

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCILⁱ on the 10th of October 2022

Members Present: Councillors P. Done, C. Borland- Jones, S. Clutton, W. Wilson, D. O'Brien, G. Williams, M. Morris (Wrexham CBC), J. Bowden.

Chair: Councillor D. O'Brien

Clerk: Serena Baxter.

Apologies: Councillor A. Reeves

45. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were given and accepted. A minutes' silence took place to mark the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the second. The Chair welcomed Councillor Joanna Bowden to her first meeting as Community Councillor.

46. 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.

47. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were no members of the public present.

48. CRIME REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS: The Clerk presented the latest report compiled as statistics from the national Police database. There were no concerns raised on the report. It was highlighted that concerns had been received from the post office regarding the release of prisoners at the prison gate who then require help and directions. It was **RESOLVED** to write to the prison to highlight the issue and ask what their policy is, and what support is provided. The Clerk advised on communications received from Sergeant Nathan Harvey who will try to attend the next meeting.

49. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th of July 2022, were **APPROVED** as an accurate record. It was noted that the September meeting had had to be cancelled, due to clashing with the Bank holiday arising from the death of Her Majesty the Queen.

50. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: No matters were arising.

51. COUNCIL VACANCY: The Clerk advised that, despite the boundary changes, there are still ten Councillor places on the Community Council. Therefore, there are two vacancies currently outstanding, and these have been readvertised. This was noted.

52. FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS: i) The payments for October 2022 were **APPROVED:**

Payment To	Reason	Amount
EXPENDITURE		
Clerk- (salary 1st August and 1st September and 1st October 2022)	Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours	
S Baxter	Payment S Baxter quarter 1 expenses- previously approved July 2022	300.41
Wrexham Gymnastics Club	Payment Wrexham Gymnastics Club – previously approved as a donation 14th March 2022 meeting	100.00
SLCC	Joining fee/ membership	85.00
WCBC	Quarterly Maintenance Street lighting 1.4.22- 30.6.22	138.56
WCBC	Maes brenin Play area- removal of rotten timber	585.53
SLCC	Conference attendance	54.00

INCOME		
WCBC	29.7.22 Precept	3410.00

53. The Clerk presented a Financial report for the first two quarters of the year (deferred from the previous meeting). After discussion, this was **APPROVED**, and expenditure to date noted.
54. **PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE:** It was noted that a meeting had taken place prior to this meeting with Jacinta Challinor of WCBC, and a discussion took place on the outcome of the meeting. The Clerk advised on recent communication from WCBC, but it appeared little progress had been made in the proposal being matched to the covenant. The Clerk and Councillor Morris will continue to pursue the matter.
55. **COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEBSITE:** The Clerk reported on research on websites and potential costs, and discussion took place concerning Vision ICT which run neighbouring Community Council's websites. After discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to ask Vision ICT, as an Industry standard provider, to undertake development of a new compliant website for the Community Council, at the basic costs discussed, of around £750.
56. **GOAL ENDS MAES BREIN:** Councillor Borland-Jones explained the situation with regard to the Goal ends at Maes Brenin. During storms earlier in the year, a goal end was damaged. The Clerk and Councillor Borland Jones had met with a representative from Play and Leisure to ascertain a quote and potential costs for replacement. The Community Council considered the quote received but considered this amount of expenditure to be too high and a discussion took place around what was actually required. The Clerk will ask WCBC for assistance with obtaining a cheaper costing.
57. **CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:** The Clerk advised on correspondence received from WCBC in relation to speed surveys. One has been carried out on Cefn road, the other for Bridge Road is awaited. It was **RESOLVED** to write back to Mr Lloyd and ask what are the solutions that WCBC can provide, having identified speeding. The Clerk advised on correspondence concerning the lack of a lorry park which is still outstanding. It was **RESOLVED** to write again concerning this, to WCBC lead officer for the Environment, and also to Lesley Griffiths AM, and also to flag the issue up within Planning proposal responses. The Clerk advised on progress with the Noticeboard for Llwyn Onn, and the fact that the aluminium noticeboard has now increased in price due to materials. It was **AGREED** to purchase the hard wearing oak and accoya noticeboard at a cost of £950. A discussion took place about the re-siting of the noticeboard at Pentre Maelor, and the purchase of a stone. Councillor Williams will contact JB stone for a price for a suitable stone. The Clerk relayed the correspondence received from WCBC in answer to the concern raised about the removal of hedging during the nesting season. It was **RESOLVED** to write back expressing disappointment that the policy in place was not followed. The Clerk advised of a communication from Novus in relation to the proposed development of a solar farm. There is access to a community fund which was offered. After discussion it was resolved to write to them to advise this would be acceptable.
58. **TO CONSIDER ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED):**
- i. Pre-Application consultation at Dragon Packaging Unit 47 and 48 Clywedog Road North: The main concerns are: That this will generate additional traffic and distribution vehicles. There is currently a great deal of vehicular congestion in this area. Additional delivery vehicles and waggons will add to the already difficult situation faced by residents living locally, namely that there remain no lorry parking facilities at the industrial estate, giving rise to problems of litter and human waste in open public spaces, and therefore a nuisance and health hazard to residents living on the Estate environs. There are also concerns about the large amount of litter currently generated by the plant. Extension to the premises will mean more of such litter. This is often outside and blown about. Can the additional premises include collection facilities for recycling of the packaging so that it is stored in containers and not left to escape onto the industrial estate and wider environs. Can there be better control of this across the plant?

- ii. **P/2022/0065.:** The Bridgeway Centre, Bridge Road, Wrexham. The Community Council remained concerned about the access and visibility issues, pedestrian safety and increase in vehicular movement at this location and therefore reiterate the Council's objection to it. This development will give rise an increase in traffic and delivery vehicles at this junction. Road improvements will be required to make it safe due to visibility issues at the junction preceded by a bend. At certain times of day, the junction is extremely busy, and if visibility is restricted, potentially dangerous. It is not clear if there is to be a one-way system on the development. The main objections for this development therefore are for pedestrian safety, (given that the bus stop is metres away) visibility will be an issue, traffic management and traffic congestion. In addition, there will be an increase in wagons and delivery lorries, and there remains no lorry parking facilities at the industrial estate, giving rise to problems of litter and human waste in open public spaces, and therefore a nuisance and health hazard to residents living on the Estate environs.
- iii. P/2022/0823: Change of use of Units 2-6 from class B1 to Class B8 and provision of a trade counter: - Units 2-6 Clywedog Road North, Wrexham Industrial Estate, Wrexham. The Council notes the change is from a light industrial class to a Warehouse and distribution class with a trade counter. Whilst not in objection to this change the Council asks that the following be mitigated in the planning consent: This will generate additional traffic and distribution vehicles. There is currently a great deal of vehicular congestion in this area. The Council also wish Planning Committee to be advised that the additional delivery vehicles and waggons will add to the already difficult situation faced by residents living locally, namely that there remain no lorry parking facilities at the industrial estate, giving rise to problems of litter and human waste in open public spaces, and therefore a nuisance and health hazard to residents living on the Estate environs.
- iv. P/2022/0796: Conversion of existing garage to additional rooms for care home: Hullah Farm, Cefn Road, Wrexham. There were no comments or objections to this proposal.

59. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS: Councillor Borland -Jones raised a concern about anti-social behaviour arising from play, which has damaged some trees. In addition, there is nuisance from vehicles and bikes. This was discussed in terms of assistance from the police. Councillor Wilson requested that a letter be sent to Hydro for lowering the flag on the 2nd of September for Merchant Navy Day. It is important that this is remembered. Councillor Clutton advised that fly tipping had again occurred at Erlas lane but had been reported and removed. It was **RESOLVED** to write to WCBC to ask for an update on cameras that had been considered for purchase in certain locations. Councillor Williams highlighted the speeding that occurs on Bridge road particularly on a Saturday and Sunday.

60. DATE, VENUE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Following a request from the Clerk, it was **AGREED** that the next meeting of the Community Council shall be the **14th of November 2022**, 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. **DATE**.....