

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCIL¹ on the 9th of January 2023

Members Present: Councillors P. Done, C. Borland- Jones, W. Wilson, J. Bowden, A. Reeves, S. Clutton, D. O'Brien

Chair: Councillor D. O'Brien

Clerk: Serena Baxter.

Apologies: Councillor M. Morris (Wrexham CBC), G. Williams

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

78. 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.

79. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were no members of the public present, in person or online.

80. CRIME REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS: The latest report prepared by PCSO L. Davies was considered. It was suggested that the contact details included should be placed on the noticeboard and website. It was requested that PCSO Davies be asked if these statistics relate solely to Abenbury as it was not clear. Actions: Clerk. There were no other concerns raised.

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

82. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: The Clerk advised that the Vacancy was advertised on an ongoing basis. Councillor Bowden advised of a person who may be interested. Clerk will contact them. The Clerk updated on the response received from WCBC to the question that had been raised about lowering the speed limit on Cefn Road.

83. FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS: i) The payments for January 2023 were **APPROVED:**

Payment To	Reason	Amount
EXPENDITURE		
Clerk- (salary 1st December 2022 and 1st January 2023)	Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours	
Gallagher Insurance company	Renewal of community Council insurance via agreement with Hiscox Insurers	655.64
WCBC	Street Lighting charges	138.56
Vodafone	DD Office phone	22.31
Vision ICT	Initial 60% invoice for design and development of new website.	522.00
Cartridge Discount	Printing	55.99
INCOME		
WCBC	Precept	3410.00
Unity Trust Bank	Interest	113.78

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- 84. TO CONSIDER THE POLICY ON EARMARKED RESERVES 2023-2024:** The Clerk presented a revised document, concerning the Earmarked reserves for 2023-2024. After consideration, the recommended amounts were accepted, and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the document for the forthcoming financial year.
- 85. To consider the Precept and Budget to be set for the year 2023-2024.:** The draft budget presented by the Clerk was considered. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the budget as set out, as being a total anticipated spend of £14016 during 2023-2024. It was **RESOLVED** to contribute £3000 of Reserves to this budget, requiring a Precept during 2023-2024 of £11,016. In terms of the Play scheme as set out by WCBC it was **RESOLVED** to approve the anticipated figure for the basic package, with further information required from WCBC by the next meeting. The decision on which size of scheme will be deferred to the next meeting, and any difference to the budgeted amount and the actual amount will be met by Reserves.
- 86. TO CONSIDER A TRAINING PLAN:** The Clerk gave further information on the statutory requirement for Community Councils to develop a Training Plan. The Clerk gave out a template for a self-assessment to be completed by Councillors concerning their training requirements, to be brought to the next meeting to enable the Clerk to formulate the Plan. The matter was discussed, and it was **AGREED** to bring completed templates to the next meeting.
- 87. PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEBSITE:** The Clerk updated on progress with the development of the website. Comments put forward included using recent images of Abenbury which in time could be sent in by residents. It was **AGREED** to progress with the website going live, with new images, and to update other matters once in situ.
- 88. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:** The Clerk updated the meeting on a number of items. It was noted that the response from WCBC means there is unlikely to be any change to the speeding regulation at Cefn road and Bridge Road until the new 20mph law comes into force. The response from Lesley Griffiths AM concerning the lorry park was noted. A discussion took place, and it was **RESOLVED** to write back in response to Lesley Griffiths on this matter. A further decision on the noticeboard was taken for Llwyn Onn, in consideration of all prices received, and the Clerk will arrange for this to be ordered. The Clerk confirmed the price received for goal posts at Maes Brenin and it was **AGREED** to place the order. The Clerk advised on the Finance and Governance Toolkit to be completed. The Clerk also advised on feedback form the recent Town and community Council Forum, concerning consultation on the Draft Wrexham and Flintshire well-being Plan as part of the Public Services Board. In addition, the Service Level agreement for the inspection of the Mase Brenin Play area had been received from WCBC. It was **RESOLVED** to continue with this SLA for 2023-2024. Correspondence received was noted.
- 89. TO CONSIDER ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED):**
- i) Pre- Application consultation Schedule 1B: Caulmert- proposed erection of two industrial warehouses (Use classes B1C,B2,B8), construction of internal site access road, car parks service areas....landscaping, mitigation:- Land to the north of Bridge Road North, Wrexham, Industrial estate, Wrexham. Concerns were raised about the effects of high height of such buildings, and light pollution emanating. The Community Council also wished to point out the adverse effect upon the Industrial Estate and surrounding residential areas, of the complete lack of any facilities for lorry drivers on the Industrial estate at the present time, including toilet facilities. Any additional warehousing requiring delivery vehicles to site will compound the issue.
 - ii) Plan Red Notification Pre- Application consultation - land east of Bryn Lane, Wrexham Industrial estate – the 'Kingsmoor site. Following discussion, concerns were raised which included: As with the previous proposal discussed, similar concerns were raised, in particular, the effects of high height of such buildings, and light pollution emanating. The Community Council also wished to point out the adverse effect upon the Industrial Estate and surrounding residential areas, of the complete lack of any facilities for lorry drivers on the Industrial estate at the present time, including toilet facilities. Any additional warehousing requiring delivery vehicles to site will compound the issue.

90. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS: Councillor Borland -Jones highlighted a concern about removal of bins from Maes Brenin area, and that the bin on the turn into Pentre Maelor is possibly damaged. Councillor Clutton highlighted an issue that despite there being a sign of unsuitability for HGV's down Erlas lane, Owens cabs regularly park there. It was RESOLVED to write to Owens. Councillor Bowden advised of a parking issue near Proserve in the mornings. These issues will be included in the letter to Lesley Griffiths and copied to WCBC Councillor Williams had forwarded a request concerning the hedging at the roundabout on Bridge Road and Cefn road where the visibility is obscured. It was decided that responsibility lies with WCBC, and the Clerk will contact them. Councillor O'Brien updated on the progress with tree planting of orchard trees at Llwyn Onn and asked for a letter to be sent to Wrexham litter pickers expressing gratitude for all that they do.

91. DATE, VENUE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Community Council shall be the 13th of February 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.



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DATE 13/3/23