

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCIL¹ HELD ON THE 12th OF MAY 2025

Members Present: Councillors: G. Williams, P. Done, M. Morris (Wrexham CBC), P. Graham-Palmer, S. Clutton, A. Reeves

Chair: Councillor J. Jones.

Clerk: Serena Baxter.

Apologies: Councillor W. Wilson, N. Hancock, J. Jones.

422.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were noted and accepted. It was noted, with regret, that Councillor S Clutton was tendering her resignation as Community Councillor , following the Annual meeting.	
423.	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.	
424.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were no members of the public present.	
425.	TO ELECT A CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL AND RECEIVE THE CHAIR'S DECLARATION OF OFFICE: The Council was asked by the Clerk nominate a member as Chair for the forthcoming Council term. Councillor Done proposed Councillor Joanne Jones and this was seconded by Councillor Graham- Palmer. <i>Councillor Jones was duly elected to serve as Chair for the forthcoming year.</i>	
426.	TO ELECT A VICE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL: Councillor Graham -Palmer proposed Councillor Done and this was seconded by Councillor Williams. Councillor Done was duly elected to serve as Vice-Chair for the forthcoming year.	
427.	TO REVIEW AND RE-AFFIRM THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL DOCUMENTS: i. STANDING ORDERS: The Council's Standing Orders were reviewed, reaffirmed and adopted. ii. CODE OF CONDUCT: The Council's Code of Conduct was reviewed, reaffirmed and adopted. iii. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS (NOTING RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE CURRENT DOCUMENT (PROCUREMENT SECTION) AS FORWARDED BY ONE VOICE WALES): The Council's Financial Regulations were reviewed, reaffirmed and adopted. The amendments suggested by One Voice Wales were accepted and adopted. iv. STATEMENT OF RESERVES 2025-2026: The Council's Statement of Reserves document for 2025-2026 was approved and adopted.	
428.	TO APPROVE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL 2025-2026: The Schedule of meetings for the year was APPROVED .	
429.	CRIME REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS: PCSO Maddocks attended and presented the report. There were no concerns raised about the report, but the issue of speeding locally was discussed, and concerns raised about off-road biking, in particular around Pentre Maelor. PCSO Maddocks will look into this and advised residents to report any concerns immediately direct to 101.	
430.	TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th of April 2025: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th of April 2025, were APPROVED as a true record.	
431.	MATTERS ARISING: There were no Matters arising from the minutes. The Clerk will make a correction to the date.	
432.	UPDATE REGARDING VACANCIES ON THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST RECEIVED, REQUIRING APPROVAL OF CO-OPTION: A discussion took place about the current number of vacancies, following	

	the recent resignation of Councillor Clutton. These continue to be advertised in conjunction with the assistance of Wrexham Council Electoral department. Councillor Graham – Palmer advised on interest expressed from a member of the community and the Clerk will follow up on this.																															
433.	FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS: i) The Payments set out for payment in May 2025 were APPROVED .																															
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	ii) The Clerk advised members of the process regarding claims for last financial year's Member's allowances, as discussed at the previous meeting.																															
	iii) The Clerk advised that the Internal Audit report had not yet been received.																															
434.	PLANNING MATTERS: There were no Planning matters for consideration.																															
435.	UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE AND LEASE: The Clerk updated on the response received from the Council's solicitor, who is liaising with Wrexham Council legal team. It was Agreed that the document signatories shall be the Clerk and the Chair. The Clerk went through the draft heads of terms of the lease, which is to be a 21 year lease, and drew members attention to the amendments suggested by the Solicitor. There were no objections raised.																															
436.	UPDATE CONCERNING HYDRO ALUMINIUM PROPOSALS: The Clerk advised there had been no further communication from Hydro Aluminium, residents or National Resources Wales.																															
437.	CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDANCE: The Clerk presented the report and correspondence list which was noted. The Clerk advised of vandalism to the noticeboard at Pentre Maelor and will put this on the agenda for the next meeting																															
438.	REPORTS FROM MEMBERS: There were no issues raised.																															
439.	NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday the 9th of June 2025.																															

COUNCILLOR J Jones
CHAIR.

J Jones

DATE 9/6/25