

**MINUTES OF THE ~~ANNUAL~~ MEETING OF ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCIL<sup>1</sup> HELD ON THE 9<sup>th</sup> OF JUNE 2025**

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

**Chair: Councillor J. Jones.**

**Clerk: Serena Baxter.**

**Apologies: Councillor W. Wilson,**

<b>440.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</b> Apologies were noted and accepted.															
<b>441.</b>	<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. Councillor Graham-Palmer declared an interest in respect of item 14 on the agenda and intended to leave the meeting when discussed.															
<b>442.</b>	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</b> There were no members of the public present.															
<b>443.</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVES OF HOTEL WREXHAM. The meeting was joined by Mr Peter Schriewersmann and his colleague from Hotel Wrexham, who advised the meeting of improvements they had made to the property since taking over, and how they were trying to build links with the local community. They also offered to help where they could with anything locally that the community council was involved in. Mr Schriewersmann was thanked for attending and left the meeting.</b>															
<b>444.</b>	<b>CRIME REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS:</b> The report submitted by PCSO Maddocks for crime statistics during May was considered. Councillor Hancock asked if the report can be put on the noticeboard to show a police presence in the area.															
<b>445.</b>	<b>TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th of June 2025:</b> The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9 <sup>th</sup> of June were <b>APPROVED</b> as a true record.															
<b>446.</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING:</b> The Clerk advised of the status of the noticeboard in Pentre Maelor and is awaiting a response from the Clerk at Caia Community Council.															
<b>447.</b>	<b>UPDATE REGARDING VACANCIES ON THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST RECEIVED, REQUIRING APPROVAL OF CO-OPTION:</b> The Council considered the expression of interest that had been received and after discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Graham- Palmer , and unanimously agreed by all those Community Councillors present, to co-opt Mrs Kelly Evans as a Community Councillor. The Clerk advised the meeting of the advice received from the Electoral office and stated the vacancies would be advertised accordingly.															
<b>448.</b>	<p><b>FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS:</b> i) The Payments set out for payment in June 2025 were <b>APPROVED</b>. Councillor Done raised the issue of a new signatory being needed for the online banking. Councillor Graham- Palmer will be the new signatory. The Clerk will take this forward.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 35%;">Payment To</th> <th style="width: 40%;">Reason</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Amount £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Expenditure</b></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk- 1st June 2025</td> <td>Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours (Payment for May 2025)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vodafone</td> <td>Telephone account May- June 2025</td> <td style="text-align: right;">35.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>JDH Business Services Ltd</td> <td>Internal Audit 2024-2025</td> <td style="text-align: right;">333.60</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payment To	Reason	Amount £	<b>Expenditure</b>			Clerk- 1st June 2025	Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours (Payment for May 2025)		Vodafone	Telephone account May- June 2025	35.88	JDH Business Services Ltd	Internal Audit 2024-2025	333.60
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	Unity Bank	Bank charges	6.00
	S. Baxter	Clerk's expenses 6 months	152.19
	<p>ii). The Clerk advised of the outcome of the report of the Internal Auditor JDH limited. The Internal Audit report was ACCEPTED.</p> <p>iii) Annual Return: The Clerk presented the Annual Return. After consideration, the Return was APPROVED for signature and submission to External Audit.</p>		
<b>449.</b>	<b>UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE AND LEASE:</b> The Clerk advised that the draft lease is still with the Solicitors and awaiting a response. The amendments have been submitted.		
<b>450.</b>	<b>UPDATE CONCERNING HYDRO ALUMINIUM PROPOSALS:</b> The Clerk advised there had been no further communication from Hydro Aluminium, residents or National Resources Wales.		
<b>451.</b>	<b>CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDANCE:</b> The Clerk presented the report and correspondence list, which was noted, in particular an update from the Rural District Police Inspector, and requests from St Giles Church flowerfest committee , and Leukaemia and Myeloma Research UK. It was AGREED to donate £50 to the Flower Fest. It was further AGREED to explore further the possibility of the Charity clothing bank for Leukaemia research. The Clerk will liaise with relevant persons.		
<b>452.</b>	<b>REPORTS FROM MEMBERS:</b> Councillor Graham- Palmer expressed concern over the noise experienced from the recent balloon festival held in Marchwiel. Councillor Done expressed concern that the verges around Erlas Lane need cutting as well as hedges on the Industrial estate side near Topwood. Councillor Hancock reported that the additional Light has now been fitted at Frog Lane and enquired who is responsible for the saplings that have been planted on Llwyn Onn estate, and who owns the fishing rights along the stream. Councillor Williams raised a concern that the roadway is closed off around Hoya lens.		
<b>453.</b>	<b>PLANNING MATTERS: P/2025/0427: Proposal OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR ERECTION OF UP TO 900 DWELLINGS. Location: LAND AT ERLAS PARK, CEFN ROAD, WREXHAM, LL13 9TT.</b> Councillor Graham- Palmer declared an interest and left the meeting. After discussion and concerns raised, it was resolved to inform the relevant Planning officer that more time is required for the Community Council to consider its response. In The Clerk will inform the Planning Officer, and in the meantime will draft a suitable response for consideration at the next meeting.		
<b>454.</b>	<b>NEXT MEETING:</b> The next meeting will be held on Monday the 14th of July 2025.		

COUNCILLOR J Jones

CHAIR.

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DATE *14.7.25*  
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