

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCIL<sup>i</sup> held on the 8th of April 2024**

**Members Present:** Councillors: W. Wilson, J. Jones A. Reeves, S. Clutton

**Chair:** Councillor S Clutton

**Clerk:** Serena Baxter.

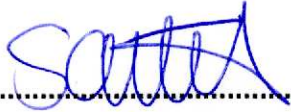
**Apologies:** Councillors: D. O'Brien, M. Morris (Wrexham CBC), P. Done, G. Williams

264.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</b> Apologies were given and accepted. It was determined that the meeting was quorate. Councillor O'Brien's apologies were noted, and as this was his last meeting as a Community Councillor a vote of thanks was proposed for his contribution as Community Councillor through the years. The Clerk was asked to write a letter.	Clerk												
265.	<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.													
266.	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</b> There were no members of the public present in person or online.													
267.	<b>CRIME REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS:</b> The Crime report provided by PCSO L. Davies was considered and no issues were raised. An update was given on the operation cinnamon event that had been held with the Police.													
268.	<b>TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th of March 2024:</b> The Minutes of the meeting held on the 11 <sup>th</sup> of March 2024, were approved as a true record.													
269.	<b>MATTERS ARISING:</b> The Clerk referred Members to the response received from the Planning department in connection with the issue raised by attendees at the previous meeting, concerning the trees felled at Lloyds on Bridge Road. It was made clear that the Planning conditions regarding the trees had expired and that this was usual for that particular time period. Therefore, there is no enforcement action that can be taken. The Clerk will write to those raising the concern.													
270.	<b>UPDATE REGARDING VACANCIES ON THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST RECEIVED, REQUIRING APPROVAL OF CO-OPTION:</b> The Clerk advised those present of an expression of interest received to join the Community Council. After consideration the council voted unanimously to co-opt Mr Norman Hancock as a Community Councillor. The Clerk will continue to advertise in respect of the remaining vacancies.													
271.	<p><b>FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS:</b> i) The Payments set out for payment in April 2024 were APPROVED.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payment To</th> <th>Reason</th> <th>Amount £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="3"><b>EXPENDITURE</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk- (salary 1st April 2024)</td> <td>Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours (Payment for February and March)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vodafone</td> <td>Telephone account</td> <td>25.47</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payment To	Reason	Amount £	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			Clerk- (salary 1st April 2024)	Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours (Payment for February and March)		Vodafone	Telephone account	25.47	Clerk
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	HMRC	Payment due (paid through due to demand)	66.60	
	One Voice Wales	Membership	129.00	
	Donations (As agreed March 2024)	Wrexham litter Pickers	100.00	
		Family Friends	100.00	
		Wales Air Ambulance	100.00	
		SSAFA	50.00	
		National Eisteddfod Wrexham	100.00	
		Marie Curie	100.00	
		Urdd Eisteddfod	50.00	
		Advance Brighter Futures	50.00	
		Calon FM	50.00	
	<b>INCOME</b>	WCBC -Precept	<b>4,376.33</b>	
	<p>ii) Internal Controls Document 2024-2025. The Clerk presented a review of the Internal Controls mechanisms for the forthcoming financial year, and after consideration the proposed Document was APPROVED.</p> <p>iii) Risk Management Document 2024-2025. The Clerk presented a review of the Council's Risk Management mechanisms for the forthcoming financial year, and after consideration the proposed Document was APPROVED.</p> <p>iv) The Clerk presented a report for the end of the year ,2023-2024, detailing Income and expenditure. The report was Noted.</p>			
272.	<b>RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP OF ONE VOICE WALES FOR APPROVAL:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to renew the Membership of One Voice Wales for the forthcoming financial year.			
273.	<b>RENEWAL OF SLA WITH WCBC FOR INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF MAES BRENIN PLAY AREA:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to renew the SLA as outlined by the Clerk.			
274.	<b>RENEWAL OF SLA WITH WCBC FOR INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF FOOTWAY LIGHTING:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to renew the SLA as outlined by the Clerk.			
275.	<b>UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE AND LEASE.</b> The Clerk advised that there was nothing further to update at this time as the lease is still awaited from WCBC.			
276.	<b>CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDANCE:</b> The Clerk advised on the response received from First Investments concerning the Lorry Park. Further correspondence was received concerning commemorative events for the 80 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-day. A request had also been received from the Pentre Gwyn and Tan Y Coed community association, asking for a donation to fund the installation of two new heating units in the Community Centre. After consideration it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to make a grant for £1,600 to the association from funds 2024-2025, to cover the costs of the installation. Clerk to arrange and liaise with the Association.			Clerk
277.	<b>PLANNING MATTERS:</b>			

	i) P/2024/0205: Installation of primary substation and associated fencing: - Building 7, Ipsen Biopharm Ltd, Ash Road North, Wrexham Industrial Estate, Wrexham. There were no concerns or objections raised.	
278.	<b>REPORTS FROM MEMBERS:</b> Councillor Wilson suggested writing to the prison to make contact about community links and whether these can be improved and whether community work can be carried out. A discussion took place, and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk would contact Rebecca at the prison to ask. Councillor Jones advised on the recent Play scheme and that it was well used, with no incidents raised. It was noted that it is more facilitated than supervised. Councillor Clutton advised that a local company had approached her with a view to donating to a charitable cause within Abenbury. After consideration it was suggested that the Litter pickers are a charity locally that might be considered.	Clerk
279.	<b>NEXT MEETING:</b> The next meeting will be held on Monday the 7 <sup>th</sup> of May 2024. This will be the Annual meeting and the change to a Tuesday is due to the Bank Holiday Monday and the Clerk's leave.	

COUNCILLOR S Clutton  
 VICE CHAIR.



DATE.....10.06.2024.....