

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

Members Present: Councillors: N. Hancock, J. Jones, A. Reeves, G. Williams

Chair: Councillor J. Jones.

Clerk: Serena Baxter.

Apologies: Councillors S. Clutton, P. Done, W. Wilson, M. Morris (Wrexham CBC)

388.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were noted and accepted.	
389.	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.	
390.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were no members of the public present.	
391.	CRIME REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS: PCSO Maddocks attended the meeting and discussed matters arising from the report. The issue of Electric bikes and in particular one seen regularly on the Cefn Road and Erlas Lane area was discussed. PCSO Maddocks will monitor this issue. No further items were raised and PCSO Maddocks left the meeting.	
392.	TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10th of February 2025: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th of February 2025, were APPROVED as a true record.	
393.	MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Willesden construction for their help in deciphering the utility survey.	
394.	UPDATE REGARDING VACANCIES ON THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST RECEIVED, REQUIRING APPROVAL OF CO-OPTION: The Council heard an expression of Interest to join the Council by co-option, received from Mrs Phillipa Graham-Palmer. After discussion, the Council voted unanimously to co-opt Mrs Graham- Palmer on to the Community Council. The Clerk advised that remaining vacancies continue to be advertised.	
395.	FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS: i) The Payments set out for payment in March 2025 were APPROVED .	
	Payment To	Reason
	Expenditure	Amount £
	Clerk- 1st March 2025	Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours (Payment for February 2025)
	Vodafone	Telephone account March 2025
	HMRC	Confirmation of payment made to HMRC re: tax payments due
	Viking Stationary	Purchase of paper for printer
	WCBC	Payment for the cost of Play services 2024-2025
	HMRC	Tax payment due
	One Voice Wales	Annual Membership
	Gallagher Insurance	Cyber Insurance Package
	INCOME	

	ii) The Clerk outlined her report on the new Model Financial regulations received from One Voice Wales. The new Financial Regulations document was APPROVED .																				
396.	REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES: The Clerk outlined the report received from the Remuneration panel relating to payments to be made by Community Councils. This report was noted. The Clerk further reminded Members of the form that needs to be completed as soon as possible if the member does not wish to receive the statutory payment.																				
397.	REPORT FROM CLERK: FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE REQUIREMENT FOR CYBER INSURANCE AND CONSIDERATION OF THE QUOTATION RECEIVED- COST OF £184.80 IF APPROVED: The Clerk presented a report concerning Cyber security and the insurance that can mitigate the effects should anything occur, as well as the items that are already in place to reduce risks to the Community Council. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Reeves and seconded by Councillor Jones and Council RESOLVED to purchase the cyber security insurance at the cost stated.																				
398.	<p>CONSIDERATION OF REPORT ON DONATION REQUESTS RECEIVED FOR 2024-2025: The Clerk presented a report which summarised the requests for donations received during this financial year. After consideration it was RESOLVED to make the following donations:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Litter Pickers</td> <td>100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>National Urdd Eisteddfod</td> <td>50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wrexham National Eisteddfod</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nightingale House Hospice</td> <td>100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wrexham Sounds</td> <td>50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Urdd Fund for All</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wrexham VE day event ' We will not Forget'</td> <td>150</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SSAFA - Armed forces Charity</td> <td>50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marie Curie daffodil appeal -</td> <td>100</td> </tr> </table>			Litter Pickers	100	National Urdd Eisteddfod	50	Wrexham National Eisteddfod	0	Nightingale House Hospice	100	Wrexham Sounds	50	Urdd Fund for All	0	Wrexham VE day event ' We will not Forget'	150	SSAFA - Armed forces Charity	50	Marie Curie daffodil appeal -	100
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399.	RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP OF ONE VOICE WALES 2025-2026- A COST OF £135 FOR APPROVAL: After discussion the Membership renewal was APPROVED at the cost stated.																				
400.	CONSIDERATION OF QUESTIONNAIRE RECEIVED FROM ELECTORAL DEPARTMENT- COMMUNITY REVIEW AND BOUNDARY ISSUES: The Clerk advised of the purpose of the questionnaire and the questions were considered and answers compiled. The Clerk will forward these responses to the electoral department.																				
401.	COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOOTWAY LIGHTING- SERVICE LEVEL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR 2025-2026- APPROVAL SOUGHT TO RENEW SLA: The matter of the renewal of the SLA to maintain the lighting that is the responsibility of the Community Council was discussed, and it was RESOLVED to renew the agreement at the cost per unit stated.																				
402.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS:</p> <p>i. P/2025/0118: Change of Use of land to allow for parking and operation of 1-9 private hire vehicles: - Warehouse, Bridge Road South, Wrexham Industrial Estate, Wrexham LL139SQ: - After consideration of the planning proposal, the Council had no comment or objection to make.</p>																				

	ii. P/2025/0152: Erection of temporary clean room: - Ipsen Biopharm Ltd, Ash Road North, Wrexham Industrial Estate, Wrexham, LL13 9 UF:- After consideration of the planning proposal, the Council had no comment or objection to make.	
403.	UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE AND LEASE: The Clerk advised that following the decision to proceed with the lease made at the previous meeting, she has advised Wrexham Council of the decision, and asked the Community Council's appointed solicitor to look at the documentation and to liaise with Wrexham Council.	
404.	UPDATE CONCERNING HYDRO ALUMINIUM PROPOSALS: There was no further update at the present time on this matter.	
405.	CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDANCE: The Clerk reported several matters and updated correspondence received, which was noted.	
406.	REPORTS FROM MEMBERS: Councillor Williams advised of the presence of bollards on the road near the roundabout.	
407.	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.....