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The Community Council consists of 10 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 surrounds, and includes properties along the Cefn Road. There are 311 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 £156 for office related expenses and travel if they so choose. Details can be found on the Community Council's website: <https://www.abenburycommunitycouncil.org.uk/>

### **How does the Community Council raise money?**

Each year the Council raises money through the precept.

The budget for 2025-2026 was £ 17015 , and a contribution to balances from Reserves was set at £5000 . The precept was therefore £12015 , or £ 38.14 per household. The expenditure for the year was £ 25, 503.37 , with the difference coming from Reserves.

### **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,
- Comments on any Planning proposals as they affect the Community.
- Provides a Playscheme held at Maes Brenin throughout the main school holidays
- Monitors reported crime in the Abenbury ward
- Highlights any issues of concern to the Unitary Authority, WCBC, such as cleansing and waste collection, Highways and other environmental issues.

### **Donations to Voluntary and charitable organisations**

Abenbury Community Council also works closely with local voluntary, environmental and village social groups, and provides grants where possible to support the work of those groups.

During 2025-2026 the Council made the following donations:

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| Wrexham Flower Fest 2025         | <b>£50</b>  |
| Friends of Ruabon (Santa Sleigh) | <b>£100</b> |
| Nat Eisteddfod                   | <b>100</b>  |
| VE Day                           | <b>150</b>  |
| Wxm Sounds                       | <b>50</b>   |
| Marie Curie Daffodil appeal      | <b>100</b>  |

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| Wales Air Ambulance.      | <b>100</b> |
| MS Wrexham CIC            | <b>50</b>  |
| Rainbow Foundation        | <b>100</b> |
| Urdd Wrexham              | <b>50</b>  |
| Nightingale House Hospice | <b>100</b> |

The Council can only work within the 'powers' set by law but can also 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 2025-2026**

**Community Garden Project:** Abenbury Community Council has been successful in being awarded the lease of the area of land known as the old community centre site. This lease is for 21 years, and means that the land, which is under a covenant, being 'for the benefit of the people of Pentre Maelor', is preserved from development, as a green space for community use. As part of the lease, we advised Wrexham Council that a community consultation had been undertaken some years ago, and the idea of a Community Orchard proved the most popular and cost-effective suggestion put forward. We have secured a grant from Keep Wales Tidy for Orchard trees and native bulbs, and other items. The aim is to encourage wildlife and diversity within the area, at the same time as keeping it an open space for all ages to enjoy. It would be wonderful if some residents of Pentre Maelor could champion the project and help take it forward.

**Reduction in speeding:** The Community Council continues to highlight areas of concern for speeding to Wrexham Council and North Wales Police, and secured speed monitoring in those locations. Ongoing work continues to see if speed reduction measures can be put in place. A barrier has been secured at the junction of Bryn Estyn Lane and Erilas Lane to prevent cycle accidents, due to a few near misses that had occurred. This will make the area safer.

**Santa Sleigh :** The Community Council continues to provide a Santa Sleigh around Llwyn Onn and Pentre Maelor areas, assisted by the friends of Ruabon charity.

**Playschemes:** The Community Council funds a Playscheme for the area of Abenbury and surrounding areas, based at Pentre Maelor, for three days each week during the main school holidays . Children attending take part in supervised activities. In 2025-2026 this cost £5090.

### **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.

### **CLERK TO THE COUNCIL**

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## WE HAVE VACANCIES!

Would you consider taking up a seat on Abenbury Community Council? A way of giving back to your community and influencing the things you care about?

Abenbury Community Council has vacancies for Councillors to be co-opted to the Council. We need more representation from Pentre Maelor. You do not need to have any expertise or previous experience. If you care about the area in which you live, wish to make a difference and are willing to attend 10 short meetings throughout the year in a voluntary capacity, then this is the role for you! Please get in touch with me, the Clerk for more information



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