

ABENBURY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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The Community Council consists of 11 Councillors covering the Abenbury Community Council ward, which is part of the larger Borough ward of Holt. The Main areas of Abenbury are Pentre Maelor, Llwyn Onn, part of the Industrial Estate and periphery, and includes properties along the Cefn Road. There are 309 domestic households covered by the Community Council in total. The Council is supported by a Council Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO).

The Council meets ten times a year, on the second Monday of the month, except for August and December.

All Councillors give up their time voluntarily but can opt to claim a statutory amount of £150 for office related expenses and travel if they so choose.

How does the Community Council raise money?

Each year the Council raises money through the precept.

The budget for 2024-2025 was £ 15,129, and a contribution to balances was set at £ 2000. The precept was £13,129 , or £ 41.67 per household. The expenditure for the year was £16,990 .

What does the Community Council do?

Among its main duties, the Community Council manages and maintains the Footway Lighting at Pentre Maelor , inspects and keeps in good order the Play areas at Maes Brenin, , and comments on any Planning proposals as they affect the Community. The Council also works with the Unitary Authority to ensure they are providing the best services possible for the Community, in terms of Cleansing and Environmental works and the Highways. The Council also works closely with local voluntary, environmental and village social groups, and provides grants where possible to support the work of those groups.

The Council can only work within the 'powers' set to it by law, but nevertheless can meet a number of its aims through its 'power' of ensuring Well-being in the Community. The Council embraces the seven well-being goals as set by the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015. These goals are:

- A prosperous Wales
- A Resilient Wales
- A Healthier Wales
- A more Equal Wales
- A Wales of Cohesive Communities
- A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language
- A Globally Responsible Wales.

Summary of Community Council Activities and Achievements during 2023-2024

Community Garden Project: Together with Wrexham Council, the Community Council is taking forward plans, which were developed following consultation with the community at Pentre Maelor, to develop the site of the former Community Centre, into a community garden and orchard. This will improve the environment and provide a facility for the community. The decision of Wrexham Council to grant the lease is awaited, and once that is secured, grant funding can be applied for.

Reduction in speeding: The Community Council has highlighted areas of concern for speeding to Wrexham Council and North Wales police and has secured speed monitoring in those locations. Now that evidence has been collected the next step is to try to engage the Highways Authorities to put speed reduction measures in place to prevent accidents occurring.

Provision of defibrillators: Two defibrillators have now been provided by the Community Council, located at Pentre Gwyn Community Centre and at Pentre Maelor Post Office. Thanks to the proprietors of those buildings for allowing the defibrillators to be sited there for the benefit of the community.

Website: A new website has been developed for residents, to provide information about the Community and the activities and financial management of the Community Council.

Lorry Park for Wrexham Industrial estate: The Community Council is mindful of residents' concerns arising from the lack of facilities for drivers staying on the Industrial estate overnight. To that end the Community Council has put pressure on Wrexham Council and Welsh Government to take this matter seriously and make provision.

Grant Support

In 2024-2025 the Council supported local groups that encourage healthier living and promote well-being in the Community.

Donations were made to groups supporting families in the community of Abenbury and these include: Family Friends, Tenovus, Wrexham Litter Pickers .

Community Engagement

In carrying out its main activities the Council is mindful of the importance of engagement with the Community. All meetings, announcements, events, and consultations are published on the Council's website, <https://www.abenburycommunitycouncil.org.uk/> on the community noticeboards and social media.

Play areas and Play Equipment

The Council arranges for regular inspections on the safety of the Play Equipment and area provided insures it and plans for its maintenance and eventual renewal. New Goal posts have been purchased to be installed in the near future on Mase Brenin.

Abenbury Community Councillors.

(Currently four Vacancies)

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If you have any issues of concern, please contact one of your local Community Councillors, and they will do their best to help you. If you wish to contact the Council, or wish to attend a meeting to speak to the Council, please contact the Clerk on the telephone number above.

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