The next meeting will be held on Monday the 8 <sup>th</sup> of April 2024.	

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**COUNCILLOR S Clutton**  
**VICE CHAIR.**



DATE 08.04.2024