

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCIL¹ on the 17th of April 2023

Members Present: Councillors M. Davies, P. Done, W. Wilson, J. Bowden

Chair: Councillor P. Done

Clerk: Serena Baxter.

Apologies: Councillor A. Reeves, D. O'Brien. S Clutton, M. Morris (Wrexham CBC), G. Williams

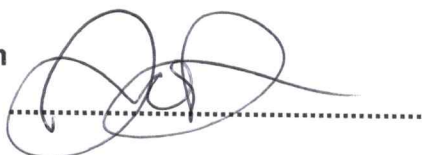
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- 125. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were given and accepted. It was determined that the meeting was Quorate.
- 126. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Members were reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of any personal and/ or prejudicial interest for any item under discussion.
- 127. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** There were no members of the public present, in person or online.
- 128. CRIME REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS:** The latest report prepared by PCSO L. Davies was considered. The issue of Speeding was discussed again, and the Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to Highways department. The offer of a meeting had been made but would have to be in daylight working hours. The issue of lorries parking and blocking visibility on the Industrial Estate, at Riello and Owen's, is a continuing problem, despite having written, and informed the PCSO.
- 129. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th of March 2023:**
The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th of March 2023, were APPROVED as an accurate record. There were no matters arising.
- 130. PROGRESS ON VACACIES:** The Clerk advised that the one vacancy has been advertised.
- 131. FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS: i)** The payments for April 2023 were **APPROVED:**

Payment To	Reason	Amount
EXPENDITURE		
Clerk- (salary 1st April 2023)	Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours	
Vodafone	Telephone account	22.31
One Voice Wales	Membership	120.00
INCOME		
WCBC	Precept	3672.00

- ii) **End of Year Financial report:** The Clerk presented a report showing the income and expenditure throughout 2022-2023. The report was Accepted.
- iii) **Remuneration for members 202-2023:** The Clerk explained the remuneration process and handed out forms for completion to accept or reject the statutory payment of £150.
- iv) **Appointment of JDH as internal Auditor:** The Clerk explained the function of Internal Audit and advised on the programme received from JDH Ltd. It was **RESOLVED** to appoint JDH as the *Internal Auditor for 2022-2023*.
- v) **External Audit Programme:** The Clerk advised on the process of External Audit for 2022-2023.

- 132. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS RECEIVED THROUGH THE YEAR.** The minutes from the previous meeting referred to an enquiry that was to be raised with MacMillan Cancer Care in respect of a prospective donation. This was considered and it was **RESOLVED** to award a donation of £100 to MacMillan Cancer Care.
- 133. TO APPROVE DRAFT TRAINING PLAN:** The draft Training Plan was considered and **APPROVED**.
- 134. PROGRESS ON STATUTORY DUTY TO PRODUCE AN ANNUAL REPORT AND BIO-DIVERSITY REPORT.:** The Clerk explained the statutory requirements arising from the 2021 Act and submitted documents for approval. After consideration it was **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Report and the Bio-Diversity report, and the Clerk is to publish these on the website.
- 135. PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE:** The Clerk advised on the latest update from WCBC. After discussion it was **RESOLVED** to ask WCBC if the progress on the report and its approval would be helped if the proposal concentrated on the plot itself, rather than including the area of trees alongside it.
- 136. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:** The Clerk gave brief updates on items not already in the minutes. In regard to the Goal posts for Maes Brenin, it was debated whether making the pitch shorter would move it away from the wet area that had been highlighted by WCBC and this would make it safer. It was **RESOLVED** to do so, and to ask WCBC to locate the goals in the same place as previously but to make the pitch shorter. Councillor Wilson updated on the meeting that had taken place about the lorry park. There would be no environmental impact as the area proposed is already a former site and concreted. The meeting had been positive. The Clerk asked a question as to what contact details and process that Councillors would like to be published. After discussion it was **AGREED** to defer this to the next meeting when more would be present, and to email Members in advance of the meeting.
- 137. TO CONSIDER ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED):**
- i) Ipsen Biopharm Ltd, Ash Road, Wrexham. The proposal for a modular two-storey office building at this location was considered and no objections were raised. A discussion took place about the rules if any governing the outer appearance of buildings as there are a number recently constructed or adapted that are very bright.
- 138. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS:** Councillor Jones raised the issue of recent difficulty reporting to the Police. The Clerk will email PCSO's contact details. Councillor Wilson advised of the whereabouts of the Merchant Navy Flag that had been purchased by Abenbury Community Council. It was at the War Memorial Club and then was passed to Hydro. Councillor Wilson has now passed it back to the War Memorial Club, to be flown on commemorative occasions.
- 139. DATE, VENUE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Community Council shall be the **Annual Meeting of the Community Council, to be held on the 15th of May 2023**, allowing for the Easter holiday, 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...15/5/23.....