

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

Members Present: Councillors: G. Williams, P. Graham-Palmer, M Williams, M. Morris (Wrexham CBC), J. Jones

Chair: Councillor J. Jones

Clerk: Serena Baxter.

Apologies: Councillors A. Reeves, P. Done K. Evans

Also attending by Video link: Hannah Farnell (WCBC)

501.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were noted and accepted.	
502.	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.	
503.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were no members of the public present.	
504.	PENTRE MAELOR LAND LEASED FOR COMMUNITY ORCHARD – UPDATE: With agreement, Item 9 on the agenda was brought forward. Ms Hannah Farnell of WCBC gave an update of the work of the Open Spaces team and how the team might help with the planting and layout of the first stage of the Community garden, being the trees and other items obtained via the Keep Wales Tidy grant. Three options for layout were presented and considered, with Plan B being the favoured option. It was agreed that Hannah shall commence getting quotes from contractors and looking at possible timelines for the installation of the footpath and will organise a site meeting with her team. It was also agreed that links could be made with local businesses which had previously expressed an interest in sponsoring some items of benefit to the community. The Clerk advised of recent communication from WCBC Legal department whereby Scottish Power are looking to accessing the front of the area for pipe laying. This was agreed. Ms Farnell was thanked for attending and left the meeting.	
505.	CRIME REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS: The report submitted by PCSO Maddocks for crime statistics during October was considered. Concern was raised about the lack of context behind the crimes outlined, and also it appears that not all crime is captured in these reports. The Clerk will access the crime website to see and will raise issues with the Inspector.	
506.	TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th of October 2025: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th of October 2025 were APPROVED as a true record.	
507.	MATTERS ARISING: The Clerk advised of the follow up site meeting that had been held with Mr Kirkham of WCBC.	
508.	UPDATE REGARDING VACANCIES ON THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST RECEIVED, REQUIRING APPROVAL OF CO-OPTION: The Clerk advised of an advertisement that she had drawn up to be sent around the local Facebook pages, and this was APPROVED. Otherwise, the three vacancies continue to be advertised on Noticeboards and the website, all for co-option. To be revisited in the new year.	
509.	FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS: i) The Payments set out for payment in November 2025 were APPROVED.	

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	Payment To	Reason	Amount £
	Expenditure		
	Clerk- 1st November 2025	Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours (Payment October 2025)	
	Vodafone	Telephone account October 2025	22.10
	HMRC	Amount due	1.60
	S Baxter	Clerks' expenses claim	74.40
	Income	None	
	ii) The Clerk advised on progress with the Banking Mandate		
510.	UPDATE CONCERNING HYDRO ALUMINIUM PROPOSALS: Councillor Morris advised that the Planning Permission for the proposed alterations had now been passed with a number of covenants concerning noise and that this would be monitored, as a limit had been set.		
511.	SANTA SLEIGH ARRANGEMENTS AND PUBLICITY: The Clerk confirmed that the date set with Friends of Ruabon was Friday 12 th December 5.15 at Kempton Way and then on to Pentre Maelor. The Clerk will arrange publicity at the beginning of December.		
512.	CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDANCE: The Clerk presented the report and correspondence list, which was noted. The Clerk advised that information had been received concerning prices for outdoor gym equipment which could be revisited if a grant opportunity arose.		
513.	REPORTS FROM MEMBERS: Councillor Williams again raised a concern about a large pothole on Bridgeway East in the vicinity of the Post Office. The Clerk has notified Highways of the concerns. Councillor Jones raised the fact of the speed limit having been changed to 30 across the Industrial Estate.		
514.	PLANNING MATTERS: i. P/2025/0762: Advertisement consent for replacement signs - 3 fascia signs, 1 pylon sign, 1 directional sign and 1 parking sign (illuminated and non-illuminated) Location: Workshop, Redwither Road, Wrexham Industrial Estate, Wrexham, LL13 9RD. No objections were raised. ii. P/2025/0823: Single storey rear extension and conversion of garage location: 17 Taunton Way, Llwyn Onn park, Wrexham, LL13 0PJ. No objections were raised.		
515.	NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday the 12th of January 2026 at 7pm.		

COUNCILLOR J Jones

CHAIR.

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