

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCIL¹ , held on the 11th of September 2023

Members Present: Councillors, W. Wilson, G. Williams, D. O'Brien, J. Jones, M. Davies

Chair: Councillor D. O'Brien

Clerk: Serena Baxter.

Apologies: Councillors A. Reeves, S. Clutton, P. Done, M. Morris (Wrexham CBC)

- 185. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were given and accepted. It was noted that the meeting was quorate.
- 186. 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.
- 187. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** There were no members of the public present, in person or online.
- 188. CRIME REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS:** The Crime report provided by PCSO L. Davies was considered. Concerns were raised about recent incidents involving teenagers visiting the Llwyn Onn estate. Action: to set up a meeting with Inspector Sabbachi, dates to be circulated to all Councillors for availability. A discussion took place about the data collected by Highways collection and the need to ask WCBC for a meeting to discuss traffic calming measures.
- 189. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10th of July 2023:**
The Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th of July 2023, were **APPROVED** as an accurate record.
- 190. MATTERS ARISING:** There were no matters arising.
- 191. FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS:** i) The payments for September 2023 were **APPROVED:** The Clerk advised on payments made prior to the meeting due to timely demand.

Payment To	Reason	Amount
EXPENDITURE		
Clerk- (salary 1st August and 1st September 2023)	Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours	
Vodafone	Telephone account 2 payments August and September	25.47
WCBC	Supply and installation of two goal posts at Maes brenin	1282.13
Pentre Gwyn Community Association	Hire hall for meeting with First Investments	48.00
JDH	Internal Audit 2022-2023	294.00
S Baxter	Allowances and reimbursements quarter 1 and 2	304.20
INCOME		
WCBC	Precept	3672.00



- 192. REVISED STANDING ORDERS ONE VOICE WALES:** The Clerk presented the revised Model Standing Orders from One Voice Wales, together with additions regarding timings specific to Abenbury CC. These were agreed, and it was moved to approve the revised Standing Orders. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Standing Orders as set out and the Standing orders were duly **ADOPTED**.
- 193. PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE:** It was noted that the situation is as reported in July, with a report to Executive Board forthcoming in September. The Clerk advised on additional costs which will have to be borne by the Community Council and Councillor O'Brien advised of his approval of some of those costs in the interim. A discussion took place about ongoing future costs to the Community Council of adopting the land via a lease, and it was **AGREED** that this shall be discussed in depth at the next meeting.
- 194. FEEDBACK FROM MEETING WITH FIRST INVESTMENTS:** Councillor O'Brien gave an update on the meeting that had been held with Gary Hall, representative of First Investments, concerning the proposed lorry park.
- 195. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:** The Clerk submitted the latest report and updated the Community Council. Regarding the noticeboard for Llwyn Onn, this has been the subject of conflicting advice on positioning from officers of WCBC, as well as residents not wanting the noticeboard near their properties. Definitive advice has now been obtained from WCBC regarding visibility and the splay but is again on hold due to finding a suitable and agreed location. Regarding the letters sent to various manufacturers concerning parking of vehicles too close to the junction at Clywedog Road North. A detailed response had been received from Dragon Packaging indicating that this had been taken seriously with all visitors and employees directed away from the junction. WCBC Highways and North Wales Police traffic unit had also been informed, as well as First Investments, who indicated they will raise the issue with their clients.
- 196. PROGRESS ON VACANCIES:** As last month, the Clerk advised that both vacancies are now advertised under Co-option, but no expressions of interest have been received to date.
- 197. TO CONSIDER ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED):**
- i. P/2023/0482: Construction of Manufacturing Facility and associated car parking and landscaping: Land at Ash Road North, Wrexham Industrial estate, Wrexham. There were no objections raised but Abenbury Community Council wished to again draw attention to the lack of facilities and lorry parking on the Industrial estate.
 - ii. P/2023/0424: Erection of new Paper baling shed: Unit 36 to 37 Abenbury Way, Wrexham Industrial estate, Wrexham: - There were no objections raised but Abenbury Community Council wished to again draw attention to the lack of facilities and lorry parking on the Industrial estate.
 - iii. P/2023/0474: Variation of Condition 4 of Planning Permission P/2021/0494, to amend drainage strategy: Unit 6 Pacific Park, Bridge Road North, Wrexham Industrial estate, Wrexham. There were no objections.
 - iv. P/2023/0407: Installation of Plant equipment and associated works: Unit F, Spectrum Business Park, Wrexham Industrial estate, Wrexham There were no objections raised but Abenbury Community Council wished to again draw attention to the lack of facilities and lorry parking on the Industrial estate.
- 198. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS:** Councillor Jones advised of an incident regarding the Playscheme, and Councillor Wilson also raised an issue on the same. It was **RESOLVED** to write to WCBC highlighting concerns and asking for details of complaints received and their assurances. Councillor Wilson asked that a letter be sent again to Hydro, thanking them for flying the flag on Merchant Navy Day, the 3rd of September. Councillor Williams raised his concerns about speeding traffic along Bridge Road. Councillor O'Brien advised of residents' concerns around parking around a property on Llwyn Onn that is visited by carers throughout



the day. It was **RESOLVED** to write to the head of LD Social care at WCBC to ask for details about the company used, so that they might be alerted to the difficulties experienced.

199. DATE, VENUE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on the **9th of October 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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