

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 14th OF OCTOBER 2024

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

Chair: Councillor S. Clutton

Clerk: Serena Baxter.

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

324.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were noted and accepted.	
325.	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.	
326.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting was joined by three members of the recently formed Residents committee for Pentre Maelor, in connection with item 10 on the agenda. The meeting was adjourned for five minutes to allow residents to speak. Matters spoken about included the Hydro meeting and residents also raised a concern about the Community Centre site. Residents felt that the proposal that had been previously consulted on and put before WCBC of a Community garden and orchard would not be workable. They proposed carrying out their own survey. The Clerk, following approval from the Chair, outlined the background to how the decision on the Community Orchard had been reached and the timescale that had been gone through to obtain WCBC Executive Board approval to grant the lease, which hasn't yet been signed, since the results of the Utility survey are awaited, before proceeding further. The Clerk further advised that the complaints made by residents at the previous meeting of noise from the Hydro site, had been forwarded to Natural Resources Wales, which had responded asking for residents to keep note of noise nuisance events and to forward these to Natural Resources Wales so that they can establish a baseline. The contact details of Natural Resources Wales had been forwarded to the residents committee. The meeting reconvened.	
327.	CONCERNING PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION WITH RESIDENTS ON PROPOSALS - HYDRO ALUMINIUM: It was proposed, and agreed, to bring forward item 12 on the agenda in consequence of the previous item. Councillor Hancock had attended the meeting held at Hydro Aluminium and updated the meeting on items discussed. Hydro monitors noise and emissions themselves, but a diary has been suggested that residents should complete. This will indicate the times of day that residents are experiencing disturbance. An offer to provide triple glazing to some properties that are affected, when identified, can be explored with WCBC or property owners themselves, if evidence is provided. A Bund could be built. An offer has also been made by Hydro to provide funds for a community facility, to offset any nuisance caused. The next meeting will be in six weeks.	
328.	CRIME REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS: The Crime report prepared by PCSO Lisa Davies was noted and accepted. No concerns were raised. The Clerk advised on an update received regarding the Rural team policing.	
329.	TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th of September 2024: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9 th of September 2024, were approved as a true record.	
330.	MATTERS ARISING: It was noted that the issue of white lines required on Erlas Lane have still not been rectified. The Clerk will chase this issue.	

331.	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. A Discussion took place. The Clerk will look at further advertising on Next Door with Councillor Hancock.																						
332.	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS: i) The Payments set out for payment in October 2024 were APPROVED</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="280 394 1345 987"> <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>Clerk- 1st October 2024</td> <td>Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours (Payment for September 2024)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vodafone</td> <td>Telephone account</td> <td>33.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WCBC</td> <td>Payment for Utility Search on former Community Centre site (as approved at the 9th September Meeting)</td> <td>492.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>INCOME</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank interest</td> <td></td> <td>225.52</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>ii) The Clerk presented a report detailing income and expenditure for the first two quarters of the financial year. The report was considered and noted.</p>	Payment To	Reason	Amount £	Expenditure			Clerk- 1st October 2024	Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours (Payment for September 2024)		Vodafone	Telephone account	33.70	WCBC	Payment for Utility Search on former Community Centre site (as approved at the 9th September Meeting)	492.00	INCOME			Bank interest		225.52	
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333.	COMMUNICATION FROM ONE VOICE WALES- DEVELOPMENT NOTE CONCERNING THE CODE OF CONDUCT: The Clerk advised on communication received from One Voice Wales regarding the latest version published of the Code of Conduct. After consideration it was RESOLVED to reaffirm the latest version to be adopted, and the amendments were noted.																						
334.	UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE AND LEASE: The Clerk gave an update concerning the current situation regarding the Community Centre site and lease. The Utility survey has been requested and paid for and the results are awaited, to be considered before proceeding to sign the lease.																						
335.	UPDATE REGARDING COMMUNITY AGENT: The Clerk gave an update on the Community Agent service which is being managed by AVOW. A new Community Agent has been appointed. It was noted and RESOLVED to invite Mr Martin to the meeting.																						
336.	CONCERNING PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION WITH RESIDENTS ON PROPOSALS - HYDRO ALUMINIUM: This item had been brought forward and discussed after item 3 on the agenda.																						
337.	CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS: The Clerk advised on the communication from Friends of Ruabon regarding the Christmas float. It was RESOLVED to commission Friends of Ruabon to undertake the circuit with the Santa Sleigh again this year, and therefore the sleigh will go around Pentre Maelor and Llwyn Onn, on the 13 th of December. The Clerk was authorised to purchase tins of sweets to be given out. The donation of £100 towards petrol costs was APPROVED .																						
338.	CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDANCE: The Clerk presented the report and gave an update on correspondence received, which was noted.	Clerk																					

339.	PLANNING MATTERS: i) P 2024/1227: Siting of 3 shipping containers: Unit 33, Abenbury way, Wrexham Industrial Estate, Wrexham, LL13 9UZ This proposal was considered and no objections were raised.	
340.	REPORTS FROM MEMBERS: A concern was raised over a planning proposal that had been considered at the previous meeting. At the time no objections were raised to the proposal at Old Llwyn Onn Farm, however it now appears that the development is larger than outlined and is visible from the road. It was RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to raise this with the Planning department. Councillor Williams raised the issue of speeding along Bridge Road. The Clerk will raise this again with the PCSO. The matter of the dark spot at the top of Fontwell Close and Frog Lane footpath was raised. The Clerk was asked to chase this matter and to request a double headed lantern on the Fontwell Close end of the footpath.	
341.	NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday the 13th of January 2025.	

COUNCILLOR S Clutton
CHAIR.

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