

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCIL¹ held on the 13^h of November 2023

Members Present: Councillors: W. Wilson, G. Williams, D. O'Brien, J. Jones, A. Reeves, S. Clutton, P. Done

Chair: Councillor D. O'Brien

Clerk: Serena Baxter.

Apologies: Councillors: M. Davies, M. Morris (Wrexham CBC)

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- 214. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were given and accepted.
- 215. 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.
- 216. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** There were no members of the public present, in person or online.
- 217. VACANCY OCCASSIONED BY RESIGNATION, AND PROGRESS ON ADVERTISING CURRENT VACANCIES:** It was reported with sadness by the Chair that Councillor Davies has resigned from the post of Councillor. All present expressed their regret, and it was **RESOLVED** to send a letter to Councillor Davies thanking him for his contribution. The Clerk advised on the process of advertising this vacancy and updated the meeting that the two earlier vacancies have been advertised for some while as Co-option vacancies, but with little response. This additional vacancy brings the total to three. A discussion took place about how best to highlight this with the electorate and to try to generate some interest. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will investigate some prices for a flyer, to be distributed in the New Year.
- 218. CRIME REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS:** The Crime report provided by PCSO L. Davies was considered. An issue of Anti-social behaviour in Pentre Maelor was discussed and it was reported that the PCSO has been to speak to the families concerned. It was noted that recent anti-social behaviour at Llwyn Onn has not been included in this report and this is to be raised with the PCSO. The Clerk updated on recent communication with the rural policing inspector and his request that a Councillor be designated to be his main contact. A discussion took place about the best way to respond and given that the Clerk is usually the main contact on behalf of the Community Council. Concerns were raised about police resources, and it was **RESOLVED** that the Chair shall be passed the recent email and will make contact the rural inspector with a view to setting up a meeting for himself and the Clerk to be present.
- 219. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th of October 2023:** The Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th of October 2023, were **APPROVED** as an accurate record.
- 220. MATTERS ARISING:** The Clerk updates on response received from Mr Graham Lloyd, WCBC, further to his attendance at last months meeting. A discussion took place. It was reported that traffic noise from the Cefn road and speeding is impacting on resident's lives. An initiative for road safety partnership has had some success in other areas, with residents' involvement, and Councillor O'Brien will raise this at the meeting with Police Inspector.
- 221. FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS:**
- i) The payments for November 2023 were **APPROVED:**

Payment To	Reason	Amount
EXPENDITURE		
Clerk-(salary 1st November 2023)	Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours	
Vodafone	Telephone account November 2023	25.47

INCOME	Nil	
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ii) NALC/SLCC Pay Agreement : The Clerk advised of the new pay settlement that had been advised to community councils in a recent communication, and explained the new pay rate for 2023-2024. This was APPROVED to be implemented and to be backdated to April 2023

222. PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE- LEASE AND COSTS: The Clerk advised of the current position, the Clerk having asked WCBC for confirmation of the plan of the site, boundaries, utilities and tree survey. Wrexham Council had asked about the engagement of a solicitor. A discussion took place. The Clerk will bring a paper on risks and liabilities to the next meeting. In the meantime, possible costs on future maintenance are being sought.

223. CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE: The Clerk submitted the latest report and updated the Community Council. A discussion took place about the lorry park proposal. A letter has been sent to First Investments. A discussion took place about the possibility of the Santa Sleigh visiting Pentre maelor and Llwyn Onn. The Clerk advised that this is run by the Friends of Ruabon which does not charge but asks for a donation. It was AGREED that this should be further explored and Agreed to , with a donation being given , as long as they have the necessary insurance etc. Correspondence was noted.

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

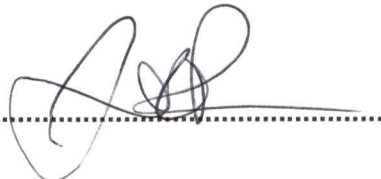
- i. P2023/0663: New gated access to existing parking area- Ipsen Biopharm Ltd., Ash Road North, Wrexham Industrial estate, Wrexham. No comments or objections were raised.
- ii. P/2023/0671: Variation of condition 2 of planning permission P/2021/1189 to amend elevation plans- Village Bakery Ltd., Coed Aben Road, Wrexham Industrial estate, Wrexham. No comments or objections were raised.

A discussion took place about ongoing planning proposals and the status of the LDP.

225. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS: Councillor Williams advised of flooding that had occurred at the bottom of the road by Lloyds and the bedding company, with a concern that this should be looked at for prevention for the future. It was RESOLVED to write to Natural Resources Wales to ask them to investigate and to raise concern about the expansion ponds that are near to the Cross lanes link road, asking that these be investigated with a view to bringing in mitigating works for the future. Councillor Clutton had reported two manholes needing attention on the Industrial estate. The Clerk shall advise Highways.

226. DATE, VENUE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on the **15th of January 2024**, to consider the precept, and will commence **at 7 p.m.**

COUNCILLOR D. O’Brien
CHAIR.



DATE 15/1/24