

11 December 2025

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a **HYBRID** meeting of **ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL** to be held in accordance with Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 on **WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2025** at **6.30pm**. The Meeting will be held in the **LITTLE ACTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**, The Green, Little Acton, Wrexham, LL12 8BH.

For anyone unable to attend the meeting in person you can join the Zoom Meeting online by using this [hyperlink to join the Hybrid Council meeting on Wednesday 17 December 2025](#) or use the Zoom Meeting ID: 889 1467 8310 and Passcode: 797174. Please note that the Meeting and those participating in person and online will be recorded. The business to be transacted is as set out in the agenda below.

Yours faithfully

Carole Roberts

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Council

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** To receive any apologies and reasons for absence.
2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** At this stage of the proceedings the Chair will give any Members of the Public in attendance a reasonable opportunity to make representations about any business to be discussed at the meeting, unless doing so is likely to prejudice the effective conduct of the meeting. This does not mean that Members of the Public can take part in debate, but they must be given a reasonable opportunity to make representations about business to be discussed. The period of time designated for Public Participation at a meeting in accordance with Standing Order 3(e) shall not exceed **15** minutes unless directed otherwise by the Chair of the meeting.
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting. It is for Members' judgment if there is a public interest and it relates to a financial or regulatory matter.
4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**
 1. To confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 November 2025 (Copy attached)

PRESS AND PUBLIC: It is **RECOMMENDED** that the press and public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the next item of business only as it is likely that, if they were present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960.

2. To receive the Minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 26 November 2025 (Copy attached)
3. Report from Little Acton Task and Finish Group meeting held on 2 December 2025 (Copy Attached)

RE-ADMISSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC: It is **RECOMMENDED** that the press and public be re-admitted to for the remainder of the Meeting.

5. **INFORMATION FROM 19 NOVEMBER 2025 MINUTES:**
 1. **Minute 83 Low Carbon Communities Project – Grant Application:** Clerk to report on the outcome
 2. **Minute 85.1: Bus Shelter on Holt Road :** Councillor A Gallanders to give an update

Please contact Carole Roberts, Clerk to the Council on: 07913 071470 or
E-Mail: clerk@actoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk with any apologies or requests for further information.
You can also write to the Clerk at Little Acton Community Centre, The Green, Little Acton, Wrexham LL12 8BH

3. **Minute 86.3: Christmas Light Costs:** Councillor A Gallanders to give an update
6. **REQUEST TO SUPPORT THE PROVISION OF CAR PARKING SIGNAGE IN THE VICINITY OF ACTON PARK:** Members are asked to consider this request from Peter & Diane Francis local residents.
7. **PROCEDURAL MATTERS:** To consider the following matters:
 - 1) **COMMUNITY AGENT:** to consider the Acton Community Agent's monthly report on her activities and interaction with Acton Community residents aged 50 and over. (Copy attached)
 - 2) **MATTERS UPON WHICH THE CLERK HAS CONSULTED WITH THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL AND APPROVED UNDER HER DELEGATED POWERS:**
 1. Painting and Rust Control of Play Equipment at Aran Road Play area
 2. Energy Provider for Little Acton Community Centre
 3. New Insurance Valuation for the Little Acton Community Centre
 4. Insurance Re-Valuation for the Maesydre Power house
8. **KEY ACTON ISSUES:** This item provides opportunity for WCBC Members to report verbally on any new or Key Issues being considered by the County Bough Council that may affect the whole or part of the Community of Acton. (Minute 107 January 2011 refers)
9. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PROGRESSION OF ANNUAL REPORT PRIORITIES:** Chair to provide an update on the following matters:
 1. **Events at Acton Park:**
 2. **Progress of Annual Report Priorities:** Financial Assistance/grants; **Acton Park Play areas;** Little Acton Community Centre; **Christmas lighting/ celebrations;** Maesydre PowerHouse; Monitoring and reduction of speeding within the Community
10. **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** To receive a report from the Clerk to the Council in connection with the making of any grants under Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 for Quarter 3. Details attached.
11. **REPORT FROM CLERK:** To consider details of Consultations and Correspondence/ other information that has been received and circulated to Members since the last meeting. Details Attached.
12. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:** To note details of any payments received, Transfers made between the Council's Bank Accounts and to authorise any outstanding debtor or other payments
13. **ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 2026/27 FINANCIAL YEAR:** Following consideration of the Council's Service Level Agreements for 2026/27 at the November 2025 meeting (Minute 87. Refers), to consider all matters pertaining to the determination of the Council's income, expenditure, balances and precept requirements for the financial year 2026/27:-
 1. **Review of Earmarked and General Fund Reserves:** To confirm the Council's reserves requirements for 2026/27. (Details to follow)
 2. **Precept Requirements for 2026/27:** The Chief Finance and ICT Officer, Wrexham County Borough Council has not yet indicated when the Community Council's Precept is required by but based on last year it is expected to be mid January 2026. The Acton Community Tax base for 2025/26 was 5735. To consider the Council's Draft budget and precept requirement taking into account current commitments and any new provisions agreed during 2025/26 or that the Community Council decides to support. (Details to follow).

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: To consider any comments the Council may wish to make on application(s) within the Acton Community area made under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (to be determined by Wrexham County Borough Council):

Case Number/ Address & Proposed Development	Decision
1. P/2025/0868: works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order WMBC 167 18 Kensington Grove, Wrexham, LL12 8AJ	

**the plans and documents for these applications can be viewed online [by clicking here](#) and selecting Category of Planning Applications then scroll to the Application Status box and select "Under Consultation" then scroll down to the Community box and select the Community of Gwaunysterfyn /Acton for the search. The Clerk requests an extension of the 21 day consultation period where appropriate*

Minutes of the hybrid Meeting of Acton Community Council held Wednesday 19 November 2025 remotely via Zoom and at Little Acton Community Centre, The Green, Little Acton, Wrexham.

Present:

Councillor	Kevin Roberts (Chair)	Councillor	R Hardy (Vice Chair)
"	Ms S Bailey *	"	A Gallanders
"	W Baldwin	"	Ms H Hewitt
"	T Coxon	"	Ms C Jarvis *
"	M Davies	"	P Lloyd *
"	C Downes	"	Ms B Martin
"	Ms S Edwards *	"	M Peters
"	Mrs A Evans	"	Ms D Wallice

* Absent

Also Present:

Ms J Edwards, Health and Wellbeing Officer, AVOW (Z)

Ms A Griffin, AVOW (Z)

PC Lee Parker, North Wales Police

Mrs Carole Roberts & Mrs Michelle Williams Clerk & Administrative Assistant to the Council

76. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms S Bailey, Ms S Edwards, Ms C Jarvis and P Lloyd.

RESOLVED – that the apologies and reasons for absence be received and accepted.

77. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance at the meeting to make any representations as set out in Standing Order No. 3(e).

78. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest made at this stage of the proceedings.

79. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. The Minutes of the hybrid Council Meeting held on the 15 October 2025 were received.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the hybrid Council Meeting held on the 15 October 2025 be received and confirmed as a correct record.

2. The Minutes and recommendations of the hybrid Youth Committee held on 12 November 2025 were received.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes and recommendation of the hybrid Youth Committee Meeting held on 12 November 2025 be received and following clarification by the Clerk, be endorsed as follows:

To extend the existing 3 year Play Sufficiency Project Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Wrexham CBC's Play Development Team (which is currently in year 1 of 3) so that from April 2026 there can be

continuation in years 2 and 3 of the SLA of the School Holiday play sessions recently piloted successfully on the Fairways Estate, at cost of £2,093.90 for 1 session per week throughout the Easter, Whit, Summer & October school holidays (total of 10 sessions excluding bank holidays & national Playday), and quarterly reports be provided to enable the Youth Committee to monitor progress and adjust accordingly.

80. VARIATION IN ORDER OF AGENDA - LITTLE ACTON COMMUNITY CENTRE – WARM SPACES

The order of the agenda was varied at this stage of the proceedings so as not to detain the guest speakers. The Chair welcomed Jane Edwards and Alison Griffin from AVOW to the Meeting. Ms Edwards gave a short presentation to Members on the success of the Warm Spaces initiative held in Little Acton Community Centre earlier in 2025 and the provision of warm meals and an accessible social setting with new activities and information for residents whilst being part of a group to address loneliness and the cost of living crisis. Members also heard some of the positive feedback provided by the attendees. Jane Edwards indicated that she would share her Warm Spaces Report and summary data with the Council. The Chair informed Members that the Rainbow Foundation had successfully obtained funding to run the Warm Spaces Project again which would commence in January 2026.

RESOLVED – that the representatives of AVOW be thanked for their attendance and that Jane Edwards send her Warm Spaces Case Study and Aging well report to the Clerk.

81. BEST WISHES

Members extended their best wishes and thanks to PC Lee Parker who was in attendance at the meeting. The Chair advised that PC Parker would be retiring shortly. In response PC Lee gave his thanks to the Council for their help and support over the years. It was reported that PC Mark Hughes would be replacing PC Parker shortly.

82. INFORMATION FROM THE 17 SEPTEMBER 2025 MINUTES

1. **MINUTE 67.1 AVOW ASSISTANCE WITH GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS:** Members noted that due to illness the Clerk meeting had not been held and the Clerk would seek to re-arrange the meeting with Ms Young from AVOW once she returns to work.
2. **MINUTE 67.3 LAMP POST REMEMBRANCE POPPIES:** Members noted that an extra 20 poppies had been purchased by the Clerk under her delegated powers in consultation with the Chair to replace missing poppies along Jeffreys Road. Plans were now in place to take the poppies down and store them until 2026. Members discussed the purchase of an additional 40 poppies, at a cost of approximately £200 to be put up in 2026 with extra cable ties.

RESOLVED – that

- i) The action taken by the Clerk in consultation with the Chair to purchase 20 extra Poppies be endorsed*
 - ii) The Clerk be authorised to purchase an additional 40 poppies, at a cost of approximately £200 along with additional, extra-long cable ties.*
 - iii) The Administration Assistant investigate the cost of purchasing stickers, of various shapes and sizes, with the Community Council's logo on, to be placed on items such as bins, benches and the poppies.*
3. **MINUTE 67.5 LITTLE ACTON COMMUNITY CENTRE:** The Clerk confirmed that the Lease Agreement for Little Acton Community Centre had now been signed off and completed by Wrexham CBC. Electricity readings had now been taken and the Clerk was arranging to switch electricity suppliers and take advantage of cheaper tariffs. The Clerk had notified the Council's Insurer that the building should now be added to the Community Council's Insurance Policy and was in the process of obtaining a building valuation for the Insurers. The present position was noted.

4. **MINUTE 68.1 NEW ACTON PARK PLAY AREA:** The Clerk updated Members with the timeline for the tender process. The tender documents would be advertised on ESPO for six weeks. After the closing date, any tenders received would be checked by Wrexham CBC Procurement team and then passed to the Community Council, possibly in time for the Council Meeting in February 2026. After this consultation and feedback would be requested from the local schools on the plans received. The present position was noted.
5. **MINUTE 72.2 2) BIN PURCHASE FOR GOULBOURNE HOUSING ESTATE:** The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted Kerry Williams at Wrexham CBC to order a new bin and that this had been passed to Wrexham CBC Officer, Damien Keogh.
6. **MINUTE 72.2 1) PLAY SUFFICIENCY GRANT – ARAN ROAD PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS:** The Clerk informed Members that the Council's application for a Play Sufficiency Grant had narrowly been unsuccessful. The Clerk indicated that if the Council were to proceed with improvements to the Aran Road Play area from within its own budgets and reserves, she would request the Council be considered for slippage grant monies from the Play Sufficiency Grants that have been approved. Carla Hinde, Play Officer, Wrexham CBC nevertheless had tendered for quotes to make improvements to the Aran Road play area. These quotes had been received and circulated to Members prior to the Meeting. Members then proceeded to consider the quotes received and also discussed a survey identifying Pride in Place impact funding for Community and Open Spaces and other potential funding options if no grant monies are available.

RESOLVED –

- i) *to accept the tender quote from Play and Leisure in the sum of £10,571.60 plus vat; The Community Council to meet these costs from within its existing budgets this year and Mrs Hinde be informed the Community Council would like the work done as soon as possible ; and*
- ii) *That having regard to the risks identified in the last Annual Inspection, the Clerk obtain a quote for the remaining play equipment and fencing on the Aran Road play area to be re-painted so as to prevent further erosion to the metal work and refresh the whole of the Aran Road play area.;*
- iii) *Members inform the Clerk if they are made aware of any grant application funding windows being opened to enable timely grant applications to be submitted on the Council's behalf.*

83. LOW CARBON COMMUNITIES PROJECT – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND ACTION PLAN

The Clerk updated Members on the outcome of the meeting held with Zach Jones, Climate and Carbon Reduction Officer with Wrexham CBC, which was attended by the Clerk, the Chair and Councillor Coxon. Members discussed the, previously circulated, Expression of Interest and Action Plan prepared by the Clerk for Members consideration. It was noted that if successful the Council would receive a £1000 towards the costs of the 3 projects outlined in the Action Plan

RESOLVED – that

- i) *the Council adopts the Low Carbon Communities Action Plan as now submitted by the Clerk to the Council;*
- ii) *the Clerk be authorised to submit the completed Expression of Interest and Action Plan to Zach Jones at Wrexham CBC; and*
- iii) *An update on the outcome of the submission be given to a subsequent meeting.*

84. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The Clerk reported on the following procedural matters:

- 1) **SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT – CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX:** Members considered and discussed the Q2 2025/26 SLA report that had been received and circulated and welcomed the detailed financial benefits stated in the report.

RESOLVED – To receive and note the Q2 SLA Report on the Acton Outreach Advice Service provided at the Acton Community Resource Centre.

- 2) SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT REPORTING – COMMUNITY AGENT:** The Council received the Community Agent's report highlighting October 2025 outcomes.

RESOLVED – that the Report be received and noted.

- 3) ENVIRONMENT (WALES) ACT 2016 PART 1 SECTION 6 – THE BIODIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS DUTY 3 YEAR REVIEW AND REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2025:** The Clerk presented the existing three-year plan with the final annual review and updated report prepared to ensure the Council meets its statutory duties under Section 6 of the 2016 Act.

RESOLVED - that

- i) The Clerk be thanked for producing the review and report; and**
ii) The Report be received and accepted and once signed off by the Chair, the report be published on the Council's website, and once published, a copy and/or link should be sent to s6biodiversityduty@gov.wales to comply with the relevant legislation.

85. KEY ACTON ISSUES:

- 1. BUS SHELTER ON HOLT ROAD:** Members referred to a replacement of the bus shelter on Holt Road after it had been damaged and knocked by a lorry reversing into it.

RESOLVED – that Councillor Gallanders make enquiries with Wrexham CBC about a replacement bus shelter and report back to a subsequent meeting.

- 2. PLANNING APPEAL APP/H6955/A/20/3263516: P/2019/0005 – Development of 600 houses on land south of Holt Road, Wrexham:** Members noted that there had not been any update on this planning appeal.

86. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PROGRESSION OF ANNUAL REPORT PRIORITIES:

- 1. EVENTS IN ACTON PARK:** The Chair reminded Members of the Christmas event taking place in Acton Park on Sunday 14 December 2025 from 12.00 – 15.00. It was noted that posters were available and members were encouraged to promote this event through their social media

2. PROGRESS OF ANNUAL REPORT PRIORITIES:

- 1) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:** Members discussed the recent Social Media posts about provision of Christmas Lights in the Acton Community. There were currently no detailed location suggestions and the costs associated with putting up and taking down the lights, storage and a fund for repairs were unknown. However some members were making enquiries with other Community Councils to try and ascertain these costs.

RESOLVED – to await details of the costs for other Community Councils from Councillor Gallanders.

- 2) PENSIONERS CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** The Chair confirmed that the Pensioners Christmas Lunch for Acton residents would take place on Wednesday 10 December 2025 at 1pm. Sixty pensioners had already signed up and there were no more places available. Members were encouraged to come along and assist on the day. Having regard to the costs to be incurred in providing for the Christmas events, it was proposed that the sum to replenish the Chair's Charity account be increased to £2,000.00 for 2025/26 to meet these costs.

RESOLVED – that

- i) The £17.95 cost per head for Acton Residents that attend this Christmas Lunch at the Wrexham Lager Club on 10 December 2025 be met from the Chair's Charity Account;;**
ii) The Chair's Charity Account replenish be increased to £2,000.00 for 2025/26 and the Clerk be authorised to arrange for the monies to be placed in this Charity account immediately.

87. ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 2026/27 FINANCIAL YEAR

Members gave initial consideration to matters pertaining to the determination of the Council's income, expenditure balances and precept requirements for the financial year 2026/27.

1. ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2026/27: Members noted the Council's Investment Policy for the next financial year should be reviewed as part of the budget setting process. The Council's Banking Strategy seeks to enable two factor authorizations for electronic payments and the mandate for the two Unity Bank Accounts recently opened to include a total of six signatories.

RESOLVED: *To review the Council's Annual Investment Strategy and Financial Regulations once the six signatories have registered for online banking with Unity Trust.*

2. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS 2026/27: Members discussed the current and proposed Service Level Agreements for 2026/27 and ongoing contractual commitments.

RESOLVED –

- i) That the Clerk write to Wrexham CBC to inform them that the Acton Park Ranger SLA will not be renewed when it ends on 31 March 2026; however the Council will consider the impact of this decision and the merits and value for money of making provision to support an Acton Park Ranger SLA when setting its 2027/28 budget; and*
- ii) That the Clerk make enquiries regarding the current SLA given that the post is now vacant and what arrangements are in place until 31 March 2026 when the three year Agreement ends.*
- iii) To confirm the continuation of all other existing Service Level Agreements for the next financial year as part of the budget setting process as follows :-*

- 1. Shropshire County Council Payroll Service – (Year3 of 3)*
- 2. Caia Park Partnership Open Access Youth Work for 8-18 year olds – (Year 2 of 3)*
- 3. CAB Acton Outreach Worker for Acton Community Advice Service (Year 3 of 3)*
- 4. Wrexham CBC Acton Playground Provision – (Annual ongoing)*
- 6. Wrexham CBC School Crossing Patrols –Wrexham CBC (Annual ongoing)*
- 7. Wrexham CBC Play Sufficiency Project with Staffed play provision at Little Acton (Year 2 of 3); and to implement the recommendations of the Youth Committee Meeting held on 12 November 2025 as follows:*

“To extend the existing 3 year Play Sufficiency Project SLA with Wrexham CBC’s Play Development Team so that from April 2026 there can be continuation in years 2 and 3 of the SLA of the School Holiday play sessions recently piloted successfully on the Fairways Estate, at cost of £2,093.90 for 1 session per week throughout the Easter, Whit, Summer & October school holidays (total of 10 sessions excluding bank holidays & national Playday)

3. PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2026/27: The Clerk requested a steer on the percentage inflation increase to be applied when working up the draft Budget for 2026/27. It was noted the 2026/27 Budget and Precept requirements will be determined at the December 2025 Council meeting.

RESOLVED – *That the Clerk work up detailed budget costings for consideration at the December 2025 Council meeting based on an assumption of 3.8% inflation.*

88. REPORT FROM CLERK

The Council received a report from the Clerk detailing consultations and other correspondence that had been received since the last meeting as follows:

2. CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Organisation	Details
CONSULTATIONS: Members are requested to submit any comments they may wish to make on the undermentioned Consultations	
1. North Wales Fire and Rescue Service	Our five principles for keeping communities safe – have your say: invitation email dated 23 October 2025 to take part in this consultation on the third annual

	Community Risk Management Implementation Plan 2026 – 2027. The consultation closes at midnight on 14 December 2025. Link to complete the questionnaire: www.northwalesfire.gov.wales RESOLVED – that Members submit their comments individually
2. One Voice Wales	Consultation on the changes to local government elections in Wales: email dated 31 October 2025 containing a link to these consultation documents Changes to local government elections rules in Wales GOV.WALES Consultations noted – no comments received from Members
CORRESPONDENCE	
1. Play Wales	1. October e-bulletin: email dated 15 October 2025 with the latest e-bulletin. 2. Reaserch: What Children say about Play: email dated 21 October 2025 with details on this research. Above Information noted
2. One Voice Wales	1. E-bulletin Issue 11: email dated 17 October 2025 with the latest e-bulletin. 2. Webinar – Upcoming Online Events: email dated 28 October 2025 with details of upcoming online events. 3. University of South Wales – Shaping the future of Public Services in Wales – Community Events: email dated 15 October 2025 with details 4. Workshop – Local Resolution Protocol: email dated 30 October 2025 with an invitation to their upcoming workshops on the Local Resolution Protocol. 5. E-Bulletin Issue 12: email dated 7 November 2025 with the latest e-bulletin. 6. Your Council's work matters – please complete the Cost of Living Survey: email dated 12 November 2025 with a link to this survey. Above Information noted
3. Llais	IMPACT – Llais Monthly Newsletter: email dated 17 October 2025 with the latest newsletter. Information noted
4.SLCC	Practioners Conference – 28/29 January 2026 at Burton on Trent: Email dated 27 October 2025 inviting Clerks to attend this Conference. It was noted the Clerk has previously attended this annual Conference as part of her continuing professional development. RESOLVED - the Clerk reserve a place to attend the SLCC Practitioners 2026 Conference as part of her continued professional training and the delegate fees of £716.00 (plus vat), and any additional hours and travel costs incurred by the Clerk attending the Conference be paid
5. Planning Aid Wales	1. Latest News from Planning Aid Wales: email dated 17 October 2025 with the latest from Planning Aid Wales. 2. Latest News from Planning Aid Wales: email dated 30 October 2025 with the latest news and events. 3. Latest News from Planning Aid Wales: email dated 7 November 2025 with the latest news and events. Above Information noted
6. AVOW	Members Mailout October 2025: email dated 30 October 2025 with the latest e-bulletin from AVOW. Information noted
7. Audit Wales	Audit Wales Newsletter: email dated 5 November 2025 with the latest newsletter. Information noted
8. Wrexham CBC	Civic Service -Wrexham Armed Forces Community Carol Service - 4 December 2025 at 7.00 pm: Invitation Email dated 14 November 2025 for Members to attend this Service. Information noted and Members to respond individually

89. FINANCIAL BANKING MATTERS AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Clerk reported on Payments received since 15 October 2025, and requested authorisation for replenishing the Council's current account by £20,000 and having regard to the decision earlier in the meeting, to replenish the Chairs Charity Account by £2,000. The Clerk also requested authorisation for outstanding debtor or other cheque, BACS and debit card payments as set out in the schedule below.

RESOLVED – to approve the replenish of the Chair’s Charity Account by £2000; the Replenish of the Current Account by £20,000 and the making of payments for November 2025 as set out in the following schedule reported to the meeting:-.

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Voucher/Payment Ref & Payee	Details	Amount
105. DC9.11.25 Poppy Shop	20x Replacement Street Lamp Poppies S137 Local government Act 1972 (as amended)	£100.00 (VAT=£16.67)
106. BACS ref 83.11.25 Carole Roberts	Salary and office expenses for November 2025 calculated by the Council’s Agent: Shropshire County Council in accordance with Minute 47 July 2017 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	(as per payroll schedule)
107. BACS ref 84.11.25 Michelle Williams	Salary for November 2025 calculated by the Council’s Agent: Shropshire County Council in accordance with Minute 47 July 2017 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	(as per payroll schedule)
108. BACS ref 85.11.25 Clwyd Pension Fund	Pension payments for November 2025 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	(as per Payroll schedule)
109. BACS ref 86.11.25 HMRC	Payroll payments for November 2025 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	(as per Payroll schedule)
110. DD 8.11.25 BT Com	Internet/Phone Provision Little Acton Community Centre S112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£88.74 (Vat= £14.79)
111. BACS ref 87.11.25 One Voice Wales	OVW Training Fees – Module 2: MW attendance S112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£42.00 (VAT=£0.00)
112. BACS ref 88.11.25 Gresford Cricket Club	Youth Committee Financial Support - November 2025 S19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976	£1,250.00 (VAT = £0.00)
113. BACS ref 89.11.25 Carole Roberts	Clerk’s Expenses for November 2025 S112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£15.00 (Vat= £0.00)
Chairs Charity Account - S15 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)		
CCA6-25/26 Flowers in the Window Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Day Service £80.00- CCA7-25/26 – Flowers in the Window – Get Well Bouquet Cllr S Edwards – (RESERVED) CCA8 - 25/26 – Carole Roberts – Reimbursement for Purchase of Retirement Gift Voucher for PC Lee Parker - £50.00		

90. PLANNING RELATED MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the following matters and applications within the Acton Community area that had been made under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (to be determined by Wrexham County Borough Council):

RESOLVED - that the following observations be made on the applications as set out below:

Case Number/ Address & Proposed Development	Decision
1. P/2025/0768: Single Storey rear extension at 106 Park Avenue, Wrexham LL12 7AN	No observations
2. P/2025/0793: Erection of a conservatory, replacement of flat roof to pitch on existing garage and single storey front extension to form porch at 98 Jeffreys Road, Wrexham LL12 7PG	No observations
3. P/2025/0814: Single storey side and rear extension and replacement of flat roof to pitch on existing garage at 33 Park Avenue, Wrexham LL12 7AL	No observations

4. P/2025/0811: Erection of a garden room at 38 Park Avenue, Wrexham LL12 7AH	No observations
5. P/2025/0839: Erection of single storey side/rear link extension and detached summer house/shed at 31 Box Lane, Wrexham LL12 8BY	No observations
6. P/2025/0841: Single storey rear extension at 1 Chelston Avenue, Wrexham LL13 9TQ	No observations
7. P/2025/0837: Single storey rear extension and conversion of existing garage to form new main entrance at 45 Huntsman's Corner, Wrexham LL12 7UE	No observations

Councillor Kevin Roberts
Chair

Signed as a correct record this 17TH day of December 2025

Presiding Chair

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- 1. COMMUNITY AGENT:** Rhian Jones, Acton Community Agent has prepared her monthly report on her activities and interaction with Acton Community residents aged 50 and over. The report is attached at Appendix 1
- 2. MATTERS UPON WHICH THE CLERK HAS CONSULTED WITH THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL AND APPROVED UNDER HER DELEGATED POWERS:** The Clerk will advise the meeting on her use of her delegated powers to spend up to £5,000 in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations to ensure progress on the following matters:-
 - 1. Painting and Rust Control of Play Equipment at Aran Road Play area**
 - 2. Energy Provider for Little Acton Community Centre**
 - 3. New Insurance Valuation for the Little Acton Community Centre**
 - 4. Insurance Re-Valuation for the Maesydre Power house**

End of procedural matters report

ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
PROCEDURAL MATTERS:
ACTON COMMUNITY AGENT’S REPORT

AGENDA ITEM 7.1
17 DECEMBER 2025

Community Agent – update to Community Council
Community Council Area: Acton, Borrás, Rhosnesni and Maes Y Dre
Month: November 2025

Number of new client referrals this month	November 2025 – 4 clients
Services signposted to (List)	Citizens Advice Telecare Day Opps Rainbow Welfare Rights Blue Badge Social activities in the area OT rails putting in the home Social prescribers Rainbow
Number of groups attended (List)	Craft Group Little Acton weekly Coffee Morning 2 per month at Acton Resource Centre Knitter Knatter Group Little Acton St Margarets Church coffee morning
Any feedback from citizens re ideas for future activities or support needs	Asking about the Christmas meal in December, looking forward to Tai Chi coming back Feb 2026 Warm space starting January at Little Acton Erddig Trip for clients December Groundwork coming to do xmas crafts Little Acton

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**INTRODUCTION**

In February 2019, the Community Council reviewed its procedure to deal with requests for financial assistance from Organisations that work or are based in the Acton Community Area; this report summarises the applications received to date and reminds members of the Grants/ donations that have been awarded during the previous financial year.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide details and enable the Council to consider the **five** applications for financial assistance submitted to date in accordance with the Policy agreed at the February 2019 meeting of the Council.

DECISION REQUIRED

To determine the applications for financial assistance included in this report submitted in accordance with the Community Council's Policy implemented from April 2019.

INFORMATION

1. The Community Council has reviewed and agreed its process and Policy for considering applications for financial assistance made under the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended). (Minute 130.3 February 2019 refers). The guidelines agreed from 1 April 2019 set out the three tiers of grants available and the criteria for each tier are being sent with a standard two page financial application form to all persons and organisations seeking financial assistance from the Community Council. This ensures that the information from each applicant is received in a consistent format and all questions frequently asked by members are answered.
2. To ease pressures on the Council's budget, its Policy is to consider applications on a quarterly basis with the budget apportioned equally to each quarter to allow the Community Council to be more focused and equitable when determining financial assistance applications. The quarterly meetings are March, June, September and December each year.
3. The Local Government Act 1972 sets out in Section 137, the powers and scope for a Community Council to make expenditure that benefits the local Community where there are no other specific powers granted to the Community Council. Additional powers are also contained in Section 145 of the Act. A sum of £12,500 has been set aside in the estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2026 for this purpose.
4. The current Budget Allocation is much less than the limit permitted by Section 137(4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972. For Parish and Town Councils in England and Wales, an amount of £11.10 per person of the Community Councils' population is permissible for 2025/26. The total number of Acton Community electors at 1 January 2025 is 10,343. An extract will be available at the meeting of the powers contained in Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 that enables the Community Council to incur expenditure (up to £114,807.30 in 2025/26), which in their opinion is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to their area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants. These are a power of last resort and the powers cannot be used to give a Grant or Financial Assistance to any one individual person. The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2022 introduced the General Power of Competence, and the Power of Wellbeing can no longer be used by the Council.
5. Attached at Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 for information is a summary of the Financial Assistance Grants awarded during 2023/24 and 2024/25.

6. To ensure a fair and equal distribution of the £12,500 budget, it has been usual practice to apportion it equally between the quarterly meetings. This equates to £3,125 per quarter for 2025/26.
7. During 2025/26 the Council has considered grant applications at its June and September meetings totalling £4,450. Those decisions are set out below:

Organisation	Details	Decision
1. Dance Empire	Financial support to assist with the purchase of costumes and equipment for the students first ever summer showcase.	£500
2. Wrexham Dragons Netball Club	Support to upskill volunteer coaches by sending them on umpiring and coaching courses.	£500
3. St. Giles Church Wrexham Flowerfest 25	Donation to support the Flowerfest 25 event which will run from 19 to 21 September 2025. This event aims to raise funds	£500
4. Northern Steel Netball	Financial support to help cover costs such as court hire, equipment, and coaching programs	£200
5. Nightingale House Hospice	Seeking a contribution of £500.00 towards the purchase of 20 x 4 wheeled walkers at a cost of £149.00 per walker.	£500
6. 1 st Acton Rainbows	Seeking to continue to provide new experiences for this group of girls both locally & further afield and to be able to enjoy joint activities with other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from within Wrexham Division & the wider Clwyd County.	£750
7. Acton Park Community Angling Club	To continue to improve the water quality & oxygen levels in Acton Park lake; seeking financial assistance to purchase further pumps / batteries for the aerator in the middle of the lake.	£500
8. Wrexham Concert Band	To support the continuing work of Wrexham Concert Band, City of Wrexham Brass Band and associated Youth Bands.	£500
9. Wrexham Walking Football Club	Support through this grant will enable them to pay for insurance and purchase much-needed equipment such as footballs and portable goals	£500
TOTAL		£4,450

8. Application forms have been available via the Council's Website to all local Clubs and Organisations, and several were sent in response to other general requests for financial assistance submitted to the Clerk to the Council. Each applicant has been sent a standard letter and the guideline document setting out the Council's Policy as adopted on 1 April 2019. I have received five completed forms in the current quarter as listed below. The full application form is attached to this report and a copy of the supporting accounts and any other information provided will be available at the meeting.

Members are **REQUESTED TO DETERMINE** the following applications for financial assistance:-

Organisation	Details	Decision
1. Wrexham Concert Band	To support the continuing work of Wrexham Concert Band, City of Wrexham Brass Band and associated Youth Bands and ensure that the future of music within our Community is secured.	
2. Gate Hangs High Bowling Club	To assist with the fees for employing a professional lawn contractor to advise and assist us in aerating, scarifying, spiking,	

	seeding and fertilising the green to a standard enabling our club to remain in Wrexham leagues. They also need to spend money on our machinery and seed, top dressing and fertilisers in order to keep the green in good condition over winter and prepare it for season 2026.	
3. Theatr Bara Caws	Financial support to enable this travelling theatre company to continue to promote culture and entertainment in the Welsh Language.	
4. Eisteddfod Yr Urdd Ynys Mon 2026	This financial assistance will be used to aid the running of the local regional, and national rounds of the competitions. This will include paying for local and regional adjudicators and accompanists, printing of programmes and renting of buildings. The funding will help the children and young people of Acton connect with the Welsh language and enjoy the experience of performing and competing at local and regional levels and enjoy a day at the festival site.	
5. The Venture	Funding is required in order to maintain their services, in particular the main open access adventure playground and its associated services.	
TOTAL		

Members are reminded that within the powers permitted by Section 137(4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Community Council cannot give financial assistance to an individual.

End of Applications received in time for December 2025 meeting.

ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN DURING THE 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR:-

1. Financial Assistance Grants

Organisation	Details	Decision
1.Wrexham Allotments and Leisure Gardeners Association	Donation of £200.00 to help sponsor 2023 Annual Flower, Vegetable and Home Produce Show (Members requested they be advised of the date of the Show)	£200.00
2. Wrexham Futsal Club	Financial support to subsidise running costs and the provision of sports glasses for children whose families cannot afford the full cost of the special glasses their child needs.	£500.00
3. Wrexham Sounds Ltd	Grant to provide free “Music for Well-being” sessions to children from low-income families facing hardships during the current economic climate and who cannot afford to pay the fees they have to charge for their services	£250.00
4. SSAFA Wales	Financial contribution towards the operational costs of the Wales regional hub where specialist advisors receive calls, emails and web enquiries asking for assistance.	£200.00
5. Nightingale House Hospice	Support towards the cost of Hospice’s new In-patient Unit.	£500.00
6. Gate Hangs High Bowling Club	Financial assistance towards the repair cost of the club’s main mower which requires a new engine, estimated to cost over £1000.	£500.00
7. Cerebral Palsy Cymru	Contribution to provide extra therapists to enable the treatment of over 700 children from all over Wales who have cerebral palsy with the aim of improving their quality of life	£200.00
8. Wrexham Boxing Club	Financial Assistance to enable the purchase of new equipment and kit.	£500.00
9. KWDF Academy	Exceptional donation of £2,000 under S137 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) towards the purchase of equipment for the Christmas Winter Wonderland event planned for St Johns/ Spider Field on 16 December 2023.	£2000.00
10. Royal British Legion	Donation to 2023 Poppy Appeal	£100.00
11. NW Nappy Collective CIC	Donation towards fuel costs incurred in assisting with the Christmas Eva Gove to Shine charity distribution in Acton Community.	£100.00
12. Acton Rainbows	Support to subsidise annual membership fees payable to Girlguiding UK (£56 per person in 2024), to cover increased weekly rent and to continue to offer a varied programme of crafts, themed activities, challenge badges and external visits for the group	£500.00
13. Urdd Fund for all	Contribution to allow children and young people who live in poverty to have a summer holiday at one of the Urdd’s residential Centres	£200.00
14. Miners Rescue Project	It is the 90th anniversary of the 1934 Gresford Colliery Disaster in which 266 people died in 1934. A grant is sought towards the cost of design, producing and printing of leaflets and general running costs.	£500.00
15.Wrexham National Eisteddfod 2025	Support sought this year and in the next financial year, to help achieve a local target of £400,000. All contributions, big or small, will go entirely to the Wrexham Fund and to the work of the Eisteddfod locally.	£500.00
	Total Donations under S137 Powers for 2023/24	£6,750.00

Organisation	Details	Decision
Note: the Power of Wellbeing which the Council has previously relied on, was superseded by the General Power of Competence from 1 April 2022 and therefore as the Council has not declared itself to be a competent Council, there is nothing to be included for such spending under Section 137 Powers and limits during 2023/24		
2.Add Service Level Agreement spending using Section 137 Powers during 2023/24:-		
16. Wrexham County Borough Council	SLA costs for School Crossing Patrols in the Acton Community (reduced amount due to in-year vacancy savings)	£ 8,698.42
Total Additional Spending under S137 powers for 2023/24		£ 8,698.42

Total Spending using Section 137 Powers in 2023/24 = £ 15,448.42

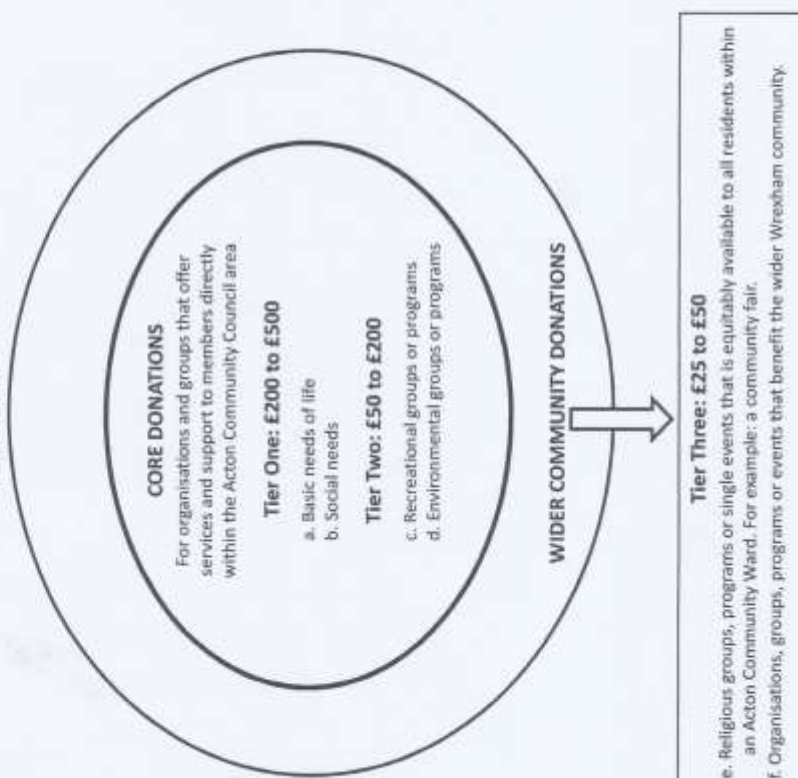
ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL		APPENDIX 2
SUMMARY OF S137 EXPENDITURE DURING THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR:-		
1.Financial Assistance Grants		
Organisation	Details	Decision
1. Wrexham Sounds	Support free music for wellbeing sessions for low income families	£250.00
2. Wrexham Dragons Netball Team	Supporting cost of setting up, purchase of equipment and venue hire	£500.00
3. Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru	Replacement payment for lost/stopped cheque from 2023/24	(£500.00)
4. Your Space	Grant to support the opportunities and activities for children and young people with autism and or other related neuro diverse conditions. In particular financial assistance to restart the popular Teens Club, following the end of Lottery Grant funding.	£500.00
5. Nightingale House Hospice	Contribution towards the cost of an electrocardiogram (ECG) machine as currently the Hospice does not have an ECG machine and this would be a new piece of equipment.	£500.00
6. Premier Radio CIC	Grant to support essential work to this Radio Station established in 2020, broadcasting 24/7 from its Studios in Eagles Meadow shopping centre, and run entirely by volunteers.	£100.00
7. Cerebal Palsy Cymru	Grant towards extra therapists to enable them to treat over 700 children from all over Wales who have cerebral palsy with the aim of improving their quality of life.	£200.00
8. Gate Hangs High Bowling Club	Grant to assist with Membership and Match fees. In addition the purchase of fertilizer and dressing for the Green which is in need of repairs and maintenance.	£350.00
9. AVOW	Community Hub to provide refreshments for residents who access opportunities in the Acton Community Resource Centre, which will give them a chance to socialise together during or after an activity. This can reduce barriers and improve community engagement.	£500.00
10. Dance Empire	To purchase new equipment to support students progress and continue to offer classes at reduced rates to families that need that support.	£250.00
11. National Eisteddfod of Wales	Release of £2,500 one off budget allocation towards the cost of staging the 2025 National Eisteddfod in Wrexham.	£2500.00
12. Purple Orchids Monthly Lunch Club	Grant to enable the Group to offer the attendees their lunch at a reduced cost over the winter months to assist with the cost of living	£500.00
13. Purple Orchids Art Group	Financial support towards the room hire costs for the Art Group which takes place every week. In addition financial support is requested towards the coach hire cost for a trip to the Lady Lever Art Gallery in May 2025.	£500.00
14. Wales Air Ambulance	Financial support towards upgrading aircraft from "D2" to "D3" models which will add a fifth rotor blade to their existing 4-bladed H145 helicopters. The impact will be significant.	£100.00
15. Helping Hands Wrexham CIC	Financial support to run events at Acton Community Resource Centre to show the benefit of their work and hopefully involve more volunteers. This Charity renovates	£300.00

	and repairs toys, clothes and household appliances which they then distribute to local families	
16. Theatr Bara Caws	Financial support to enable this travelling theatre company to continue travelling all over Wales to deliver events, shows and theatrical experiences mainly in the Welsh language.	£300.00
17. SSAFA Wales	Financial contribution towards the operational costs of the Wales regional hub where specialist advisors receive calls, £200 6 emails and web enquiries asking for assistance	£200.00
18. Wrexham Foodbank	Financial Assistance to support the purchase of food and other essentials.	£2000.00
	Total Financial assistance using S137 Powers for 2024/25	£9,550.00 (£500 deducted for 2023/24 spend)
2. Other additional spending using Section 137 Powers		
19. Defib Store	Replacement Zoll CPR-D Pads for expired Defibrillator pads	£583.20
20. Defib Store	2 x Zoll CPR-D Padz (Replacement Pads)	£312.00
	Total other spending using S137 Powers during 2024/25	£895.20
Note: the Power of Wellbeing which the Council has previously relied on, was superseded by the General Power of Competence from 1 April 2022 and therefore as the Council has not declared itself to be a competent Council, there is nothing to be included for such spending under Section 137 Powers and limits during 2024/25		
3. Service Level Agreement spending using Section 137 Powers during 2024/25:-		
21. Wrexham County Borough Council	SLA costs for School Crossing Patrols in the Acton Community Q4 2023/24	(£4,499.25 from 2023/24)
22. Wrexham County Borough Council	SLA costs for School Crossing Patrols in the Acton Community Q1 – Q4 2024/25	£4,455.00
23. Wrexham County Borough Council	SLA costs for School Crossing Patrols in the Acton Community Q2 – Q4 2024/25	£4,455.00
24. Wrexham County Borough Council	SLA costs for School Crossing Patrols in the Acton Community Q3 – Q4 2024/25	£4,455.00
25. Wrexham County Borough Council	SLA costs for School Crossing Patrols in the Acton Community Q4 – Q4 2024/25	£4,455.00
	Total Service Level Agreement Spending using S137 powers for 2024/25	£17,820.00 (£4,499.25 deducted for 2023/24 spend)

Total Spending using Section 137 Powers in 2024/25 = £28,265.20

Acton Community Council Guidelines for S137 Grants/ Donations

(Adopted April 2019)



ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL – S137 GRANT /DONATION APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Community Council considers applications for financial assistance using the following guidelines on a quarterly basis with the annual £3,500 budget being apportioned equally each quarter to allow the Community Council to be more focused and equitable when determining financial assistance applications. The quarterly meetings are held in March, June September and December each year.

The following guidelines have been adopted by Acton Community Council with effect from 1 April 2019. The hierarchy model as illustrated is based on a three tier system that assesses the level of need around the population that is being served. In addition, priority will be given to groups within the Acton Community or those groups that are providing for residents in the Acton Community.

The three tier system caps the amount of funds made available to deserving organisations. This is a more equitable system as decisions will not be made on an ad-hoc basis. It is accepted there will be anomalies within the system, but these will be dealt with on the merits of the submitted application on a case by case basis. By way of explanation: -

Tier One:

- a. Basic needs of Life:
 - Organisations or programs that ensure the basic needs of life are dispersed to members of our community, such as food, clothing and basic hygiene products
- b. Social/Cultural:
 - Organisations or programs that benefit youth within our community
 - Organisations or programs that benefit our elders and other members within our community

Tier Two:

- c. Recreational:
 - Outdoor recreation, such as football and other team sports
- d. Environmental:
 - Parks
 - Litter collection/management
 - Community greening/planting

Tier Three:

- e. Religious:
 - Religious organisations of all kinds that lie directly within our ward may receive funding if their donation request is for members of our community
- f. Larger Community

APPLICATION NO.1 - DECEMBER 2025
WREXHAM CONCERT BAND

**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
(MADE UNDER SECTION 137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, AS AMENDED)**

NAME OF ORGANISATION:

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

Jayne Belton 23 Penymaes Avenue Wrexham LL12 7AP

2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

To support the continuing work of Wrexham Community Band, City of Wrexham Brass Band and associated Youth Bands and ensure that the future of music within in our community is secured, both for musicians and for the general public

3. TELL US ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION. WHAT DOES IT DO? WHO DOES IT HELP IN THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA? WHERE ARE YOU BASED? WHEN AND HOW OFTEN DO YOU MEET? HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ESTABLISHED?

Founded in 2021 by musical director Scott Lloyd, Wrexham Concert Band has established itself as one of the region's leading community ensembles. We deliver about 6 concerts a years with the concert bad. City of Wrexham Brass Band also under the leadership of Scott Lloyd have been established longer. As well as competing in Brass Band competitions nationally, the Band have performed at wrexham Racecourse, at various Remembrance Services and at numerous location within the County and further afield. Both bands moved to St John's Church in July this year as we had outgrown our previous rehearsal space.

We rehearse on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Both adult bands are preceded by Youth Band practices. Here young people have the opportunity to play, to learn and be part of the future of music. Some of the young people have already moved into the adult bands and are enjoying more challenging repertoires.

Instruments are provided for young people who not have access to instruments or any financial means to support their learning. The local community have enjoyed many concerts locally, at St Giles, St Margarets Church, Bellevue Community Centre, Play British legion, Wrexham Memorial Hall and Iâl College to name but a few. We also bring Christmas cheer to shoppers by playing in local supermarkets and also Care Homes.

4. CAN ANYONE JOIN? YES/NO

5. WHO CAN BENEFIT? Anyone can benefit by being part of one of the bands. Young people can benefit from learning a new skill and being part of a group making music. Anyone who attends a concert can benefit from the joy that music can bring.

6. HOW MANY RESIDENTS FROM THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA ARE MEMBERS OF OR BENEFIT FROM YOUR ORGANISATION? This is difficult to say as members are located locally, within Wrexham County and the wider area as well as further afield. We have members who are working at the hospital on contracts who come and join us for the time they reside in the area. We have members who are at University and College locally who come and join us.

7. IS YOUR ORGANISATION A REGISTERED CHARITY? YES/NO
IF YES PLEASE GIVE THE REGISTERED CHARITY No: 1205286 CERDD

8. IS YOUR ORGANISATION PART OF A LARGER ORGANISATION AND IF SO WHICH ONE?
NO

9. TELL US ABOUT THE SIZE OF YOUR ORGANISATION:

A. HOW MANY STAFF DO YOU EMPLOY? Everyone linked to the band is a volunteer

B. ARE THEY QUALIFIED & HAVE THEY RECEIVED APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND, IF APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY SECURITY CHECKS? N/A although some people who are members of the band are music teachers including the Musical Director

10. IS THE WORK OF YOUR ORGANISATION SUPERVISED BY AN OFFICIAL BODY? YES/ NO
IF YES, PLEASE STATE SUPERVISING BODY: N/A

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM:

1. PLEASE **SUPPLY COPIES** OF YOUR ACCOUNTS FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS [ENCLOSED? YES/NO]
(e.g.: AUDITED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AND BALANCE SHEET)

2. TELL US ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL HOLDINGS. HOW MUCH MONEY DOES YOUR ORGANISATION HAVE?

A. PETTY CASH AND CURRENT ACCOUNTS: N/A

B. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS: N/A

C. OTHER INVESTMENTS: N/A

3. HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION'S PROFIT LAST YEAR? £85 we are a non profit group

Or LOSS LAST YEAR?

4. IF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL WERE TO AGREE TO AWARD YOUR ORGANISATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:-

A. WHAT TIER OF GRANT ARE YOU SEEKING? (PLEASE READ ACCOMPANYING GUIDELINES AND THEN DELETE AS NECESSARY): **TIER 1: £200-£500 / TIER 2: £50-£200 / TIER 3: £25-£50**

B. WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO GIVE A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON HOW THE GRANT WAS SPENT AND WHAT BENEFIT THERE WAS TO THE COMMUNITY OF ACTON? YES/NO

14. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL, PLEASE STATE BELOW THE **PAYEE NAME** FOR THE CHEQUE:

Wrexham Concert Band

CERDD WRECSAM30-99-50

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15. PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED ABOVE THAT YOU THINK MAY SUPPORT YOUR APPLICATION:

The Band was set up to give opportunity to people who used to play an instrument years Aho, maybe at school, and haven't played since. With music being taken out of schools this was an opportunity to not only bring music back into the community but also give valuable opportunities to children and young people to experience the magic of being part of a band.

Playing in a band not only brings joy but also builds confidence, creates a feeling of team work, responsibility and hopefully allows children and young people to feel more self assured. These are all important life skills.

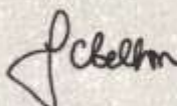
We are a not for profit band so all the money we have as income from concerts or grants goes directly towards rent, stands, transport, competition entry fees and instruments. As a relatively new band we are still working hard to build our repertoire. As an example a full set of music for all the parts within the band can cost upwards of £350 per piece. As any concert can include up to 12 - 14 pieces it is clear how expensive it can be to keep a band afloat. The band themselves also contribute to the financial position by paying monthly to be a member. We are currently about 45 members from all walks of life and all ages. The Brass Band is slightly smaller in number.

We have won the Community Band category at Llangollen Elsteddfod, Chester Competitive Arts Festival twice and in November will be competing in the National Concert Band Festival.

We want to continue to provide local people with an opportunity to be part of these amazing bands and we want to continue to bring the community of Wrexham the opportunity to be part of the audience so that they can enjoy music of top quality.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT

SIGNED:



DATE:

4/10/25

POSITION IN ORGANISATION: Trustee and Percussion Player

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: 01978 312753/07967 193346

Please return this application form with supporting accounts to:

The Clerk to Acton Community Council, c/o Little Acton Community Centre, The Green, Wrexham, LL12 8BH
(or email: clerk@actoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk)

APPLICATION NO.2 - DECEMBER 2025

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

(MADE UNDER SECTION 137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, AS AMENDED)

NAME OF ORGANISATION: Gate Hangs High Bowling Club

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

.....Peter Young 20 Coningsby Court, Wrexham, LL13 9QW

2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

Recent hot dry summers have taken their toll on our bowling green and to sustain its use for future years we must employ a professional lawn contractor to advise and assist us in aerating, scarifying, spiking, seeding and fertilising the green to a standard enabling our club to remain in Wrexham leagues. We also need to spend money on our machinery and seed, top dressing and fertilisers in order to keep the green in good condition over winter and prepare it for season 2026.

3. TELL US ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION. WHAT DOES IT DO? WHO DOES IT HELP IN THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA? WHERE ARE YOU BASED? WHEN AND HOW OFTEN DO YOU MEET? HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ESTABLISHED?

Established in 1925 as the "Acton Bowling Club" our green behind the Gate Hangs High in Rhosnesni Lane serves the Acton, Rhosnesni community as well as providing a safe place for residents in adjacent areas such as Caia Park, Queensway which are both areas of multiple deprivation. Residents can meet at our green to chat, take part and /or watch bowls with friends over a hot drink. The majority of our 30 members live in the Acton /Rhosnesni area and all are aged 60 years plus, having various degrees of health and disabilities ranging from mobility problems, hearing defects and various stages of cancer. The Gate Hangs High Bowling Club offers a safe place to sit and talk to help relieve the stress and boredom of day to day life. We are open 7 days a week and play in league games on Saturdays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It is our **centenary year** and we have had several open days and competitions to raise money to pay for improvements in the green but we struggle to raise sufficient to do all the work necessary to maintain it in such harsh conditions. We offer supervised bowling lessons for local residents and children's groups in Acton and Rhosnesni of all ages, race and gender and we try to use the bowling green as a place to bring local community members together. We need to maintain the green and the equipment used to attend to the green as well as continue to ensure the surrounding areas are safe and tidy for all visitors and members to use. We estimate it will cost around £3000 to maintain the green and it's surroundings to a useable standard and we only have around 50% of that in our funds after all costs are paid out. We charge £30 a year to each of our 30 members and raise money through green fees, raffles and local sponsorship to keep the club going. We have managed to keep running (with your help) for the last 100 years and hope to keep going for future generations of local residents.

4. CAN ANYONE JOIN? YES WHO CAN BENEFIT? All ages, gender, race in Acton/Rhosnesni, Caia and surrounding areas

5. HOW MANY RESIDENTS FROM THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA ARE MEMBERS OF OR BENEFIT FROM YOUR ORGANISATION? The majority of our 30 members are from the Acton area..

6. IS YOUR ORGANISATION A REGISTERED CHARITY? NO

IF YES PLEASE GIVE THE REGISTERED CHARITY No:

7. IS YOUR ORGANISATION PART OF A LARGER ORGANISATION AND IF SO WHICH ONE?

Welsh Crown Green Bowling Association (WCGBA) ..

8. TELL US ABOUT THE SIZE OF YOUR ORGANISATION:

A. HOW MANY STAFF DO YOU EMPLOY? ..None but we do pay a greenkeeper a modest fee to cut and maintain the green all year round. £500/yr...

B. ARE THEY QUALIFIED & HAVE THEY RECEIVED APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND, IF APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY SECURITY CHECKS? Yes and we have a qualified safeguarding officer with appropriate DBS accreditation

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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM: Gate Hangs High Bowling Club

9. IS THE WORK OF YOUR ORGANISATION SUPERVISED BY AN OFFICAL BODY? **YES/**
IF YES, PLEASE STATE SUPERVISING BODY: [..... WCGBA]
10. PLEASE **SUPPLY COPIES** OF YOUR ACCOUNTS FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS [ENCLOSED? **YES/**]
(e.g.: AUDITED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AND BALANCE SHEET)
11. TELL US ABOUT YOUR FINANICAL HOLDINGS. HOW MUCH MONEY DOES YOUR ORGANISATION HAVE?
A. PETTY CASH AND CURRENT ACCOUNTS: [.....Around £1600 after annual costs.....]

B. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS: [.....]

C. OTHER INVESTMENTS: [.....]
12. HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION'S PROFIT LAST YEAR? [.....None We are a non profit making organisation and all our money goes back into keeping the club going.....]

Or LOSS LAST YEAR? [.....]
13. IF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL WERE TO AGREE TO AWARD YOUR ORGANISATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:-
A. WHAT TIER OF GRANT ARE YOU SEEKING? (PLEASE READ ACCOMPANYING GUIDELINES AND THEN DELETE AS NECESSARY): **TIER 1: £200-£500**]

B. WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO GIVE A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON HOW THE GRANT WAS SPENT AND WHAT BENEFIT THERE WAS TO THE COMMUNITY OF ACTON? **YES/**
14. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL, PLEASE STATE BELOW THE **PAYEE NAME** FOR THE CHEQUE OR PROVIDE BACS DETAILS INCLUDING ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE AND ACCOUNT NUMBER:
[Gate Hangs High Bowling Club HSBC bank. Sort Code 40-47-26 Account number 71246844.....]
15. PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED ABOVE THAT YOU THINK MAY SUPPORT YOUR APPLICATION: [.....Together with maintaining the green and its surroundings we also want to purchase equipment to encourage local schools to visit the club and try the sport of bowling to bring new younger members in for future years. This includes Target Bowls equipments and smaller childrens coloured bowls ...]

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT

SIGNED: [.....Peter Young.....] DATE: [.....13/10/25.....]

POSITION IN ORGANISATION: [.....Secretary.....]

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: [.....07860 548684.....]

Please return this application form with supporting accounts to:

The Clerk to Acton Community Council, c/o Little Acton Community Centre, The Green, Wrexham, LL12 8BH
(or email: clerk@actoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk)

APPLICATION NO.3 - DECEMBER 2025

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL (MADE UNDER SECTION 137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, AS AMENDED)

NAME OF ORGANISATION: Theatr Bara Caws

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

Theatr Bara Caws, Unit A1, Ciblyn, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 2BD

2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

Because of the special and invaluable service that Bara Caws offers to the communities of Wales we beg you as a community council to give serious consideration to our application this year.

Accepting a contribution from your Council would ensure the continuation of our vital service of promoting culture and entertainment in the Welsh language.

The plans underway to secure a new workplace are exciting and innovative. Being able to move to a new home will offer invaluable opportunities for the company to develop in new and exciting ways, exploiting the capabilities and possibilities of a community theatre company's service to the fullest.

3. TELL US ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION. WHAT DOES IT DO? WHO DOES IT HELP IN THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA? WHERE ARE YOU BASED? WHEN AND HOW OFTEN DO YOU MEET? HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ESTABLISHED?

Bara Caws, established in 1977, is a community theater company that presents original and relevant work, mainly in the Welsh language, to the widest possible cross-section of the community, and giving as many people as possible the opportunity to enjoy and participate in the arts have been at the core of the Company's ethos since the very beginning. We offer first class theatrical experiences that bring entertainment and excitement, ingenuity and relevance to the heart of Welsh communities.

Developing and presenting the arts is an integral part of reviving and enriching our communities, and if we want to contribute to a fair and equal country the arts must be easily available and accessible to everyone. Bara Caws was established in order to take Welsh plays to all corners of Wales, from the biggest towns to the smallest villages. No other company travels so widely visiting a variety of communities from North to South, and from East to West, including remote and rural areas. It is essential to ensure that everyone, wherever they are, has the opportunity to experience artistic events through the Welsh language.

4. CAN ANYONE JOIN? Yes WHO CAN BENEFIT? The whole community

5. HOW MANY RESIDENTS FROM THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA ARE MEMBERS OF OR BENEFIT FROM YOUR ORGANISATION? We try (when every possible) to ensure that we come to the county with every show (at least 3 shows a year)

6. IS YOUR ORGANISATION A REGISTERED CHARITY? YES

IF YES PLEASE GIVE THE REGISTERED CHARITY No: 1062896

7. IS YOUR ORGANISATION PART OF A LARGER ORGANISATION AND IF SO WHICH ONE? No

8. TELL US ABOUT THE SIZE OF YOUR ORGANISATION:

A. HOW MANY STAFF DO YOU EMPLOY? .6..

B. ARE THEY QUALIFIED & HAVE THEY RECEIVED APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND, IF APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY SECURITY CHECKS? Yes.

9. IS THE WORK OF YOUR ORGANISATION SUPERVISED BY AN OFFICIAL BODY? NO

IF YES, PLEASE STATE SUPERVISING BODY: Part of the Arts Council of Wales's portfolio.

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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM:Theatr Bara Caws

10. PLEASE **SUPPLY COPIES** OF YOUR ACCOUNTS FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS [ENCLOSED? **YES**]
(e.g.: AUDITED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AND BALANCE SHEET)

11. TELL US ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL HOLDINGS. HOW MUCH MONEY DOES YOUR ORGANISATION HAVE?

a. PETTY CASH AND CURRENT ACCOUNTS: £35,077.31 on 18/11/2025.

b. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS: n/a...

c. OTHER INVESTMENTS: £10,859.89 in reserve account on 18/11/2025

12. HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION'S PROFIT LAST YEAR? Around £300,00 turnover

Or LOSS LAST YEAR?

13. IF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL WERE TO AGREE TO AWARD YOUR ORGANISATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:-

A. WHAT TIER OF GRANT ARE YOU SEEKING? (PLEASE READ ACCOMPANYING GUIDELINES AND THEN DELETE AS NECESSARY): **TIER 1:** £200-£500 / **TIER 2:** £50-£200 / **TIER 3:** £25-£50

On behalf of Bara Caws, I would like to thank the Council for considering us. We appreciate that times are tough on every organization so we appreciate any support that can go towards ensuring that Bara Caws continues to offer plenty of offer and entertainment in your area and areas across Wales.

B. WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO GIVE A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON HOW THE GRANT WAS SPENT AND WHAT BENEFIT THERE WAS TO THE COMMUNITY OF ACTON? **YES**

14. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL, PLEASE STATE BELOW THE **PAYEE NAME** FOR THE CHEQUE:

Theatr Bara Caws cyf

15. PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED ABOVE THAT YOU THINK MAY SUPPORT YOUR APPLICATION:

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT

SIGNED: S.O.Williams DATE: 18/11/2025

POSITION IN ORGANISATION: Administrative and Finance Manager..

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: 01286 676 335...

Please return this application form with supporting accounts to:

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APPLICATION NO. 4 – DECEMBER 2025

**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
(MADE UNDER SECTION 137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, AS AMENDED)**

NAME OF ORGANISATION: Eisteddfod yr Urdd Ynys Mon 2026

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

Llio Maddocks, Director of the Arts, Adran yr Eisteddfod, Gwersyll yr Urdd, Glan-llyn, Llanuwchllyn, Bala, Gwynedd, LL23 7ST

2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

The financial assistance, if granted, will be used to aid the running of the local regional, and national rounds of the competitions. This will include paying for local and regional adjudicators and accompanists, printing of programmes and renting of buildings. At national level the funds will be used to help build the festival for the 90,000 visitors coming to Anglesey. The funding will help the children and young people of Acton connect with the Welsh language and enjoy the experience of performing and competing at local and regional levels and enjoy a day at the festival site.

3. TELL US ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION. WHAT DOES IT DO? WHO DOES IT HELP IN THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA? WHERE ARE YOU BASED? WHEN AND HOW OFTEN DO YOU MEET? HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ESTABLISHED?

The Urdd was established in 1922. The Urdd Eisteddfod is an annual Welsh language youth festival of the arts, the largest of its kind in Europe. The festival is held during Whitsun and consists of competitive singing, recitation, art, composition, dance, and instrumental events for contestants aged between 7 and 24 years. Regional qualifying heats are held in advance around Wales and the children and young people of Acton take part in the local heat and then the regional round – before then competing at national level, next year in Anglesey. The Urdd also holds clubs and sporting events locally in Acton. Any funds received will help the running of the local, regional and national rounds of the competitions

4. CAN ANYONE JOIN? YES WHO CAN BENEFIT? Young people between 7 and 24 years

5. HOW MANY RESIDENTS FROM THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA ARE MEMBERS OF OR BENEFIT FROM YOUR ORGANISATION? Members from local Wrexham and Acton schools.

6. IS YOUR ORGANISATION A REGISTERED CHARITY? YES

IF YES PLEASE GIVE THE REGISTERED CHARITY No: 52448

7. IS YOUR ORGANISATION PART OF A LARGER ORGANISATION AND IF SO WHICH ONE?

Yes - The Eisteddfod Department is part of the Urdd Organisation

8. TELL US ABOUT THE SIZE OF YOUR ORGANISATION:

A. HOW MANY STAFF DO YOU EMPLOY? 297

a. ARE THEY QUALIFIED & HAVE THEY RECEIVED APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND, IF APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY SECURITY CHECKS? Yes – all certified with DBS checks

9. IS THE WORK OF YOUR ORGANISATION SUPERVISED BY AN OFFICIAL BODY? YES

IF YES, PLEASE STATE SUPERVISING BODY: We have Trustees and the Urdd executive committee

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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM: Eisteddfod yr Urdd Ynys Mon 2026

10. PLEASE **SUPPLY COPIES** OF YOUR ACCOUNTS FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS [ENCLOSED? **YES**]
(e.g.: AUDITED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AND BALANCE SHEET)
11. TELL US ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL HOLDINGS. HOW MUCH MONEY DOES YOUR ORGANISATION HAVE?
- a. PETTY CASH AND CURRENT ACCOUNTS:
- b. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS:
- c. OTHER INVESTMENTS:
12. HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION'S PROFIT LAST YEAR?
- Or LOSS LAST YEAR?
13. IF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL WERE TO AGREE TO AWARD YOUR ORGANISATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:-
- A. WHAT TIER OF GRANT ARE YOU SEEKING? (PLEASE READ ACCOMPANYING GUIDELINES AND THEN DELETE AS NECESSARY): **TIER 1: £200-£500 / TIER 2: £50-£200 / TIER 3: £25-£50**
- B. WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO GIVE A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON HOW THE GRANT WAS SPENT AND WHAT BENEFIT THERE WAS TO THE COMMUNITY OF ACTON? **YES/NO**
14. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL, PLEASE STATE BELOW THE **PAYEE NAME** FOR THE CHEQUE OR PROVIDE BACS DETAILS INCLUDING ACCOUNT NAME, SORT CODE AND ACCOUNT NUMBER:
15. PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED ABOVE THAT YOU THINK MAY SUPPORT YOUR APPLICATION: **Name of Account – CWMNI URDD GOBAITH CYMRU YNYS MÔN 2026**
Sort Code – 40-08-09
Account no – 21780379
Ref: CC2026

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT

SIGNED: Llio Maddocks DATE: 4.12.2025.

POSITION IN ORGANISATION: Director of the Arts

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: 01678 541015

Please return this application form with supporting accounts to:

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**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
(MADE UNDER SECTION 137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, AS AMENDED)**

NAME OF ORGANISATION: The Venture

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

Suanne Nantcurvis The Venture (Wrexham) Limited, Garner Road, Wrexham LL13 8SF

2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

In common with so many others, the Venture's costs keep increasing, as does the need for our services, whilst our sources of income become ever more problematic. In order to maintain our services, in particular our main open access adventure playground and its associated services, we need to seek additional sources of funding. It has been many years since we have sought a financial contribution from Acton Community Council, despite seeing a steady increase in the numbers of families from Acton who have benefited from our work.

3. TELL US ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION. WHAT DOES IT DO? WHO DOES IT HELP IN THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA? WHERE ARE YOU BASED? WHEN AND HOW OFTEN DO YOU MEET? HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ESTABLISHED?

The Venture began in 1978 as a multi-agency response to extraordinarily high levels of juvenile crime and very poor play facilities in Caia Park. With the assistance of local young people, an adventure playground was established which dramatically reduced the crime rate (53% in the first 6 years)

Whilst Caia Park remains by far the largest council housing estate in Wales,(three times larger than the second largest) with by far the highest levels of child poverty in Wales (according to the End Child Poverty Campaign), juvenile crime remains a small fraction of its earlier levels. Education failure rates have also fallen significantly(NEET etc). Although numbers of children taken into care appear to have risen in recent years.

The Venture has developed a wide and unique range of services over the last 46 years in response to an equally wide range of issues. These have included building a large children's centre to accommodate early years, health, education, family support and youth services, although our open access adventure playground remains at its heart. Open Tuesday to Saturday after school, throughout the year, we also provide a free nutritious meal for all children and young people who attend.

We work in close, daily cooperation with local schools, police, social services, housing, health and third sector bodies. Adventure playground activities include a regular diet of art and crafts, football, den Building, cooking over the campfire, lots of games and hanging out with friends. Last year, (2024-25) 71 children and young people from Acton attended our open access adventure playground sessions, almost exactly 10% of the total of 708 who attended overall. Several benefited from more specialist support. The total annual cost of running the adventure playground itself is approximately £120K. Described in Parliament by the Secretary of State for Wales as "one of the best children's organisations in the country if not in Europe", the Venture has been studied and praised by 6 universities and 4 national institutes across the UK. It was the centrepiece of Wrexham's previous City of Culture bid and continues to warmly welcome regular, largely self-invited visitors from across the globe. Despite the appreciation from many families and widespread admiration and support, the need to raise over £400k each year becomes ever more difficult. Any contribution that Acton Community Council can make would be hugely appreciated

4. CAN ANYONE JOIN? YES WHO CAN BENEFIT? The open access adventure playground is open to all children and young people aged 5- 18. Children under 5 can attend, but need to be accompanied by an adult, or responsible young person. Any child, young person, parent or carer who attends can benefit from using our resources, including a sports area, nature area and large adventure playground.

5. HOW MANY RESIDENTS FROM THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA ARE MEMBERS OF OR BENEFIT FROM YOUR ORGANISATION? Over 70 children and young people attended last year, although some were accompanied by parents and others benefited by recognising their children were gaining happiness and developing friendships, confidence and skills during their visits. Feedback from parents also includes considerable appreciation of us providing a hot meal after school.

- 6. IS YOUR ORGANISATION A REGISTERED CHARITY?** YES
IF YES PLEASE GIVE THE REGISTERED CHARITY No: 1153454 CONTINUED
OVERLEAF/
- 7. IS YOUR ORGANISATION PART OF A LARGER ORGANISATION AND IF SO WHICH ONE?**
The Venture is an entirely independent charitable company, although we are members of AVOW, Play Wales, and Children in Wales.
- 8. TELL US ABOUT THE SIZE OF YOUR ORGANISATION:**
A. HOW MANY STAFF DO YOU EMPLOY? 15.
B. ARE THEY QUALIFIED & HAVE THEY RECEIVED APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND, IF APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY SECURITY CHECKS?
All staff are professionally qualified and receive appropriate training in First Aid, Safeguarding, health and safety etc. All are security checked and registered with DBS.
- 9. IS THE WORK OF YOUR ORGANISATION SUPERVISED BY AN OFFICIAL BODY? YES**
IF YES, PLEASE STATE SUPERVISING BODY:
*The Venture is registered and inspected by Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW)
* Annual Health and Safety inspections are by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA).
*We provide annual audited accounts (by Coxey's) to the Charity Commission and Companies House.
- 10. PLEASE SUPPLY COPIES OF YOUR ACCOUNTS FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS [ENCLOSED? YES]**
(e.g.: AUDITED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AND BALANCE SHEET)
- 11. TELL US ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL HOLDINGS. HOW MUCH MONEY DOES YOUR ORGANISATION HAVE?**
a. PETTY CASH AND CURRENT ACCOUNTS: 139,119.....
b. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS: 0.00.....
c. OTHER INVESTMENTS: 0.00.....
- 12. HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION'S PROFIT LAST YEAR?**
Or LOSS LAST YEAR? 29,834 (reduction of unrestricted reserves).
- 13. IF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL WERE TO AGREE TO AWARD YOUR ORGANISATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:-**
A. WHAT TIER OF GRANT ARE YOU SEEKING? (PLEASE READ ACCOMPANYING GUIDELINES AND THEN DELETE AS NECESSARY): **TIER 1: £200-£500 / TIER 2: £50-£200 / TIER 3: £25-£50**
B. WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO GIVE A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON HOW THE GRANT WAS SPENT AND WHAT BENEFIT THERE WAS TO THE COMMUNITY OF ACTON? **YES**
- 14. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL, PLEASE STATE BELOW THE PAYEE NAME FOR THE CHEQUE:**
The Venture (Wrexham) Limited
- 15. PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED ABOVE THAT YOU THINK MAY SUPPORT YOUR APPLICATION:** The Venture has always been primarily a local facility, with most children and young people arriving independently under their own steam. We have always however attracted children and young people from right across Wrexham from up to 20 different wards. Most Acton attendees have always been from Maesydre, but another 20 or so make their way regularly from other further flung areas of Acton, providing evidence of the importance that they attach to the benefits they feel they gain despite walking much further to get to and from the Venture (although a lucky few are often dropped off and picked up by their parents. Draft Accounts for year ending 2024/25 are attached with the full audited accounts available no later than 12/12/2025)
- I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT**
SIGNED: Suzanne Nantcurvis DATE: 06/12/2025
POSITION IN ORGANISATION: Chair of Trustees
CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: 07752668471

Please return this application form with supporting accounts to:

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Organisation	Details	Notes
CORRESPONDENCE		
1. One Voice Wales	<p><u>1. Cost of Living Crisis Project – Information and Resources: email dated 14 November 2025 containing the latest newsletter.</u></p> <p><u>2. E-Bulletin – Issue 13: email dated 21 November 2025 with the latest e-bulletin.</u></p> <p><u>3. Upcoming Online events – Cost of Living Crisis Project: email dated 24 November 2025 containing details of the latest events.</u></p> <p><u>4. Training Dates December 2025 – March 2026: email dated 4 December 2025 with the latest training dates from One Voice Wales.</u></p> <p><u>5. Upcoming online events – Cost of Living Crisis Project: email dated 8 December 2025 with details of these events.</u></p>	
2. Llais	IMPACT – Llais Monthly Newsletter: email dated 17 November 2025 containing the latest newsletter from Llais.	
3. Play Wales	<p>1. November e-bulletin: email dated 19 November 2025 containing the latest e-bulletin</p> <p>2. Developing Play Provision in Gypsy and Traveller sites: email dated 4 December 2025 containing this and other news items.</p>	
4. Planning Aid Wales	1. Latest News from Planning Aid Wales: email dated 21 November 2025 with their latest events and training.	
5. AVOW	Members Mailout November 2025: email dated 1 December 2025 with the latest e-bulletin.	
6. Wrexham CBC	Planning for our 2026/27 Council Budget: email dated 2 December 2025 with a link to a survey on Your Voice Wrexham to give your view on their plan for the Council Budget for 2026/27.	
7. Wrexham Community & Culture Trust	Wreccsam2029 City of Culture – Community Conversations: email dated 2 December 2025 with details of events taking part in Wrexham prior to Christmas in support of the Wreccsam2029 UK City of Culture Bid.	
8. Audit Wales	Audit Wales Newsletter: email dated 8 December 2025 containing their latest newsletter.	

ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 2026/27 FINANCIAL YEAR

1. Review of Earmarked and General Fund Reserves (details to be circulated separately)

2) Precept Requirements for 2026/27 (details to be circulated separately)