

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCILⁱ on the 13th of February 2023

Members Present: Councillors P. Done, C. Borland- Jones, W. Wilson, J. Bowden, M. Morris (Wrexham CBC), G. Williams

Chair: Councillor C. Borland- Jones

Clerk: Serena Baxter.

Apologies: Councillor A. Reeves, S. Clutton, D. O'Brien

- 92. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were given and accepted.
- 93. 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.
- 94. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** There were no members of the public present, in person or online.
- 95. COMMUNITY AGENT:** Sarah Flaherty, the new Community Agent for the area, attended to introduce herself, and discuss the role of Community Agent in the area. It was agreed to put something on the new website about the role and contact details. After discussion, Ms Flaherty was thanked, and left the meeting.
- 96. CRIME REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS:** The latest report prepared by PCSO L. Davies was considered. It was agreed to go back to the PCSO to raise issues about the provision of locations for the speed gun, as this was raised as an ongoing concern by Councillor Williams. Councillor Done queried the report of off-road biking, and the ownership of the land in question.
- 97. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD:** The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th of January 2023, were **APPROVED** as an accurate record. There were no matters arising.
- 98. TO CONSIDER APPLICANT FOR COUNCIL VACANCY:** The Council heard the application and resume of Mr Michael Davies of Llwyn Onn area, to join the Community Council. A vote was taken, and it was carried unanimously to co-opt Mr Davies on to the Community Council.
- 99. FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS:** i) The payments for February 2023 were **APPROVED**:

Payment To	Reason	Amount
Clerk- (salary 1st February 2023)	Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours	
Wales Audit	Fees for Audits carried out 2019-20 and 2020-21	700.00
DP Brandley	Website fees to date and transfer of domain	64.00
Vodafone	DD Office phone	22.31
WCBC	Play scheme costs 22/23	2189.00
Vision ICT	Final 40% for website design	348.00
Vision ICT	For SSL certificates	150.00
INCOME		
Isycoed Community Council	Contribution to annual telephone bill	111.54
Unity Trust Bank	Interest	113.78

- ii) **Statement at end of Quarter 3.:** The Clerk presented a Statement showing income and expenditure for quarter 3, and total expenditure and income to date. There were no questions raised and the report was accepted.



- iii) **Completion of Audit for 2021-22 and 2019-2020:** The Clerk advised the council that the Wales Audit Office had notified of the completion of the Audit for 2019-20 (outstanding) and 2021-22 as being passed as unqualified.


- 100. TO CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS RECEIVED FOR DONATIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.:** This matter was deferred to the next meeting.
- 101. TO CONSIDER ISSUES RAISED AT THE SITE MEETING WITH MR D KELLY, F1 INVESTMENTS:** The Chair outlined the meeting held with Mr Kelly, which had been a positive meeting. A proposal has been put forward by F1 Investments for a lorry park with facilities, which would need to go to WCBC for approval. F1 Investments would be prepared to fund this. Certain planning issues would need to be mitigated but it was agreed that this sounded a promising step forward to this ongoing issue. Councillor Morris updated on his actions since the meeting in bringing the matter of the lorry park to the attention of relevant Chief Officers and Lead Members at WCBC. The issue of litter from various factories was also highlighted as a concern to Mr Kelly who will take this up with the relevant factories. Agreement was given by the Community Council to support the proposals and work of F1 investments in taking this matter forward.
- 102. FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE PLAY SCHEME 2023 AND WHETHER TO ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT:** This matter was discussed following on from the previous meeting. The Clerk outlined the response received from WCBC. After consideration of the matter, it was **RESOLVED** to respond to WCBC advising that the Community Council would be willing to enter into a three-year agreement for the provision of the Play scheme, based on the statistics advising of current usage. This however is to be monitored, and to advise that the Community Council agrees to the provision of an additional day of play provision for one year, with a review after the one year to ensure that statistics support a good level of take up for the three days provision per week.
- 103. TO CONSIDER A TRAINING PLAN:** The Clerk gave further information on the statutory requirement for Community Councils to develop a Training Plan. A discussion took place. The Clerk will email out to all the template, and Councillors can forward the completed template via email or by bringing it to the next meeting.
- 104. PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEBSITE:** The Clerk advised the new website is due to be live shortly. The domain name has had to be altered.
- 105. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:** The Clerk updated the meeting on a number of items. An update from WCBC concerning the Community Centre website, suggested that a report on the proposal is to go to Executive Board for approval in the near future, but no timescale has been given and so clarification has been sought. Correspondence received from the new Inspector for the North Wales Police Rural area indicates that he is endeavouring to set up a meeting with Community Councils. The goal posts for Maes Brenin and the Noticeboard for Llwyn Onn are both on order. The Clerk advised of the comments received from the Chief Officer for Planning and Environment, concerning the future sending out of hard copy plans. This will cease and Members will be required to look online. The Clerk advise that requests for continuation of the SLA for Street Lighting and for the Inspection of the Play area had been received. After discussion it was **AGREED** that the Clerk shall make enquiries about the consortium for Street lighting maintenance. It was further **AGREED** to continue with the Service Level Agreement for the Play area at the cost of £1218. Correspondence listed was noted.
- 106. TO CONSIDER ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED):**
- i) P/2022/1052: Extension to existing warehouse, alterations to service yard and new access- Dragon Packaging unit 47 and 48 Clywedog Road North, Wrexham Industrial estate, Wrexham. The Clerk had circulated this via email and advised that comments had been forwarded to the Planning department, as had been made at an earlier meeting at pre-Planning stage. This action was approved in retrospect.
- ii) P/2022/1071: Siting of two storey modular units at Hydro Aluminium Deeside Ltd, Bridge Road, Wrexham industrial estate, Wrexham. Councillors expressed concerns that the

proposal if sited near to the entrance as it appeared to be, might impede visibility causing risk to pedestrians where vehicles are leaving the site.

- 107. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS:** Councillor Williams raised the issue of speeding on Bridge Road and reported there had been an accident recently. It was resolved to ask the PCSO's if they could notify the traffic department and request speed monitoring as a matter of urgency. Councillor Done highlighted an ongoing issue as the parking at Rielo is still an issue with cars not five metres from the junction, obscuring visibility.
- 108. DATE, VENUE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Community Council shall be the **13th of March 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.....