

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCIL¹ on the 14th of November 2022

Members Present: Councillors P. Done, C. Borland- Jones, W. Wilson, G. Williams, M. Morris (Wrexham CBC), J. Bowden, A. Reeves

Chair: Councillor C. Borland- Jones

Clerk: Serena Baxter.

Apologies: Councillor S. Clutton, D. O'Brien

Also present (part) : PCSO Lisa Davies.

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

62. 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.

63. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were no members of the public present, in person or online.

64. CRIME REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS: The Clerk presented the latest report compiled as statistics from the national Police database. The Clerk advised of a response received from the Governor at HMP Berwyn. It was decided to share this with the Post Office manager and ask him to keep a log. PCSO Lisa Davies attended and gave an update on ten crimes that had occurred in the area over the previous month. These were discussed. PCSO's will return to preparing a monthly detailed report for community councils. Councillor Williams raised the issue of speeding in the vicinity of Pentre Maelor particularly, and a discussion took place about recent data that had been captured by the speed monitoring requested by Cefn Road and Abenbury Road roundabout. PCSO Davies agreed to discuss this with Traffic Officers. Councillor Borland Jones raised the issue of noise nuisance at Pentre Maelor. PCSO Davies advised to always report via 101. Councillor Done raised an issue of parking right up to the junction on Clywedog Road South near Riello. PCSO Davies agreed to investigate. Councillor Borland -Jones raised an issue of parking on the pavement by Malpas tractors. PCSO Davies was thanked for her report and left the meeting.

65. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th of October 2022, were **APPROVED** as an accurate record.

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

67. COUNCIL VACANCY: The Clerk advised of the ongoing advertisement for two Councillors. Councillor Bowden advised of someone who may be interested.

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

Payment To	Reason	Amount
EXPENDITURE		
Clerk- (salary 1st November 2022)	Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours	
S Baxter	Expenses claim Quarter 2	125.00
WCBC	Recharges for local Elections	161.04
Vodafone	DD Office phone	22.31

69. The Clerk advised of new Salary scales having been received from NALC via One Voice Wales. After discussion, the recommended salary rise was **APPROVED**.

70. PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE: The Clerk advised of communications received from WCBC. The proposal outlined by J. Challinor of WCBC had been submitted. WCBC approval is sought. Councillor Morris recommended seeking a lease of 21 years for the site. It was suggested this would be required because of funding stream requirements and the finance raised and input by the Community Council.

71. COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEBSITE: The Clerk updated on progress with appointing Vision ICT to develop the new website. Figures had been provided, and the preferred option would be £725 for the basic with the option of adding in a news page. An SSL certificate is £125, £50 annually, and Hosting and support is £160 annually. These costs were considered and **APPROVED**.

72. GOAL ENDS MAES BREIN: A discussion took place about the proposed replacement of the goal ends at Maes Brenin. After discussion it was **AGREED** that they are well used, and therefore there is justification for replacing them. However, there is no rush as the ground is not suitable in the winter months. The Clerk advised of costings received from WCBC. After further discussion it was **RESOLVED TO APPROVE** the purchase of these, at junior size, at the costs provided by WCBC.

73. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE: The Clerk advised on correspondence received, and on progress with the noticeboard and change of costs. In addition, the Finance and Governance Toolkit for town and community councils has been launched by the SLCC and while this is worthwhile following, may result initially in some additional work for the Clerk. There were no comments.

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

- i. P/2022/0943 – 21 Goodwood Grove. There were no comments to make since this is no longer a property in Abenbury Community Council area.

75. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS: Councillor Done advised of potholes on Redwither Lane, Erlas Lane and Sandy Lane. Councillor Morris will look into these. Councillor Reeves expressed his concern about the speed limit of 40 mph on Cefn Road, regularly being exceeded to 60-70 mph. It was **RESOLVED** to approach Mr Edge of WCBC to see if the 40mph limit can be extended also the 30mph limit, since the road could be classed as being of a rural and farming nature under the road traffic regulations.

76. DATE, VENUE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Community Council shall be the **9th** of January 2023, 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**.....