

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCIL' HELD ON THE 16th OF MARCH 2026**

**Members Present: Councillors: P. Done, K. Evans, M Williams, J. Jones P. Graham-Palmer, M. Morris (Wrexham CBC), R. Jewkes**

**Chair: Councillor J. Jones**

**Clerk: Serena Baxter.**

**Apologies: Councillors A. Reeves, G. Williams,**

549.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</b> Apologies were noted and accepted. Ms R. Jewkes was welcomed to the meeting as Councillor.	
550.	<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.	
551.	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</b> There were no members of the public present.	
552.	<b>CRIME REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS:</b> The Crime report submitted was considered and accepted. Councillor Graham-Palmer advised of a burglary and a suspicious person. It was also noted that the damage to the trees at Abenbury was not included. The Clerk will pass this on.	
553.	<b>TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9TH OF FEBRUARY 2026:</b> The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9h of February 2026 were <b>APPROVED</b> as a true record.	
554.	<b>MATTERS ARISING:</b> Councillor Done reported that the potholes on Erilas Lane had been filled in. The Clerk advised that a barrier has been approved for the Lane at the junction with Bryn Estyn Lane.	
555.	<b>UPDATE REGARDING VACANCIES ON THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST RECEIVED, REQUIRING APPROVAL OF CO-OPTION:</b> The Clerk advised vacancies continue to be advertised. There had unfortunately been no response from the flyers targeted at Pentre Maelor.	
556.	<b>FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, ACCOUNTS:</b> i) The Payments set out for payment in March 2026 were <b>APPROVED</b> .	
	<b>Payment To</b>	<b>Reason</b>
	Clerk- 1st March 2026	Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours
	Vodafone	Telephone account March 2026
		22.10
	HMRC	Amount due
		1.60
	Unity Bank	Fee
		£6.00
	WCBC	Quarterly Maintenance Community Street Lighting
		£498.82
	WCBC	Contribution to the costs of play services
		£5090.75
	S Baxter	Clerk's expenses
		481.16
	Marie Curie Daffodil appeal-	Donation to be made (Approved 9.2.26)
		100
	Wales Air Ambulance-	Donation to be made (Approved 9.2.26)
		100
	MS Wrexham CIC -	Donation to be made (Approved 9.2.26)
		50
	Rainbow Foundation -	Donation to be made (Approved 9.2.26)
		100
	Urdd Wrexham	Donation to be made (Approved 9.2.26)
		50
	Nightingale House	Donation to be made (Approved 9.2.26)
		100

	WCBC	21 Year lease of land Nominal	1.00	
	<p>ii) The Appointment of JDH Business services to conduct the Internal Audit for 2025-2026 was APPROVED.</p> <p>iii) The renewal of the Insurance policy for Cyber Security at a cost of £259.80 was APPROVED.</p>			
557.	<b>MEMBER'S CLAIM FOR EXPENSES:</b> The Clerk advised Members of the current situation with regard to claiming expenses for this financial year, should they wish to do so, as reported at the previous meeting. The Clerk will endeavour to contact those members who have not been present lately.			
558.	<b>SLA FOR PLAY AREAS 2026-2027:</b> The Clerk advised of the information received from WCBC concerning the SLA arrangements and costs for 2026-2027. After consideration, it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to renew the SLA.			
559.	<b>PLAY SCHEME 2026-2027:</b> The Clerk advised of the information received from WCBC concerning the Play Scheme arrangements for 2026-2027. After consideration it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to continue with the current level of provision, as previously budgeted for.			
560.	<b>FROG LANE LIGHTING:</b> The Clerk advised of costings received from Mr Rogers of WCBC. Councillor Kelly advised that solar had been discounted at the meeting, due to lack of light. The costs were £4107 plus VAT. It was agreed to consider this as part of the Pride of Place funding.			
561.	<b>PENTRE MAELOR LAND LEASED FOR COMMUNITY ORCHARD:</b> The Clerk gave an update on the tree planting. The three quotations received for Grounds Maintenance were considered, in terms of price per cut and based on ten cuts per year. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to appoint NJW Grounds Maintenance. It was Agreed to ask Hannah Farnell to a site meeting, to discuss ongoing works and timescales.			
562.	<b>CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDANCE:</b> The Clerk presented the report and correspondence list, which was noted. The Clerk presented a summary report on the Pride in Place funding, on which WCBC had provided further information recently. Every Community Council in Wrexham is being awarded £44,117.64 to spend according to set criteria. It was noted that this needed publicity in the community, and the Clerk will arrange for some Facebook posts and noticeboard enquiries. Any suggestions received will be considered at the next meeting, along with the ideas put forward at the meeting. The Clerk will endeavour to obtain outline costings for the proposal and to complete the online form so that it is ready for the deadline for submission which is the 30 <sup>th</sup> of April.			
563.	<b>REPORTS FROM MEMBERS:</b> A report was made of a badger on Cefn road. Councillor Evans said she would forward a number of an agency that records and monitors dead badgers			
564.	<b>PLANNING MATTERS:</b> i. P/2026/0074: Replacement of underground tank with 4 No. above ground storage tanks: - Ardagh Metal Beverage, Bridge Road North, Wrexham Industrial Estate, Wrexham, LL139PS. After consideration of the proposal, there were no objections or concerns to be raised.			
565.	<b>NEXT MEETING:</b> The next meeting will be held on Monday the 13th of April 2026 at 7pm.			

COUNCILLOR J Jones

CHAIR.

*J Jones*

DATE *13/4/26*