

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCIL (HELD REMOTELYⁱ) on the 14th of February 2022

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

Chair: Councillor P. Done

Clerk: Serena Baxter.

Apologies: Councillors G. Williams, A. Reeves, T. Jones, S. Clutton, PCSO Lisa Davies,

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

107. 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.

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

109. CRIME FIGURE REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS: The Clerk presented a report of crime figures up to the end of December. No undue concerns were raised.

110. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD: The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 17th of January 2022, and the precept setting meeting of the 27th of January 2022 were **APPROVED** as an accurate record.

111. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: The Clerk advised that she had not heard back from the person who had previously expressed an interest in being considered for co -option, and it was therefore accepted that the person no longer has an interest. Given the proximity to the Local Government elections, the Clerk advised that the vacancy should remain open until after that date. The issue of speeding at Pentre Maelor was also raised and discussed. Concerns remain and were expressed by Councillors. Councillor Morris will enquire with WCBC departments as to whether anything can be done. The Clerk will also make an enquiry with Mr Lloyd and with the Police as regards monitoring of speeding.

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

Date	Payment To	Reason	Amount
February 2022			
	Clerk- (salary 1st February 2022)	Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours	
		Payment S Baxter	
	WCBC	Play Invoice costs	1280.00
	Ffranc electrician	Cost of installation of defibrillator cabinet	247.68
	S. Baxter	Clerk's expenses July – December 2021 (includes cost of laptop purchase and associated)	769.62
	Mojacar web services	Administration and license of Community council website	189.99
	Viking Stationers	Office paper	14.70
	Vodafone*	Direct debit telephone costs	19.50

113. GRANT APPLICATIONS AND REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS: The Clerk advised on request received. It was Agreed to defer this item and the Clerk will prepare a report concerning grant payments throughout the year.

114.PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE: The Clerk gave an overview of the meeting that had taken place recently with Nic Adamson. Essentially a report is now required detailing options set against the covenant. The timescale may cause a delay now as it is so near the Election period. Councillor Morris was also present and gave his views and pointed out it has been under discussion since 2017.

115.CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE: The Clerk presented a report and gave an update on matters including the fitting of the metal Abenbury signs imminently and contact made with the prison service. It was also noted that the new Community Agent had taken up her post. It was agreed that both the Community Agent and the Head of reducing reoffending at HMP Berwyn should both be invited to attend the future meetings of the community council. The Clerk will arrange. Items of correspondence received were also highlighted.

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

- i. P/2022/0065: Hybrid Application- A) Full permission to demolish existing units and erect 33 units for B1/B2/B8 use, refurbishment of existing retail and food and drinks units. B) Outline permission (all matters reserved except access) for 19 Industrial (B1, B2, B8 use) with associated access, landscaping and infrastructure works. – The Bridgeway Centre, Bridge Road, Wrexham Industrial estate, Wrexham.: This appears to be a major development and whilst not wishing to take from the welcome impact of the employment this expansion may create, there are nevertheless a number of concerns. It is a big development and very tightly situated. It is in close proximity to the Highway and in particular to the junction near to the Prison. This is a very busy junction and road. There will be quite a large impact of additional traffic and road users/ pedestrians arising from it. There are already traffic holdups and other traffic issues at this junction/ area. Parking and visibility resulting from this development as outlined would be a major concern, therefore. There are already well documented issues concerning the lack of facilities for Truck and HGV drivers at the Industrial Estate and the issues that this invariably brings. These issues and problems will be exacerbated by this site proposal unless conditions can be imposed to provide such facilities. There will be a lack of parking at circulatory space as a result of this development given the number of units proposed. Therefore, the Community Council objects to the proposal pending a mitigation of such concerns raised.
- ii. P/2022/0057: Development of Battery energy storage centre- Land south of Bridge Road North, Wrexham Industrial Estate, Wrexham :- No objections were raised.
- iii. P/2022/0092: Extension to Industrial Unit- Proserve, Ash Road north, Wrexham Industrial estate, Wrexham. : No objections were raised.

117. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS: Councillor O’Brien reminded Members of the issues caused by the lack of facilities for HGV drivers entering the Industrial estate and the problems this brings which are still very much in evidence. Lesley Griffiths AM had promised to pursue a meeting with WCBC It was **RESOLVED** to write a letter to Dave Bithell Lead Councillor for Environment at WCBC , and copy Lesley Griffiths AM into the letter. Councillor Borland Jones reminded about the issue of the bins requiring moving from Clywedog road North to east. The Clerk will contact Greg McArthur. One should be left on the corner with Clywedog Road South.

118. DATE, VENUE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on the **14th of March 2022, and** will commence **at 7 p.m.** It was **AGREED** to hold the next meeting face-to-face unless advice is received to the contrary. The meeting finished at 8pm.

COUNCILLOR P. DONE

CHAIR **DATE.....**

i) This meeting took place remotely, 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 remotely.
