

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

Members Present: Councillors M. Morris (Wrexham CBC), G. Williams, M Davies

Chair: Councillor D. O'Brien

Clerk: Serena Baxter.

Apologies: Councillor A. Reeves, S. Clutton, P. Done W. Wilson, J. Bowden,

- 109. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were given and accepted. It was determined that the meeting was Quorate. The Chair welcomed Councillor Mike Davies to the meeting.
- 110. 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.
- 111. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** There were no members of the public present, in person or online.
- 112. TO NOTE RESIGNATION OF MEMBER AND ADVERTISEMENT OF VACANCIES:** The Chair notified the meeting of the resignation of Councillor Borland- Jones, and expressed his regret at her decision, and that her input would be very much missed. It was Agreed that a letter be sent to Ms Borland Jones, thanking her for her contribution, and it was noted that there are now two vacancies on the Community Council. The Clerk will arrange for advertisement.
- 113. CRIME REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS:** The latest report prepared by PCSO L. Davies was considered. The crimes were noted to be at a low level. The issue of speeding tests was raised, and a discussion held about ongoing concerns about speeding. It was **RESOLVED** to write again to the Highways department to highlight the issue and request a meeting to clarify the recent data collected on speeding on Cefn Road, and the means of mitigating risk.
- 114. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD:** The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th of February 2023, were **APPROVED** as an accurate record. There were no matters arising.
- 115. FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS:** i) The payments for March 2023 were **APPROVED:**

| Payment To | Reason | Amount |
|---------------------------------|--|--------|
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Clerk- (salary 1st March 2023) | Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours | |
| Vodafone | Telephone account | 22.31 |
| HMRC | Amount to end of 5th April 2022 | 61.60 |
| S Baxter | Clerk's expenses | 142.99 |
| INCOME | Nil | |

- ii) **Financial documents for approval.:** The Clerk presented a number of financial documents for Approval. The following were considered and **Approved:** Risk Management document 2023-24, Annual Investment Strategy 2023-24 and Internal Financial controls 2023-24.

- 116. To APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP OF ONE VOICE WALES AT A COST OF £120.** This was considered and **APPROVED.**



117. TO CONSIDER THE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY STREET LIGHTING:

The Clerk advised she had tried to obtain information about the consortium, but it was not forthcoming. After discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to accept the terms offered by WCBC and enter into the agreement for now and continue to obtain and bring to a future meeting the details about the lighting consortium.

118. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS RECEIVED THROUGH THE YEAR.

The matter had been deferred from the previous meeting, and the Clerk presented a table of requests. Donations were **AGREED** as follows: The request from the Urdd Eisteddfod was rejected. The request from MacMillan was considered and it was Agreed to write back to them to ask about access to the support by residents of Wrexham. The requests from Tenovus, Family Friends and Wrexham Litter Pickers were considered, and it was **AGREED** to award £100 to each organisation as within the budget for the year.

119. 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, as a reminder.

120. PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE:

The Clerk advised on the update from WCBC regarding the report to Executive Board. The Clerk was asked to clarify back to WCBC that this report will include the land, wetland and trees, earmarked in Ms Challoner's report.

121. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk updated the meeting on several items. A discussion took place about the forthcoming meeting with WCBC and First Investments to discuss the Lorry Park proposal. The Clerk advised on the response received from WCBC concerning the siting of the goal posts, which have arrived and are at WCBC storage. After consideration of the points raised and the potential difficulties posed to residents it was **RESOLVED** to advise WCBC that the goal posts are to be installed where they are at present. The Community Benefit payment is due to be received from Novus in respect for the Solar farm.

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

i) Pre- planning application: Plan Red Ltd. Proposed Planning Applications to erect two warehouse extensions (Extension I and extension X) at the premises of F. Lloyd (Penley) Ltd, Bridge Road South, Wrexham Industrial Estate LL13 9SQ. The Council had no objections to make but wished to remind developers of the lack of any facilities (including toilet facilities) for visiting lorry drivers to the Industrial estate, and the knock-on effect this has for local residents particularly where drivers take a break overnight in Wrexham Industrial estate.

123. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS:

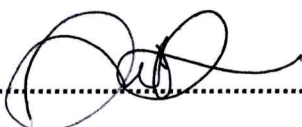
Councillor Williams raised the issue of speeding on Bridge Road and reported there had been an accident recently, this particularly occurs on Friday evenings and at weekends. Councillor Williams also raised the issue of waggons servicing the vacant houses churning up the grass at the rear and causing a mess. Councillor Morris will investigate this. Councillor Davies raised a concern about speeding along Cefn road and this was discussed. It was **AGREED** to write to Highways to ask again for a meeting to see how speeding restrictions can be taken forward.

124. DATE, VENUE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Community Council shall be the **17th of April 2023**, allowing for the Easter holiday, 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.....20.4.23.....