

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCIL¹ HELD ON THE 13th OF OCTOBER 2025

Members Present: Councillors: G. Williams, P. Done, P. Graham-Palmer, K. Evans, M Williams

Chair: Councillor P. Done

Clerk: Serena Baxter.

Apologies: Councillors A. Reeves, M. Morris (Wrexham CBC), J. Jones

486.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were noted and accepted.																					
487.	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.																					
488.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were no members of the public present.																					
489.	CRIME REPORT AND POLICING MATTERS: The report submitted by PCSO Maddocks for crime statistics during September was considered. No issues were expressed. A discussion took place about recent crime in the area.																					
490.	TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8th of September 2025: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 8 th of September were APPROVED as a true record.																					
491.	MATTERS ARISING: The Clerk advised of the response received from Mr K Williams WCBC relating to concerns about the junction on Erlas Lane. As this is a matter of ongoing concern, it was AGREED to pursue a site meeting for discussion with WCBC.																					
492.	UPDATE REGARDING VACANCIES ON THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST RECEIVED, REQUIRING APPROVAL OF CO-OPTION: The Clerk advised firstly on the resignation of Norman Hancock as Community Councillor. The Council expressed its regret and wished Mr Hancock well for the future. Regarding the continuing advertisement of two remaining vacancies, plus the latest one, totalling three, discussion took place as to how best to highlight these vacancies locally. It was agreed to continue to do so and to review again in the New Year.																					
493.	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS: i) The Payments set out for payment in October 2025 were APPROVED.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 30%;">Payment To</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Reason</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Amount £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="3">Expenditure</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk- 1st October 2025</td> <td>Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours (Payment for October 2025 with backdate to April 2025)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vodafone</td> <td>Telephone account August 2025</td> <td style="text-align: right;">22.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Amount due</td> <td style="text-align: right;">12,00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Income</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unity Bank</td> <td>Interest</td> <td style="text-align: right;">172.18</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>ii) The Clerk presented the Income and Expenditure report for Quarter 2. This was noted.</p> <p>iii) A discussion took place about the need to alter the banking mandate, to ensure sufficient members are able to authorise expenditure via the electronic banking system. It was agreed to remove those names that are no longer part of the Council and to add in to the mandate Councillors P. Graham-Palmer, K Evans and M. Williams.</p>	Payment To	Reason	Amount £	Expenditure			Clerk- 1st October 2025	Clerk's salary NJC rates 20 contracted hours (Payment for October 2025 with backdate to April 2025)		Vodafone	Telephone account August 2025	22.10	HMRC	Amount due	12,00	Income			Unity Bank	Interest	172.18
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	iv). The Clerk advised that the External Audit submission for 2024-2025 had been returned by Audit Wales as an unqualified assessment. This was noted.	
494.	MODEL POLICY DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY ONE VOICE WALES: i) The Clerk advised on the Policy document issued by One Voice Wales, concerning attendance at meetings by Members and the six-month rule. The rules around this were noted. ii) The Clerk advised on the model policy document concerning Complaints and that it had been adapted to suit Abenbury CC's circumstances. It was RESOLVED to adopt this as policy.	
495.	PENTRE MAELOR LAND LEASED FOR COMMUNITY ORCHARD - UPDATE: The Clerk updated on a number of items regarding the site. It was noted that a site meeting will take place with Hannah Fearnell of WCBC. The bid to Keep Wales Tidy for a grant had been successful, delivery of the items is awaited. There had been an oversight on the lease in that WCBC had not informed our solicitors of an Easement that had been granted to Scottish Power for access on the roadway of the site. The Solicitor has reassured that this will not affect the Community Council's plans for the site unduly. A discussion took place about grass cutting of the area. Clerk will enquire if WCBC can carry on with this for now.	
496.	UPDATE CONCERNING HYDRO ALUMINIUM PROPOSALS: The Clerk advised there had been no further communication from Hydro Aluminium, residents or National Resources Wales. <i>It was noted that the application has not yet been determined.</i>	
497.	CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDANCE: The Clerk presented the report and correspondence list, which was noted. A discussion took place about an application for the Play sufficiency grant. It was suggested that outdoor gym equipment could be looked at, and also to see if any equipment is required for the playscheme. The Clerk will make an application.	
498.	REPORTS FROM MEMBERS: Councillor Williams raised a concern about a large pothole on Bridgeway east in the vicinity of the Post Office. The hole has been filled previously but keeps reappearing. The Clerk will notify Highways of the concerns. Councillor Done advised of the hedges that need to be cut on the Industrial estate, in particular near Almatron. The Clerk will chase Highways department and will write to Almatron.	
499.	PLANNING MATTERS: i. P/2025/0685: Erection of storage Building Class B8 (Storage and Distribution): - Unit 47 and 48 Clywedog Road North, Wrexham Industrial estate, Wrexham LL13 9XN.: There were no issues to be raised. ii. Section 78 Appeal: -Ipsen Biopharm Ltd, Ash Road North, Wrexham Industrial Estate, Wrexham LL13 9UF: The Clerk advised of the circumstances of the appeal hearing that Wrexham Council had notified.	
500.	NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday the 10th of November 2025 at 7pm.	

COUNCILLOR J Jones
CHAIR.

J Jones

DATE *10/11/25*