

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCIL<sup>i</sup> , held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2023**

**Members Present:** Councillors, P. Done, A. Reeves, D. O'Brien, W. Wilson, J. Bowden, G. Williams, M. Morris (Wrexham CBC)

**Chair:** Councillor P. Done

**Clerk:** Serena Baxter.

**Apologies:** Councillor M. Davies. S. Clutton

- 140. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were given and accepted.
- 141. 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.
- 142. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** There were no members of the public present, in person or online.
- 143. TO ELECT A CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL AND RECEIVE THE CHAIR'S DECLARATION OF OFFICE:** The Clerk requested nominations for the role of Chair for the forthcoming year. Councillor Done proposed Councillor O'Brien to be re-elected and this was seconded by Councillor Reeves. Councillor O'Brien indicated that he would accept the role. Councillor O'Brien was duly elected as Chair of Abenbury Community Council.
- 144. TO ELECT A VICE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL:** Councillor Done proposed Councillor Clutton to be elected as Vice Chair. This was seconded by Councillor Reeves. Councillor Clutton was duly elected as Vice Chair of Abenbury Community Council.
- 145. REVIEW AND AFFIRM DOCUMENTS:** The following documents were reviewed and were re-affirmed for the 2023-2024 term: Standing Orders, Code of Conduct, Financial Regulations, Internal Controls document 2023-2024. The Clerk advised that a revised Model Standing Orders document is awaited from One Voice Wales.
- 146. APPROVAL OF SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 2023-2024:** The Clerk presented a draft schedule of Meeting dates for the forthcoming year, and these were **APPROVED**.
- 147. CRIME REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS:** Due to difficulties receiving the report form North Wales Police, in the absence of a Crime report, the matter was deferred. No concerns were raised.
- 148. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2023:** The Minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2023, were **APPROVED** as an accurate record.
- 149. MATTERS ARISING:** Councillor O'Brien referred to request made for a meeting with Highways. The Clerk explained the responses received. It was **AGREED** to write back to Highways department and ask if the data collected supports proactive action to resolve speeding and also to request again the testing opposite the prison.
- 150. FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS:** i) The payments for May 2023 were **APPROVED**:

Payment To	Reason	Amount
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Clerk- (salary 1st May 2023)	Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours	
Vodafone	Telephone account	22.31
Shelley Signs	Noticeboard	1320.00
<b>INCOME</b>		

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ii.) **Internal Audit Report:** The Clerk advised of the comments received from the Internal Auditor, concerning 2022-2023. The actions to be taken were of a minor nature, concerning figures within the Annual Return. After consideration of these points, the Auditor's report was **Accepted**.

**151. PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE:** Councillor Morris advised on his understanding of the latest position with the report going to Executive Board. This is likely to be July 2023. The covenant does not include the tree site, so this would be a next step, if the Community Council wanted to try to incorporate this. The Clerk will contact Jacinta Challoner WCBC.

**152. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:** The Clerk submitted a report that outlined correspondence received and updates on a number of matters. The latest position on the lorry Park proposals was raised and discussed. The clerk shall contact First Investments and WCBC. The Clerk's report was accepted.

**153. PROGRESS ON VACANCIES:** The Clerk advised that the one vacancy has been advertised under election terms and after a 14-day period, can be advertised as under Co-option, with the agreement of WCBC. The remaining vacancy is advertised under Co-option.

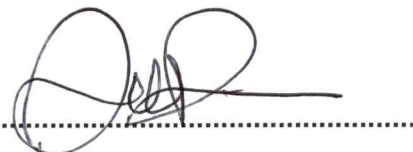
**154. TO CONSIDER ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED):** There were no Planning Proposals to be considered. Councillor O'Brien updated on the matter of the Community Benefit Payment in respect of the Solar Farm.

**155. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS:** Councillor Williams reported an overgrown hedge at the bottom of Bridge Road on the roundabout. The Clerk will contact First Investments. Councillor Williams also highlighted speed of traffic, especially at weekends, along Bridge Road. Councillor Jones raised a concern about a hedge having been taken up to install a gateway. Councillor Morris will look into this and see if Planning enforcement is appropriate. Councillor Done highlighted a hedge by Owens transport which is overhanging. The Clerk will raise this with First Investments. The Clerk raised a request received from Councillor Davies, concerning the surface of the footpath outside Llwyn Onn. Councillor O'Brien will raise this with Jason Weir at a site meeting. The Clerk also raised a request from the Community Agent, concerning a leaflet drop and how to get information out to residents. After discussion it was suggested that something on the green area at Pentre Maelor would be appropriate.

**156. DATE, VENUE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June 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.

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COUNCILLOR D. O'Brien  
CHAIR.



DATE. 10/7/23