

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCILⁱ on the 11th of July 2022

Members Present: Councillors A. Reeves, W. Wilson, D. O'Brien, G. Williams, M. Morris (Wrexham CBC),

Chair: Councillor D. O'Brien

Clerk: Serena Baxter. **Also attending:** PCSO Lisa Davies, Hayley Scott Community Agent.

Apologies: Councillors P. Done, C. Borland- Jones, S. Clutton,

30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were given and accepted.

31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Members were reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of any personal and/ or prejudicial interest on the form provided for this purpose for any item under discussion.

32. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were no members of the public present. Hayley Scott, Community Agent, attended, and explained to members how her role can help residents in the community. Opportunities to tackle social isolation also exist, with the possibility of community transport if required. A discussion took place. Hayley was thanked for attending and her presentation and left the meeting.

33. CRIME REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS: PCSO Lisa Davies attended and explained her current role across the area, which is a wider area to cover now than previously. Resources now are one PCSO whereas previously there were five. Councillor O'Brien explained the concerns of the Community Council relating to policing, particularly whether the prison is demanding resources that could be used elsewhere. A discussion took place. PCSO Davies agreed to pass on the concerns. PCSO Davies was thanked for attending and left the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to write to the Inspector about concerns regarding resources and the patch being covered, and to ask if he would attend the next meeting to explain about resources.

34. TO CONSIDER ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED): Councillor O'Brien requested that this item was brought forward, as he may have to leave the meeting early. The item under discussion was Land adjacent to Little Llwyn Cefn, Cefn Road, concerning a proposal to erect a solar farm. This item was discussed, and it was agreed to raise no objections to the proposal, but to request that should the development go ahead, that consideration is given to ensuring that the roadway is improved in that area, and that a planning condition be attached to maintain the hedgerows so that no gaps occur, to assist with the visual aspect of the development. The development should not have any impact on neighbouring properties. It was noted that the hydroponic farm proposal was still awaiting the decision of Welsh Government.

35. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th of June 2022, were **APPROVED** as an accurate record.

36. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: A discussion took place about speeding. It was noted that this would be addressed under item 8/iii.

37. COUNCIL VACANCY: The Community Council considered a request received from Mrs Joanna Jones, to join the Community Council by Co-option. After discussion, the application was **APPROVED**. Mrs Joanna Jones was duly elected to the position of Community Councillor, under co-option.

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

| Payment To | Reason | Amount |
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| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Clerk- (salary 1 st July 2022 | Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours | |
| | Payment S Baxter | |
| WCBC | Half yearly instalment for inspection and maintenance of play areas/facilities | 710.40 |
| Information Commissioner's Office | Annual data registration fee | 40.00 |
| INCOME | | |
| HMRC | Refund of VAT paid | 1,240.52 |

39. The Clerk presented a Financial report for the first quarter. It was **AGREED** to defer this to the next meeting.

ii. The Clerk updated the meeting ion equipment supplied by WCBC for measuring the speed on Cefn Road, at a cost of £140.It was **AGREED** to spend this sum of money.

40. **PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE:** It was noted that there had been no further progress since the last meeting. The Clerk has written again to officers of WCBC, and Councillor Morris has also assisted to no avail. It was **AGREED** to write to the Chief housing Officer to complain about the lack of response. Regarding the meeting with Jacinta Challoner, as she could not attend the meeting it was **AGREED** to hold this for an hour before the next Community Council meeting.

41. **CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:** The Clerk's report was noted.

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

i. **Planning proposal P/2022/ 0541** Land adjacent to little Llwyn Cefn. This was considered by Abenbury Community Council at the recent meeting. The Council wished to request that should the development go ahead, that consideration is given to ensuring that the roadway is improved in that area, and that a planning condition be attached to maintain the hedgerows so that no gaps occur, to assist with the visual aspect of the development. The development should not have any impact on neighbouring properties.

43. **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS:** Councillor Done had raised an issue about grass cutting. Councillor O'Brien wished to raise the same. It was **AGREED** to write to Streetscene about these matters.

44. **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 **19th of September 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.

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