

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCILⁱ on the 14th of March 2022

Members Present: Councillors, P. Done, C. Borland- Jones, G. Lowden, W. Wilson, D. O'Brien, G. Williams, A. Reeves, S. Clutton (joining remotely) M. Morris (Wrexham CBC),

Chair: Councillor P. Done

Clerk: Serena Baxter.

Apologies: Councillors, T. Jones, PCSO Lisa Davies,

119. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were given and accepted.

120. 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.

121. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were no members of the public present.

122. COMMUNITY AGENT SERVICE: This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

123. CRIME FIGURE REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS: The Clerk presented a report of crime figures during January. No undue concerns were raised. Councillor Williams raised the issue of speeding along Bridge Road which is of concern. The Clerk updated on response received from WCBC and the police regarding speeding monitoring. This was discussed. The Clerk will continue to pursue speed monitoring.

124. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD: The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 14th of February 2022, were **APPROVED** as an accurate record.

125. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: There were no matters arising other than the agenda items.

126. FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS: i) The payments for March 2022 were **APPROVED**:

Date	Payment To	Reason	Amount
14.3.2022			
	EXPENDITURE		
	Clerk- (salary 1st March 2022)	Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours	
		Payment S Baxter	

ii. The increase of salary put forward by NALC concerning Clerk's pay, and to be backdated to 1st April 2021, was **APPROVED**.

iii. The Clerk presented a number of financial documents:

- a. Risk Management document 2022-23: Discussed and **APPROVED**
- b. Annual Investment Strategy 2022-23: Discussed and **APPROVED**
- c. Internal Financial controls 2022-23: Discussed and **APPROVED**
- d. Statement on Financial Reserves 2022-23: Discussed and **APPROVED**

127. RENEWAL OF SLA WITH WCBC: The following renewals of Service Level Agreements held with WCBC in respect of Lighting Maintenance, and playground Inspection for Maes Brenin, were discussed and **APPROVED for 2022-2023**, at the costs shown:

- i. Street lighting Maintenance at a cost of £421.56 (18 units)
- ii. Maes Brenin Play Area inspection at cost of £1,184 plus VAT.

128. GRANT APPLICATIONS AND REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS: A question was raised about considering donating to a charity concerning Ukraine. The Clerk advised that it was not within the Council's powers to do so. The Clerk presented a table of grants and donations awarded to date, and requests received. These were considered and amounts were awarded as follows:

Family Friends	50
Offa Community Council (RWF Monument)	50
Wrexham Gymnastics Club	100
Calon FM	50
Llangollen Eisteddfod	£100

It was **AGREED** to ask the Domestic Abuse Safety unit to attend a future meeting of the Community Council as offered.

129. PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE: The Clerk and Councillor Morris gave an update on a recent site meeting held with Mr Adamson of WCBC. A discussion took place about the report that had been produced following that meeting, which would be submitted to WCBC for consideration. The report was **APPROVED**. Councillor Morris explained the Election period up until the 5th May this year, and therefore there would be no decision taken on this matter until after this period has passed. A discussion took place about sources of funding and possible outcomes of the report being submitted. Action: Clerk will submit the report.

130. CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE: The Clerk presented a report updating on several matters. Information concerning the forthcoming elections was given out and discussed. A request had been received from Wrexham litter pickers concerning the purchase of bluebell bulbs. It was noted they are now formed constitutionally with a bank account and it was **RESOLVED** to award £50 towards the purchase of bluebell bulbs for Abenbury. Correspondence concerning a meeting to discuss the provision of a lorry park was discussed and it was **AGREED** to write a letter to the Chief Executive to ask him to attend an on-site meeting, together with Environmental services, to discuss the impact of the lack of facilities and to flag up the length of time this has been an issue. Action: Clerk will write a letter. Concerning One Voice Wales, after discussion it was **RESOLVED** to renew membership for 2022-2023 at a cost of £178 given the importance of the advice received to the work of the Clerk. It was also **RESOLVED** to support the Clerk with membership of the SLCC. The Clerk advised that from the 1st of June she will also be employed by Isycoed Community Council in the same role, and that as a neighbouring community council there might be potential for cost savings or shared costs in the future. The correspondence received was **NOTED**.

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

- i. A Pre- Application consultation was considered concerning Site 5 Clywedog Road South. Concerns about the potential for surface water and flooding were discussed, and it was **AGREED** to look at any objections to be made at the point when the matter comes through the Planning process in due course. There were no other planning matters.

132. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS: Councillor Wilson highlighted the planting of trees, and that money is available from Central Government which could be accessed. There are large areas of land around Pentre Maelor and in some parts this is boggy. Tree Planting would help to resolve this. It was **Agreed** to ask WCBC if there is any work planned to the trees at Pentre Maelor following the storms. Councillor O’Brien mentioned fruit trees at Llwyn Onn. Councillor Williams highlighted the importance for facilities for children’s play around the area. Councillor Borland- Jones raised the issue of lorries parking up in some cases for days There is also an issue of substantial litter from the building works at Clywedog North and East being blown around. It was **RESOLVED** to raise these matters with First Investments.

133. DATE, VENUE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on the **11th of April 2022, 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 P. DONE

CHAIR.

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