

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCIL¹ HELD ON THE 10th OF FEBRUARY 2025

Members Present: Councillors: N. Hancock, W. Wilson, M. Morris (Wrexham CBC), J. Jones

Chair: Councillor J. Jones.

Clerk: Serena Baxter.

Apologies: Councillors A. Reeves, S. Clutton, G. Williams, P. Done

373.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were noted and accepted.																						
374.	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.																						
375.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were no members of the public present.																						
376.	CRIME REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS: PCSO Maddocks attended the meeting and presented her report detailing crime for the month of January. The report was noted and accepted. PCSO Maddocks outlined an initiative being launched by North Wales Police and asked for three policing priorities to be submitted. After discussion it was AGREED that speeding at Bridge Road and Cefn Road by Llwyn Onn estate, continue to be concerns which require policing, and parking round the junction on Clywedog Road North has re-emerged as a concern. In addition, Councillor Hancock highlighted the danger posed by electric bikes and similar, which PCSO Maddocks noted and advised such vehicles were actually illegal on the road. It was AGREED that these three items were the priorities the Community Council would like to be looked into and PCSO Maddocks stated she would pass these on. No further items were raised and PCSO Maddocks left the meeting.																						
377.	TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th of January 2025: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th of January 2025, were APPROVED as a true record.																						
378.	MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising.																						
379.	UPDATE REGARDING VACANCIES ON THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST RECEIVED, REQUIRING APPROVAL OF CO-OPTION: The Clerk advised that vacancies continue to be advertised. It was agreed that the Clerk would prepare and an item to be forwarded to the Facebook pages for Llwyn Onn and Pentre Maelor, and Councillor Jones would submit to the local Whats App residents group.																						
380.	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS: i) The Payments set out for payment in February 2025 were APPROVED.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payment To</th> <th>Reason</th> <th>Amount £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Expenditure</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk- 1st February 2025</td> <td>Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours(Payment for January 2025)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vodafone</td> <td>Telephone account February 2025</td> <td>33.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>INCOME</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payment To	Reason	Amount £	Expenditure						Clerk- 1 st February 2025	Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours(Payment for January 2025)		Vodafone	Telephone account February 2025	33.70	INCOME						
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	ii) The Clerk advised of a quotation received concerning Cyber security Insurance for £184.80. After discussion it was agreed to bring this back to the next meeting with a more detailed explanation of whether this was necessary.	
381.	REQUEST FROM WCBC TO RENEW SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT FOR THE INSPECTION OF THE PLAY AREA AT MAES BRENIN. COST OF £1,325.00 + VAT PER ANNUM. FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL: The matter of playground inspections and the necessity for them was discussed, and it was RESOLVED to approve the expenditure and service level agreement with WCBC for the forthcoming financial year.	
382.	PLANNING MATTERS: There were no planning Matters for consideration.	
383.	UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE AND LEASE: The Clerk advised on progress helpful advice having been received from both Mr Sharp at WCBC, and from Willesden Construction. The advice received clarified the matter and concern of what cabling and services ran below the Community Centre site, and it was therefore RESOLVED that as the Utilities on site do not appear to present too much of an obstacle to the proposed plans for the site, being tree planting and community garden scheme, that the Community Council would proceed with the leasing of this site from WCBC. The Clerk will make the necessary arrangements regarding the lease.	
384.	UPDATE CONCERNING HYDRO ALUMINIUM PROPOSALS: There was no further update at the present time on this matter. Discussion took place about the need for noise monitoring form the site.	
385.	CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDANCE: The Clerk reported several matters and updated correspondence received, which was noted. First Investments had responded regarding resident's concerns raised about the footpath along the rear boundary of Pentre Maelor. This is not First Investments land, possibly Housing land. A f French drain had been installed several years ago, and the path is not a designated public footpath	
386.	REPORTS FROM MEMBERS: Councillor Hancock and Councillor Morris advised that the hedging and vegetation has been cleared by WCBC at the path between Fontwell Close and Frog lane.	
387.	NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday the 10th of March 2025.	

COUNCILLOR J Jones
VICE CHAIR.

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DATE..... 14/4/25