

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCIL' HELD ON THE 14<sup>th</sup> OF APRIL 2025**

**Members Present: Councillors: N. Hancock, J. Jones, G. Williams, P. Done, M. Morris (Wrexham CBC), P. Graham-Palmer.**

**Chair: Councillor J. Jones.**

**Clerk: Serena Baxter.**

**Apologies: Councillor W. Wilson,**

**Absent without apology: Councillors S. Clutton, A. Reeves**

408.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</b> Apologies and absences were noted and apologies accepted. Councillor Jones welcomed Councillor Phillippa Graham – Palmer to the meeting in her new role as Community Councillor.</p>																
409.	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</b> Members were reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of any personal and/ or prejudicial interest for any item under discussion.</p>																
410.	<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</b> There were no members of the public present.</p>																
411.	<p><b>CRIME REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS:</b> The report sent by PCSO Maddocks was considered. It was noted that an incident reported by Councillor Jones had not been included in this report. To ask PCSO Maddocks.</p>																
412.	<p><b>TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10th of March 2025:</b> The Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th of March 2025, were <b>APPROVED</b> as a true record.</p>																
413.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING:</b> A discussion took place about the National Eisteddfod. Councillor Morris confirmed when and where it will be held. As an additional matter, following on from item 398 in the Minutes, Councillor Hancock proposed a payment to be made to the National Eisteddfod as a donation. After discussion it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to make a donation of £100 to the committee of the National Eisteddfod, from this Financial Year's budget.</p>																
414.	<p><b>UPDATE REGARDING VACANCIES ON THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST RECEIVED, REQUIRING APPROVAL OF CO-OPTION:</b></p> <p>The Clerk advised of the current situation and confirmed the number of vacancies as two, which continue to be advertised. Feedback has been sent to the electoral department. Discussion took place on additional means to advertise in the local area, particularly Llwyn Onn to balance representation.</p>																
415.	<p><b>FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS:</b> i) The Payments set out for payment in April 2025 were <b>APPROVED.</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 35%;">Payment To</th> <th style="width: 35%;">Reason</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Amount £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Expenditure</b></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk- 1st April 2025</td> <td>Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours (Payment for March 2025)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vodafone</td> <td>Telephone account April 2025</td> <td style="text-align: right;">33.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WCBC</td> <td>Maintenance Community Street Lighting Dec 2023- Dec 2024</td> <td style="text-align: right;">886.01</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payment To	Reason	Amount £	<b>Expenditure</b>			Clerk- 1st April 2025	Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours (Payment for March 2025)		Vodafone	Telephone account April 2025	33.70	WCBC	Maintenance Community Street Lighting Dec 2023- Dec 2024	886.01	
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HMRC	Tax payment due	2.40
Donations Made	Paid following Council Resolution 10th March 2025	
Wrexham Litters pickers	Donation	£100
National Urdd Eisteddfod	Donation	£50
Nightingale House Hospice	Donation	£100
Wrexham Sounds	Donation	£50
Wrexham VE Day Event	Donation	£150
Marie Curie Daffodil appeal	Donation	£100
SSAFA	Donation	£50
Unity Bank	Bank charges	6.00
<b>INCOME</b>		
Unity Bank	Bank Interest	203.32
WCBC	Precept	4005.00
HMRC	VAT Claim refund	1183.54

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 Internal Controls document for 2025-2026 was presented by the Clerk and was **APPROVED**.

iv) The Risk Management document for 2025-2026 was presented by the Clerk and was **APPROVED**.

v) The Annual Investment Strategy document for 2025-2026 was presented by the Clerk and was **APPROVED**.

vi) The Clerk presented a document outlining the Council's Income and Expenditure for 2024-2025, to the end of March 2025. The document was considered and **ACCEPTED**.

vii) The Clerk asked Members to consider approving JDH Financial Services Ltd as the Council's Internal Auditor, to examine the records for 2024-2025, and this was **APPROVED**.

**416. PLANNING MATTERS:**

i. P/2025/0118: Change of Use of land to allow for parking and operation of 1-9 private hire vehicles: - Warehouse, Bridge Road South, Wrexham Industrial Estate, Wrexham LL139SQ: - The Clerk advised that an application outlining Amendments to the original proposal had been received and had been granted on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**417. UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE AND LEASE:** The Clerk advised that paperwork had been sent to the appointed solicitor, who will liaise with Wrexham Council.

**418. UPDATE CONCERNING HYDRO ALUMINIUM PROPOSALS:** The Clerk advised of correspondence with a resident stating they were affected by noise, and that they had been given the appropriate advice. A report had been received from Hydro outlining their investigations and findings into the alleged noise, which they allege had been found to come from other sources. These matters were discussed.

**419. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDANCE:** The Clerk reported several matters and updated correspondence received, which was noted. Regarding correspondence received from Hotel Wrexham, it was agreed to respond and invite

	the Manager to a future meeting, with the Community Garden as a possible project they might consider. The Clerk advised of the possibility of bespoke training for members by One Voice Wales, on the Code of Conduct, which she will try to arrange along with other Clerks. The Clerk also advised of communication from AVOW, that the Community Agent has left and they are advertising for another Agent. Any referral are in the meantime to go direct to AVOW.	
420.	<b>REPORTS FROM MEMBERS:</b> Councillor Williams advised of the green areas behind the houses at Pentre Maelor being churned up by motorbikes. A discussion took place and Councillor Morris said that he would ask PCSO Maddocks to contact Councillor Williams. Councillor Hancock advised that the requested lantern at Frog Lane has not yet been installed. The Clerk will contact WCBC. Councillor Hancock gave his apologies for the Annual meeting.	
421.	<b>NEXT MEETING:</b> The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday the 12th of May 2025.	

COUNCILLOR J Jones  
VICE CHAIR.

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DATE 9/6/25 .....