

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCIL¹ held on the 12th of February 2024

Members Present: Councillors: S. Clutton, D. O'Brien, P. Done, M. Morris (Wrexham CBC)

Chair: Councillor D. O'Brien

Clerk: Serena Baxter.

Apologies: Councillors: G. Williams, A. Reeves W. Wilson, J. Jones

239.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were given and accepted. It was determined that with three Councillors present, the meeting was quorate.	Clerk																		
240.	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.																			
241.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were no members of the public present, in person or online.																			
242.	CRIME REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS: The Crime report provided by PCSO L. Davies was considered and no issues were raised. Councillor O'Brien provided feedback concerning Operation Cinnamon. The Clerk confirmed that the Pentre Gwyn Community Centre had been booked for this joint event, to take place on March 27 th , 1pm-4pm. It is important to publicise the event, and to support it in person on the day. Those present agreed to attend if they were able. The Police will be present and will organise refreshments.	Councillor O'Brien.																		
243.	TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15th of January 2024: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 15 th of January 2024, were approved as a true record.																			
244.	MATTERS ARISING: A discussion took place about the Contract for Play Provision 2024-2025. The Clerk provided some background information and the issues raised previously when considering the budget and precept were considered. After consideration it was RESOLVED to fund the play provision for three sessions per week throughout the school holidays, and to review in November 2024, in advance of the budget.	Clerk to confirm with WCBC																		
245.	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS: i) The Payments set out for payment in February 2024 were APPROVED.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payment To</th> <th>Reason</th> <th>Amount £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="3">EXPENDITURE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk- (salary 1st February 2024)</td> <td>Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vodafone</td> <td>Telephone account</td> <td>25.47</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Minuteman Press</td> <td>Printing of flyers</td> <td>69.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pentre Gwyn Community Association</td> <td>Hire of room for Op. Cinnamon 27th March</td> <td>58.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payment To	Reason	Amount £	EXPENDITURE			Clerk- (salary 1 st February 2024)	Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours		Vodafone	Telephone account	25.47	Minuteman Press	Printing of flyers	69.50	Pentre Gwyn Community Association	Hire of room for Op. Cinnamon 27th March	58.00	Clerk
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	ii) The Clerk advised that Member's claims for expenses were now due for the financial year, so that these can be paid in March if necessary. Members were asked to complete the necessary form should they not wish to be awarded the expenses due.			
	iii) The Clerk presented the Statement of Reserves Policy for 2024-2025, and this was APPROVED.			
246.	UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE AND LEASE. A discussion took place, an update on process was given by the Clerk and the outcomes of an earlier meeting held with Emma Watson of WCBC was considered. The draft outline heads of terms for the lease were discussed and these were AGREED to move forward. The Clerk will contact WCBC Assets.			Clerk
247.	CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDANCE: A discussion took place over the lack of response from First Investments to recent correspondence about the lack of a lorry park. A question is to be raised at a public meeting due to be held with FI at Isycoed. A discussion took place about the noticeboard which has not been situated where it was supposed to have been. Councillor Morris will raise the matter with Highways. The Clerk advised on the recent action with regard to the vacancies, but no interest has been forthcoming. Further awareness raising through the flyers is to take place and it was RESOLVED to spend up to £400 in writing to residents. The Clerk to take this forward.			Clerk
248.	PLANNING MATTERS: There were no Planning matters to be discussed.			
249.	REPORTS FROM MEMBERS: Councillor O'Brien asked for the Community Council to raise again with Wrexham Council the lack of lighting around Llwyn Onn as there are some very dark pockets. In particular the cut through on Frog Lane. The Clerk will notify WCBC. It was suggested that if there is a lack of electrical feed, solar lighting could perhaps be explored.			
250.	NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday the 11 th of March 2024.			

COUNCILLOR D. O'Brien
 CHAIR.

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