

8 September 2015

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend a **MEETING** of **ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL** to be held in the Training Room at **ACTON COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE**, Overton Way, Acton, Wrexham, LL12 7LB on **TUESDAY next 15 SEPTEMBER 2015 at 6:30pm**.

Yours Sincerely

Carole Roberts

Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

The disclosure must include the nature of the interest. If you become aware, during the course of a meeting, of an interest that has not been disclosed under this item you must immediately disclose it. You may remain in the meeting and take part fully in discussion and voting unless the interest is prejudicial.

A personal interest is prejudicial if a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard it as so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgment of the public interest and it relates to a financial or regulatory matter.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 21 July 2015 (Copy attached)
2. To receive the Minutes of the Youth Committee Meeting held on 28 July 2015 and the supporting Report. (Copies attached)

4. INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES:

1. **Minute 33 – Welsh Government Assembly Member:** To note a letter of thanks received from Lesley Griffiths AM.
2. **Minute 36 – Service Level Agreements Acton play areas:** Clerk to report on response received from Mr Martin Howorth, Wrexham CBC.

- 5. COMMUNITY POLICING MATTERS:** To receive an update from the Acton Community Police Officers in respect of the following matters:

1. **Monthly Policing and Operations Report**
2. **Policing Objectives** – progress against the Policing Priorities set with North Wales Police and Acton Community Councillors.

6. COMMUNITY & RESOURCE CENTRES IN THE ACTON COMMUNITY

1. **Acton Community Resource Centre** – Mr Dylan Hughes has made a request to attend the meeting and advise on the implications of Wrexham CBC Executive Board decision on 14 July 2015 to approve the principle of establishing a local NPDO/Trust to manage Library Services in Wrexham

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You can also write to the Clerk at Acton Community Resource Centre, Overton Way, Wrexham LL12 7LB

with articles of association that are sufficiently broad to allow other services to join the trust in the future. The portfolio of buildings and services under review includes the 10 libraries currently operated by the Library Service (Brynteg, Cefn Mawr, Chirk, Coedpoeth, Gwersyllt, Llay, Overton, Ruabon, Rhos and Wrexham) plus the mobile library, Homelink service and bibliographic services unit, together with Community resource centres which are managed by the Library Service.

2. **Little Acton Community Centre:** Councillor Bill Baldwin to update the Community Council on progress made by the Voluntary Community Group to take over responsibility for the Little Acton Community Centre from 1 April 2016.
7. **KEY ACTON ISSUES:** WCBC Members to report verbally on any new or Key Issues being considered by the County Borough Council that may affect the whole or part of the Community of Acton. (Item placed on the agenda in accordance with the decision contained in Minute 107 January 2011)
8. **AUGUST RECESS MATTERS:** To receive an update on action taken by the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair during the August recess under delegated powers (Minute 37 July 2015 refers). Details attached.
9. **CONSULTATIONS:** The following consultation papers have been received during the August 2015 recess and Members are requested to consider whether to make any comments on them:
 1. **Wrexham County Borough Council: Tree and Woodland Strategy Consultation:** Email dated 10 August 2015 inviting the Community Council to comment on this new Strategy. [This link](#) will take you to a brief questionnaire and the draft which can be viewed online, it is not necessary to read the draft in order to complete the questionnaire. The Consultation **ends on 30 September 2015** and feedback received will assist with identifying any improvements that can be made prior to the strategy being adopted by the Council
 2. **Draft Directions to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales.** Email dated 17 August 2015 from Leighton Andrews AM drawing the Council's attention to this Consultation which **closes at midnight on 9 November 2015**. This consultation seeks views on the detail of the Draft Directions, including thoughts on council size and the ratio of electors for each elected member. The online survey can be viewed by [clicking here](#)
 3. **BBC Charter Review Consultation:** Email dated 17 August 2015 from Elan Closs Stevens BBC National Trustee for Wales, advising the Trust is undertaking a programme of evidence gathering activities to feed into the Charter Review. This includes the first phase of consultative work which [can be found online here](#) . If the Community Council wishes to engage in the Trust's programme of work in relation to Charter Review, the initial contact should be to: tomorrow@bbc.co.uk.
 4. **Temporary Changes to Women's and Maternity Services 2015:** Email dated 17 August 2015 from North Wales Community Health Council drawing the Council's attention to this Consultation and confirming that the Health Council is keen to work with Community Councils in order to make sure that the people of North Wales have their say about proposals for temporary changes to Women's and Maternity services. The proposals were formally launched for public consultation by the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board on Monday 24 August 2015, and will run for 6 weeks until the 5 October 2015. The Health Board's Consultation Booklet [can be found here](#) .
 5. **Wrexham Council Strategic Equality Plan 2016-20 Consultation:** Email dated 2 September 2015 from the Community Diversity Manager, Wrexham CBC drawing the Community Council's attention to this Consultation which **closes on 9 October 2015**. This consultation aims to find out the greatest inequalities facing Wrexham people –members of the public and colleagues. The results will inform the Equality Objectives for the next Strategic Equality Plans (2016-2020). The survey can be completed by visiting: www.yourvoicewrexham.net
 6. **Shared Purpose Shared Future – Draft Statutory Guidance for the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015:** Email dated 7 September 2015 enclosing a letter from the Welsh Government's Director for Local Government informing of this draft statutory guidance and inviting views on the draft content **by 16 November 2015**. The draft guidance is aimed at those community councils that will be subject to the duty to take reasonable steps to meet the

objectives set out in a well-being plan. Further information about the Consultation and links to the Consultation documents can be [viewed here](#).

7. Proposed changes to Planning Policy Wales Chapter 10 and Technical Advice Note 4: Retail Centre Development: Email dated 8 September 2015 advising that the Welsh Government is consulting on changes to national retail planning policy and guidance. The aim of the review is to update planning policy and guidance so that it is in line with the Welsh Government objective to enhance the vitality, attractiveness and viability of established centres. Consultation documents, copies of the draft revised policy and guidance documents, and a response form are all available online by [clicking here](#) . The consultation runs until 26 November 2015.

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. Details Attached.

11. REPORT FROM CLERK: Clerk to report on correspondence and other information that has been received since the last meeting. Details Attached.

12. ITEM PLACED ON THE AGENDA AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCILLOR CAROLE O'TOOLE: To consider debating the Budget Setting Process for 2016/17. Councillor Carole O'Toole to report.

13. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: To note details of any payments received and authorise any outstanding debtor or other payments.

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

Minutes of the Meeting of Acton Community Council held on Tuesday 21 July 2015 at Acton Community Resource Centre, Overton Way, Acton, Wrexham

Present:

Councillor	L Closs (Chair)	Councillor	W Baldwin (Vice Chair)
"	E Boylin *	"	T Pierce
	Mrs A Evans		J Richards
"	R Hardy	"	K Roberts
"	J A Kelly	"	Mrs O Simm *
	G Lowe	"	Mrs B Smith
"	Mrs A O'Neill	"	Mrs S Stanford
"	Mrs C O'Toole *	"	1 vacancy

* Absent

Also Present:

PC Kerry Evans, North Wales Police

Mrs Carole Roberts, Clerk to the Council

28 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Boylin, Mrs C O'Toole, and Mrs O Simm.

29 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations were made at this stage of the proceedings

30 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Clerk referred to Minute 21.3 Wrexham Town and Community Council Forum, 11 June 2015 and advised that after the words "Councillor Olive Simm had", the word "not" had been omitted.

RESOLVED – that the subject to the inclusion of the omitted word "not" in minute 21.3, the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 June 2015 be received and confirmed as a correct record.

31 INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21 APRIL 2015

- 1) Minute 24: Financial Assistance to the Gate Hangs High Bowling Club:** The Clerk reported that a letter of thanks had been received advising that without the financial assistance from the Community Council, the Club would have found it difficult to sustain itself financially beyond the end of the season.
- 2) Minute 25.2- One Voice Wales Larger Councils Conference:** The Clerk reported on her attendance at this Conference on 8 July 2015 which had included a keynote speech by Mr Owen Watkin on the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales and implementing major changes; Research into the future remuneration framework for Community and Town Councils; an Innovative Practice Session on the Community asset transfer of a Day Care Centre; Feedback on the Vision ICT Survey on the scale and use of IT and the Internet by local Councils across Wales; and a Workshop on changes to the Audit regime for Community and Town Councils. The Clerk had also used the services at the Vision ICT stand to update sections of the Community Council's website. The Clerk's attendance and report from this Conference was noted.

32 COMMUNITY POLICING MATTERS

The Chair welcomed PC Kerry Evans who was attending the meeting on behalf of North Wales Police to report on the following matters:

1. **Acton Community Policing and Operations Report:** The monthly report tabled at the meeting provided breakdowns of relevant Crime and Incident statistics and an outline of the current Policing Operations in the five Acton wards. In respect of Cold Calling, the Acton Policing team had successfully issued a number of tickets using the new Anti-Social Behaviour Powers previously reported to the Community Council. Enforcement following information and evidence gathering through Statements had resulted in a positive outcome in respect of recent incidents in the Dean Road area. In terms of current operations, Operation Gingerbread was targeting school security during the summer closures and the Garage Watch had sent a letter to every garage tenant reminding them that only a vehicle should be kept in their Council garage. No further reports of damage have been received since the letters were sent out. Garage Watch had also targeted Anti-Social Behaviour around the Council garages.

PC Evans indicated that advance planning was now taking place to organise another Halloween "Spooky Walk" and Community Christmas lunch (in conjunction with St John's Church Rhosnesni). She asked about availability of Financial Assistance from the Community Council and was advised that the Clerk would send her Financial Assistance application forms which, if submitted in time, could be considered with the second quarter grant applications at the September 2015 meeting of the Community Council.

Members were pleased to note that four new PCSOs were shortly to take up their roles and each would be trained in the use of the Community Speed Gun. The issue of speeding vehicles at Elm Grove and in both directions of Chester Road between the Acton Smithy and Glyndwr Road would be targeted with the Community speed gun.

2. **Policing Objectives** – It was noted that the progress against the Policing Priorities set at the meeting with North Wales Police and Acton Community Councillors in December 2014 had been covered in the Policing and Operations report.
3. **Dedicated Acton Community Safety Camera: - Funding Streams:** Further to Minute 69.2 October 2014, it was noted that this item had been included on the agenda to keep Members updated. PC Evans reported that she now considered that further evaluation of various operational issues arising from Community Safety Cameras situated in other areas was necessary and this matter should for the time being be left in abeyance. It was suggested that an update on this matter be placed on the November 2015 agenda for report by the Community Policing Team prior to the Community Council determining its budget and precepting requirements for 2016/17.

Members made reference to a recent case where PC Kerry Evans had worked to provide excellent support in respect of problems being experienced by a vulnerable Acton resident. Members thanked and congratulated PC Evans on a job well done.

RESOLVED- that the Police Officer be thanked for her attendance and report to the meeting.

33 WELSH GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY MEMBER

The Chair welcomed Lesley Griffiths AM who was in attendance at the meeting to discuss any concerns or issues that Members wish to raise with her. Ms Griffiths referred to her current Consultation Document "Protecting Community Assets". The Consultation ends on 11 September, 2015. A summary Document had been circulated with the agenda for Members' perusal. Ms Griffiths also gave a brief outline of current Welsh Assembly Government topical issues which included, the potential for up to 20% cuts to Ms Griffiths' Portfolio Budget, although Ms Griffiths had already requested her staff to identify a 10% budget cut; and Local Government Reform and the mixed views within the Welsh Assembly.

Members then raised various matters with Ms Griffiths as follows:-

- Local Government Reform, the lack of an overall consensus, and how the rationale of Area Boards versus localism and local ownership and focus for the Community can be reconciled. In response Ms Griffiths stressed the importance of Services being made sustainable with cost savings having to be demonstrated as feasible. Citing the Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board, she indicated that the Health

Board was considered to be too big. However it was not an option to continue to provide existing services at current levels as that will not be able to be sustained in the long term within the budget restraints.

- The lack of coterminous boundaries for Local Government Health Fire and Police Authorities should be examined as part of the Local Government Reform process.
- A potential Benefit of the Localism Act was to keep Public Services local and use existing knowledge and skills base, pool resources and information to make the Services equitable and sustainable;
- The proposal to reduce the number of Local Authorities in Wales: The general public was mainly concerned with the provision and sustainability of the quality and level of Service they receive. They were not particularly bothered by whom or how their Services are provided, just that it is. Members indicated there should be no variances in the quality and amount of services received across Wales and any reform should provide and ensure opportunities for the sharing of best practice and collaboration between Authorities.
- Health Service and funding from Westminster: clarification was sought on the funding choices made by the Welsh Assembly such as free prescriptions, Specialist Service provision, availability of high level Cancer drugs and potential cuts to the Welsh Health Service. Ms Griffiths indicated that free prescriptions keep people out of hospital, Doctors contracts are not devolved and as Independent contractors to the Health Service it is difficult to redefine requirements for weekend working; Cancer drug spending was more per head in Wales and followed the NICE Guidelines and advice; The Welsh Assembly had reacted differently to England in terms of the treatment offered following the PIP Breast implant scare and in respect of the requirement to opt out of Organ Donation rather than opt in, as in England.
- The Challenge is to ensure Local Government is structured in such a way as to continue local democracy levels and any new funding to replace the Barnett Formula should be transparent and capable of being understood to be equitable so that Localism can be real. It was noted that current funding between North and South Wales was based on population density.

Ms Griffiths thanked the Community Councillors for a full and frank discussion and encouraged the Community Council to submit a response before the deadline, to the Protecting Community Assets Consultation. The Chair thanked Ms Griffiths for her attendance.

RESOLVED – that the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair prepare a response to the Protecting Community Assets Consultation and reflect the views referred to previously and in the debate with Lesley Griffiths.

34 KEY ACTON ISSUES

Wrexham County Borough Council Members advised that apart from the current Budget Saving regime, there were no other matters that had been recently considered by the County Borough Council that may affect the whole or part of the Community of Acton. (Minute 107 January 2011 refers).

RESOLVED – that the present position be noted.

35 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2014/15

It was noted the External Auditor has approved and signed the Annual Return for the Council's Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 and issued a Notice of Conclusion of Audit and a Public Notice will now be placed on public display in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

RESOLVED - to receive and note the External Auditor's letter confirming the Conclusion of Audit and the Clerk now take the necessary action in respect of issuing the Public Notice to comply with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

36 SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS:

1. **Acton Community Play Areas at Aran Road and Ffordd Garmonydd, Wrexham:** The Annual Inspection Reports for 2015 had been circulated with the Agenda. Members noted that several low level risks had been identified in the Annual Reports. The current Service Level Agreement with Wrexham County Borough Council provided for the maintenance and inspection of these two playgrounds.
2. **Acton Park Junior Play area** – This area is excluded from the existing Service Level Agreement until the expiration of the Grant condition in 2019. However several members referred to the condition of the grass underfoot in the play area being unfit for its purpose and the issue of Young People congregating in the junior play area. It was suggested that collaboration to monitor the situation between the Seasonal Park Ranger, Acton Community Policing Team and Acton Detached Youth workers when out and about in the area may help to alleviate the issue of Young People congregating in the junior play area.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write on behalf of the Community Council to Martin Howarth WCBC:

- i. **Requesting confirmation that the minor low level risks identified in the Annual inspection reports have now been addressed; and**
 - ii. **Drawing attention to the Community Council's concerns about the recent congregation of Young People in the junior play area and the impact it was having on junior playground users and the fabric of the playground surfaces and to suggest that collaboration with the Acton Detached Youth Workers Acton Policing team and the Park Ranger to monitor the situation and encourage young people to leave the Junior Play area would help to alleviate the situation.**
3. **Acton Community Resource Centre:** Consideration was given to the figures for the outputs and outcomes (performance measures) for the Service from April 2015 to June 2015 as provided by the Acton Community Resource Centre Manager. This information was required as part of the Service Level Agreement. Members noted there were no comparative figures for previous years for the same period. It was noted that the Acton Community Resource Management Committee should be developing the business and there was a need for the Community Council to be involved in the development of Performance indicators and Comparators to develop and ensure the Resource Centre becomes self-funding. Members noted that the Service Level Agreement is subject to Review every two years.

RESOLVED – that the performance measures for the first quarter of 2015/16 be noted and the Community Council seek to develop Performance indicators and Comparators to ensure that the Acton Community Resource Centre becomes self-funding by the end of the existing Service Level Agreement in March 2023.

37 AUGUST RECESS ARRANGEMENTS

RESOLVED - that the Clerk to the Council in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Community Council be authorised to deal with any urgent issues that arise during the August recess.

38 REPORT FROM CLERK

Information and general correspondence that had been received and was available for members at the meeting was reported and dealt with as follows:

Organisation	Details and action taken
1.Nick Bennett Public Services Ombudsman for Wales	Annual Report 2014/15: Letter dated 25 June 2015 enclosing a copy of the Annual report laid before the National Assembly for Wales on 24 June 2015. <i>Information noted</i>
2.Chief Officer North Wales Community Health Council	Health Watchdog: response to concerns about patient care at Wrexham dementia ward: Email dated 2 July 2015 enclosing a press release responding to and challenging the news of investigation into allegations

Organisation	Details and action taken
	<p>concerning the treatment and care of dementia patients in North Wales. A range of events/meetings is to be arranged from September 2015 onwards to collate views received about the quality of care provided by the health service in North Wales for submission to the Health Council.</p> <p>Information noted.</p>
<p>3.Society of Local Council Clerks</p>	<p>Conference for Wales - 17 September 2015: The Welsh SLCC roadshow agenda will include workshops about the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act; National Employment Advisory; Power to local people- The White Paper Consultation, Reforming Local Government in Wales; The new Code of Audit Practice and Statement of Practice and a discussion on recent changes in law and examination of how these changes impact on the powers, duties and procedures of community and town councils. The Welsh Roadshow will be held in Swansea on 17 September 2015 and costs £69 plus vat.</p> <p>RESOLVED – that the Clerk be authorised to attend this event as part of her continued professional training and the delegate’s fee, overnight accommodation (having regard to the early start time and location of the Conference), travel costs and additional hours incurred by the Clerk attending this one day Conference be paid</p>
<p>4.Engagement Support Coordinator Age Concern Cymru</p>	<p>Research with older people living with dementia and their carers: Email dated 24 June 2015 advising that until the end of September 2015, Age Cymru is working with the Older People’s Commissioner for Wales to research and record experiences of older people with dementia, their families and carers. Community Councillors were able to nominate participants if they wished to.</p> <p>Information noted</p>
<p>5.Local Government Democracy Division, Welsh Government</p>	<p>Statutory Guidance - Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Regulations 2015: Email dated 21 July 2015 advising that these Regulations will come into force on 1 October 2015. After this date Local Authorities (County and County Borough Councils; Community and Town Councils and National Park Authorities) must have regard to this guidance when considering the potential disposal of a playing field.</p> <p>Information noted.</p>
<p>6.Councillor Olive Simm Borras Park Ward</p>	<p>CASUAL COUNCILLOR VACANCY: Letter dated 21 July 2015 advising that due to ill health, Councillor Olive Simm was submitting her resignation as a Community Councillor. Members paid tribute to the long loyal service and valuable contribution given to the Acton Community by Councillor Simm.</p> <p>RESOLVED – Councillor Simm’s resignation be accepted and the Community Council’s thanks be conveyed to her for her long loyal service and valuable contribution to the Acton Community; and following the resignations of Councillors Joyce Dudley and Olive Simm, the Clerk be authorised to advertise the Notices of casual vacancies for the Borras Park Ward.</p>

39 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Clerk reported that the Rialtas Business Alpha Accounting System had now been installed for the Community Council and she had recently undergone training in use of the software package. The new style accounting reports for Bank reconciliation and spend against the Annual budget to 30 June 2015 were considered at the meeting. Members also received details of payments received since the last report and outstanding debtor or other payments that required authorisation.

Resolved – that the following payments be approved: -

Voucher No; Payee	Details	Amount
14 Carole Roberts Clerk to the Council	Clerks Expenses for July 2015 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972	£155.55
15 UHY Hacker Young	Audit of Council's 2014/15 Annual Return Accounts & Audit Regulation	£498.00 (inc £83.00 vat)
16 SLCC Enterprises Ltd	Renewal of Clerk's Annual Membership fee from 1 July 2015 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972	£167.00
17 Wrexham County Borough Council	2015/16 SLA Half Yearly instalment- Inspection & maintenance of play an the Acton Community area S19 Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1976	£1,656.50
18 Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd	Alpha Financial Software; Alpha Set Up & training; Alpha Software Annual support – single user, Trainer's mileage Section 112 Local Government Act 1972	£789.06 (inc £131.51 vat)
19 Wrexham County Borough Council	Clerks Salary and office expenses for July 2015 paid by the Council's Agent: Wrexham County Borough Council in accordance with Minute 99.1 December 2009 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972	NJC Rates

40 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered whether to make any comments on the following Planning Applications for development in the Community Council's area that has been received since the last meeting or 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 set out below:-

Application No & Address	Details	Observations
* P/2015/0451: 6 Lisburne Grove Wrexham	Conversion of Integral Garage into additional living space and erection of new detached garage	No observations
* P/2015/0477: 18 Denbig Close Wrexham	Continued Parking And Operation Of 2 No. Private Hire Vehicles On A Permanent Basis (Previously Granted Under Code No. P/2014/0080)	No Observations
* P/2015/0498: 2 Camberley Drive Wrexham	Erection Of Fence (In Retrospect)	No Observations
* P/2015/0534: 124 Chester Road Wrexham	Erection Of 6ft Fence (In Retrospect)	<i>No Observations</i>

Signed as a correct record this 15th day of September 2015

Chair

Minutes of the Youth Committee held on Tuesday 27 July 2015 at Acton Community Resource Centre, Overton Way, Acton, Wrexham

Present:	Councillor	Len Closs
	"	Mrs A Evans *
	"	Mrs C O'Toole
	"	T Pierce
	"	J Richards
	"	Mrs B Smith

* Absent

Also Present: Juliet Mackenzie, Advanced Practitioner for School and Community, Wrexham CBC
Mrs Carole Roberts, Clerk to the Council

41 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor Mrs Barbara Smith was appointed Chairman of the Youth Committee for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

(Councillor Mrs Barbara Smith in the Chair)

42 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

Councillor James Richards was appointed Vice Chairman of the Youth Committee for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was given on behalf of Councillor Mrs A Evans.

44 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

45 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the 5 May 2015 meeting of the Youth Committee as reported to the Community Council on 19 May 2015 be received and confirmed as a correct record.

46 TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Youth Committee noted it had been re-appointed at the Annual Council meeting on 19 May 2015 with the following Terms of Reference:

1. To review and develop options for the 2016/17 and future Service Level Agreements to provide a Youth Project across the five Acton Community Wards to ensure they are fit for purpose and reflect the requirements of the Community Council and current best practice;
2. To receive and monitor the Youth Service's 2015/16 Quarterly Service Level Agreement reports and any other performance monitoring reports provided by the Youth Service, to ensure the Service Specification is being met and the Agreement represents good value for money; and
3. To bring any concerns about the performance or effectiveness of the Service Level Agreement immediately to the attention of the full Council.

47 SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT – ACTON DETACHED YOUTH WORK PROVISION

The Chair welcomed Ms Juliet Mackenzie, Advanced Practitioner Wrexham County Borough Council who was in attendance to present her Report on the operation during the first quarter year of the current

Service Level Agreement (SLA). The report confirmed the focus of work had been on adapting to the new model of delivery, further developing, grounding and embedding the new youth work into the community. Work was in progress to ensure the service can best capture the information required to fulfil the data collection and obligations identified in the SLA. The report detailed Contacts during the quarter, activities delivered, progress with staffing and recruitment to the Acton Detached Youth Team. During the summer holidays a number of events and outings for the local young people have been arranged and a copy of the summer work plan was considered by the Committee. The Team were endeavouring to increase the numbers of engagement and contacts by the Project. A Spooky Walk was also planned for the autumn quarter. During consideration of the report the following issues and concerns were discussed:-

- In the first quarter, 38 sessions of youth work were delivered, however 13 sessions didn't meet or have meaningful engagement with any young people; this was due to the weather conditions, families going away for half term and local incidents within the community. On average the Team are working with an average of 3 young people per session. Although very low on detached nights, Project night at the Tin Church is steadily increasing with 10+ young people involved on occasion. There were new contacts being input on the data-base as and when they return their consent forms, however some young people are still being recorded as Anonymous. Members referred to the Target reach within the SLA that provides for the Team to engage with a minimum of 25% of the Youth population. (approximately 504 young people)
- Young People are shifting back and looking for Centre based work such as that at the Tin Church or looking for an internet Café provision. There was also an option for the Young People of Acton to attend the Victoria Youth Centre. Within the Acton Community, the cost of any room hire for Centre based or Internet Café provision would be taken out of the SLA. There was also an issue about developing positive interaction with other user groups at the Acton Community Resource Centre. However a number of regular Young People were already policing themselves and interacting with user groups.
- There continue to be difficulties of working with Young People within rigid Community Boundaries. Clarification was sought on the contact by the Youth Service with Young People in other areas of Wrexham. Acton with its Community Council funded SLA was the only Community receiving a 52 week provision as most other communities received a 40 week Youth Service provision.
- At an All Wales level and with Peers, the Wrexham Youth Service was seen as one of the best performing authorities in Wales.
- In terms of future delivery, the Youth Service are working towards developing stronger links with Rhosnesni High School, particularly the Schools based youth work team and the transition work undertaken by the school. Additionally, links are beginning to develop between local youth organisations such as scouts, guides, football teams etc. this will engender a greater understanding of local interests and foster positive partnerships going forward into the future. The team is endeavouring to increase numbers to the project, with young people and staff involved in creating leaflets, delivering information to schools and local projects.

The Committee stressed it must be clear that there has to be an improvement on making progress to achieve the Target reach and Contacts set out in the SLA. There must be a demonstrable and clear direction of travel to meet targets and an indication of value for money from the outcomes of this SLA that represents nearly 20% of the Community Council's precept requirements. In the next quarter it is crucial that the delivery of the Service engages consistently with Young People on the streets within the Acton Community areas. Equally there must be a clear Communications Plan on publicising the availability of the Project and bringing events organised under this SLA to the attention of Young People in Acton. The Committee's review of the second quarter SLA results will include an examination of demand for the Detached Youth work and other ways in which the Service could be delivered if there is sufficient demand.

RESOLVED - that

- 1) The Report be received and noted and the Youth Service Officers note the concerns of the Committee with regard to the need for improvements to achieve the Targets set out in the Service Level Agreement;**

- 2) ***The Youth Service Officers be requested to submit for information, an updated 1st Quarter SLA report to the September 2015 meeting of the Community Council to include an outline of the contacts for each evening and a comparison between Detached and Project nights and a Summer Activity Report; and***
- 3) ***The next meeting of the Youth Committee be held on Tuesday 27 October 2015 at 6:30pm***

Councillor Mrs Barbara Smith
Chair of Youth Committee

ADDENDUM TO YOUTH COMMITTEE MINUTES - MEETING HELD 28 JULY 2015: UPDATED REPORT

Acton Youth Committee Quarter 1 report

21st July 2015

This report details the work undertaken by Wrexham Youth Service in accordance with the Service Level Agreement between Wrexham County Borough Council and Acton Community Council; between the periods of 22nd April 2015 – 16th July 2015.

The work during this period focussed on adapting to the new model of delivery, further developing, grounding and embedding the new youth work into the community. Furthermore, work has been undertaken as to how the service can best capture the information required to fulfil the data collection and obligations identified in the new Service Level Agreement.

Contact: Over this period of time

38 sessions of youth work have been delivered. However, out of this 38;

13 of those sessions we didn't meet or have meaningful engagement with any young people, it was recorded that this was due to the weather conditions, families going away for half term and some local incidents within the community which meant that people were not allowed out.

25 sessions were recorded on the QES system and during these sessions we had meaningful contact with 46 young people. Therefore, on average the team are working with an average of **3 young people per session**. Although we do see young people on Detached nights, young people are reluctant to give details about themselves and are just happy to say hello and get on with their own thing. However, Project night at the Tin Church is steadily increasing and we have far more meaningful contact with this group of young people, indicating that this is the area of growth we should be investing in.

1. (22/4 – 14 yp anon Detached)
2. (23/4 – 4 yp all registered = Project night)
3. (28/4 – 5 yp 2 registered 3 anon = Detached)
4. (29/4 – 10 yp all anon = Detached)
5. (30/4 – 3 yp all registered = Project night)
6. (5/5 - 0 yp Detached)
7. (6/5 – 6 yp all anon = Detached)
8. (7/5 - 3 yp all registered = Project night)
9. (12/5 – 9 yp all anon = Detached)
10. (13/5 – 0 yp = Detached)
11. (14/5 - 3 yp all registered = Project night)
12. (19/5 - 3 yp all registered = Detached)
13. (20/5 - 3 yp all registered = Detached)
14. (21/5 - 3 yp all registered = Project night)
15. (26/5 - 3 yp all registered = Detached Half term)
16. (27/5 – 0 yp = Detached Half term)
17. (28/5 - 0 yp = Project night Half term)
18. (2/6 - 0 YP = Detached)
19. (3/6 - 0 yp = Detached)
20. (4/6 – 0 yp = Project night)

21. (9/6 – 0 yp = Detached)
22. (10/6 – 0 yp = Detached)
23. (11/6 – 4 yp 3 registered 1 anon = Project night)
24. (16/6 – 0 yp = Detached)
25. (17/6 – 1 yp registered = Detached)
26. (18/6 – 5 yp 4 registered 1 anon = project night)
27. (23/6 – 18 yp all anon = Detached)
28. (24/6 – 6 yp all anon = Detached)
29. (25/6 – 6 yp 3 registered 3 anon = Project night)
30. (30/6 – 0 yp = Detached)
31. (1/7 – 8 yp all anon = Detached)
32. (2/7 – 0 yp = Project night community incident)
33. (7/7 – 0 yp = Detached)
34. (8/7 – 0 yp = Detached)
35. (9/7 – 0 yp = Project night)
36. (14/7 – 6 yp all anon Detached)
37. (15/7 – 8 yp 3 registered 5 anon)
38. (16/7 – 7 yp 3 registered 4 anon = Project night)

Staff are now inputting new contacts on the data-base as and when young people return their consent forms, however some young people are still being recorded as Anonymous.

Activities delivered

At the moment, programmed activities tend to take place in the tin church, due to the nature of the detached work we are undertaking. These activities include Cooking, homework/revision support, personal and emotional support via, discussions and games around bullying and threatening behaviour. In addition to these, we have organised a trip down to Wrexham Eagles Meadow to watch a movie and have a game of bowling. This was a really nice opportunity to engage with the young people on a different Level, taking them out of their environment really does make a difference.

Workers have also supported a young person who is very troubled at the moment. She is traumatised by a very bad parental break-up and has, on occasion, needed additional support. A member of her family now has an injunction placed upon them so they are not allowed to go within a certain distance of her. This just means we have to be extra vigilant during the sessions.

While conducting detached work, we have also had great sessions in Acton Park, playing charades and ball games. The young people were really chilled out and relaxed, but the contact with them doesn't seem to last.

Staffing and recruitment

Louise Hollingsworth remains the constant Level 2 figure and is supported by Emily Gresham/Jarrold Keighley (Level 2) and a number of Level 1 workers. We are appointing a consistent Level 1 worker over the summer holidays who will be in place hopefully at the start of term. Louise now has a work mobile and can be contacted on **07800689112**.

Future delivery.

The youth service are working towards developing stronger links with Rhosnesni High School, particularly the Schools based youth work team and the transition work undertaken by the school. Additionally, links are beginning to develop between local youth organisations such as scouts, guides, and other local groups. This will engender a greater understanding of local interests and foster

positive partnerships going forward into the future. A programme for the summer period has been completed with the young people and was attached to the previous report in July. A programme for September – December will be available following the summer period.

As most of the project night are involved in the trip away (although they are open to everyone) it is envisaged that at least 7 young people will participate in the arranged activities.

In addition, talks are already underway about another “spooky” event. Louise and Mary (PCSO) will meet in early August.

The team endeavours to increase numbers to the project, with young people and staff involved in creating leaflets, delivering information to schools and local projects.

Myself and Craig Mathews are more than happy to meet with the Youth Committee in the near future to explore alternative options and maximise the opportunities we offer children and young people.

Report updated on 04.09.2015 as requested by the Youth Committee

Further to Minute 37 July 2015 set out below is a Summary of urgent issues that arose during the August recess that the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council agreed should be dealt with as set out below:

Issue	Decision and Action
<p>1 Planning applications for development or work to protected trees in the Community Council's area</p> <p>1. 59 Smithy Lane Wrexham Single-Storey Side Extension And Erection Of Porch (P/2015/0564)</p> <p>2. Alexandra CP School Park Avenue Wrexham Erection Of Four Classrooms And Sprinkler Tank And Alterations To Car Park (P/2015/0625)</p> <p>Copies of the electronic documents are available on Wrexham CBC Website.</p>	<p><i>The following observations be made on the applications:</i></p> <p>No Observations</p> <p>No Observations</p>
<p>2 Payment of Accounts since 21 July 2015</p> <p>20: WCBC 1st SLA payment for running costs of Little Acton Community Centre.</p> <p>21: WCBC 1st SLA payment for School Crossing Patrols in Acton Community</p> <p>22 WCBC: Employers expenses for August 2015</p> <p>21: Clerk's Expenses for August 2015</p>	<p>Agreed the following payments be authorised:</p> <p>20 £311.49 \$19 LG [Misc Prov]Act 1976</p> <p>21 £1847.50 \$137 LG Act 1972</p> <p>22 NJC Rates \$112 LG Act 1972</p> <p>23 £39.00 \$112 LG Act 1972</p>
<p>3.Section 116 – Local Government (Wales Measure) 2011</p> <p>Further to Minutes 130 February and Minute 38.6 July 2015, following advertisement by Public Notice dated 22 July 2015 of the Vacancies in the Office of Community Councillors in the Borrass Park ward, the Returning Officer confirmed on 18 August 2015 that no request had been received to fill the vacancies by Election. The Council must now arrange to fill the vacancies by Co-option.</p>	<p>Agreed to request the Clerk to proceed to make arrangements for the filling of the vacancies by co-option and prepare further Public notices to advertise the two vacancies in the Borrass Park ward and invite expressions of interest from suitably qualified members of the public. The Notices to be placed on the Community Council's notice board and Website.</p>
<p>4 Information received by the Clerk:</p> <p>i. Independent Remuneration Panel Survey – Email dated 21 August 2015 advising that the closing date for this Survey has been extended to 18 September 2015. The Clerk has submitted a simple factual response to the Survey on behalf of the Community Council.</p>	<p>To endorse the submission made by the Clerk to this Survey on behalf of the Community Council.</p>

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INTRODUCTION

In September 2009, the Community Council determined 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 consider the two applications for financial assistance submitted in accordance with the Policy agreed at the September 2009 meeting of the Council.

DECISION REQUIRED

To determine the two applications for financial assistance included in this report submitted in accordance with the Policy agreed at the September 2009 meeting of the Community Council.

INFORMATION

1. Members will recall that at the September 2009 meeting of the Community Council, consideration was given to the future 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 48 September 2009 refers). At that meeting, a standard financial application form was approved and is now circulated for completion 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 emphasis and focus of financial assistance is on providing pump priming to help local community groups to become self-financing rather than providing a regular guaranteed grant income year on year that may preclude other new local groups from being established to the benefit of the community. 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. Additional powers are also contained in Section 145 of the Act. A sum of £3,250 has been set aside in the estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2016 for this purpose. In accordance with Minute 145 March 2015, a further sum of £1,500 from within the 2014/15 Financial Assistance budget has been carried forward for allocation into the 2015/16 financial year.
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 £7.36 per person of the Community Councils' population is permissible for 2015/16. The Acton Community Tax base for 2015/16 is 5777. An extract of the powers contained in Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 that enables the Community Council to incur expenditure, 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 will be available at the meeting. Attached at Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 for information is a summary of the Financial Assistance Grants awarded during 2013/14 and 2014/15

5. In the current financial year, the Community Council has awarded one grant **totaling £400.00** as follows: -

Organisation	Details	Decision
1. Gate Hangs High Bowling Club	Assistance towards the Club's running costs and unexpected repairs to the mowing machine.	£400.00
	Total	£400.00

6. To ensure equal distribution of the budget, it has been apportioned equally between the quarterly meetings. This equates to £1187.50 per quarter for 2015/16. I have circulated several application forms in response to general requests for financial assistance together with a standard letter setting out the Council's policy and the deadline for receipt of applications for this meeting. I have received two completed forms in the current quarter listed below. The full application forms are attached to this report and a copy of the supporting accounts and any other supporting information will be available at the meeting. Members are requested to determine the following applications for financial assistance:

Organisation	Details	Decision
2. Friends of Acton park	Assistance towards the purchase of secure storage units for the Group's equipment	
3. North Wales Police	Assistance with cost of planning, organising and delivering a Haunted Walk in Acton Park in October 2015.	

End of Applications received in time for September 2015 meeting.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN DURING THE 2013/14 FINANCIAL YEAR:-

Organisation	Details	Grant Amount
Wales Air Ambulance	Donation towards costs of providing service across the whole of Wales / Night flying trials	200.00
North Wales Police - Acton Beat Team	£450 towards purchase of laptop for use in the ACRC subject to confirmation of being able to connect securely to NWP database. This Grant Offer was not taken up (see Minute 152 March 2014)	0.00
1st Rhosnessney Scout group	Grant towards the costs of repainting the signage at the front of Rhosnessney Scout Hut	100.00
St Johns Church Rhosnesni - Christmas Meal	Financial assistance towards the costs of the Community Christmas meal at St John's Church Rhosnesni on 17 December 2013	200.00
Wrexham & District PHAB Club	Support towards the running costs of the Club and its Ambulance	150.00
RBL Poppy Wreath	Donation for Poppy Wreath	70.00
Wrexham CBC	2xTickets to Mayors Charity Dinner on 18 October 2013	70.00
Shelter Cymru	Support towards cost of providing Housing Advice Services in Wrexham including free legal representation	100.00
North Wales Deaf Association	Donation towards costs of providing support and services to people with hearing loss in Acton Community areas	50.00
Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru	Assistance towards the costs of holding the 2014 Eisteddfod in Carmarthenshire	25.00
Bobath Children's Therapy Centre wales	Donation towards costs of providing service across the whole of Wales	50.00
Cunliffe Bowling Club	Financial Assistance to assist the Club in the purchase of equipment to take over the management and maintenance of the Bowling Green from Wrexham CBC	1,000.00
Talking Books Wales/ Llyfrau Llafor Cymru	Assistance towards continuation of providing free recording service of welsh and Anglo welsh books onto cd for the visually impaired throughout Wales	50.00
Gate Hangs High Bowling Club	Assistance towards the costs of running the Club and encouraging new younger members	100.00
Home Start – County Borough of Wrexham	Assistance to support new and existing vulnerable young families and their volunteers living in the Acton Community	100.00
Wrexham Allotment & Leisure Gardeners' Association	Request for £50 donation to sponsor a group of classes at the Annual Flower and Vegetable Show	50.00
Tenovus Cancer Charity	Assistance towards the cost of providing support, advice and treatment services in North Wales	50.00
Family Friends for 5's to 11's	Assistance to continue to train volunteers to support Wrexham Families suffering from stress by providing emotional and practical support	100.00
	Total	<u>£2,465.00</u>

(2013/14 Underspend of £285)

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN DURING THE 2014/15 FINANCIAL YEAR:-

Name	Detail	Amount £
1st Acton Rainbows	Donation towards purchasing craft items and organising activities and trips for Club's members	100.00
NSPCC - Childline Schools Service	Grant towards training volunteers to visit Primary Schools in Wales	25.00
RBL Wrexham Poppy Appeal	Purchase of Wreath for Remembrance Day and donation	100.00
New Steps - Life After Stroke Club	Grant towards running costs of Club whose aim to help with rehabilitation of Stroke Survivors in Wrexham	100.00
Cunliffe Bowling Club	Grant towards running costs of the Club	100.00
North Wales Police	Grant towards cost of planning, organising, delivering a Haunted Walk in Acton Park on 29 October 2014	100.00
Wrexham CBC	2xTickets to Mayors Charity Dinner on 17 October 2014	60.00
Shelter Cymru	Support towards cost of providing Housing Advice Services in Wrexham including free legal representation	100.00
St Johns Church Rhosnesni - Christmas Meal	Financial assistance towards the costs of the Community Christmas meal at St John's Church Rhosnesni on 17 December 2014	250.00
Friends of the Gresford Colliery Disaster Memorial	Financial assistance towards the costs of the renovation of the Memorial to those who were killed in the Gresford Colliery Disaster on 22 September 1934	100.00
Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru	Assistance towards the costs of holding the 2015 Eisteddfod in Montgomeryshire	50.00
Rhosnesni Residents' Association	Financial Assistance towards the costs of the Rhosnesni Christmas Festivities organised by the Rhosnesni Tenants' Association	150.00
Little Acton Community Centre Management Cmt	Deferred until the local community group is fully constituted	0.00
Urdd National Eisteddfod - 2015 Caerphilly	Assistance towards the costs of staging the 2015 Urdd National Eisteddfod in Caerphilly	50.00
Borras Park Albion Football Club	Support for the cost of youngsters from the Acton Community area participating on the Club's 35th Twinning Exchange to Germany in March 2015.	250.00
Wrexham Allotment & Leisure Gardeners' Association	Request for £50 donation to sponsor a group of classes at the Annual Flower and Vegetable Show	50.00
Family Friends for 5's to 11's	Assistance to continue to train volunteers to support Wrexham Families suffering from stress by providing emotional and practical support	100.00
Home Start – County Borough of Wrexham	Assistance to support new and existing vulnerable young families and their volunteers living in the Acton Community	100.00
Total (2014/15 Underspend of £1500)		1,785.00

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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

NAME OF ORGANISATION: FRIENDS OF ACTON PARK

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

M/s Christine Cribbin 59, Herbert Jennings Ave. Acton Park, Wrexham LL17YA

2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

To purchase two secure storage units for the group's tools, wheelbarrows and miscellaneous equipment. Our tools are worth in excess of £1,000 and currently kept in committee member's garages away from their home addresses. The storage units cost £120 each from Wickes Wrexham.

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 friends were formed in late 2008 following a failed lottery funding bid by W.C.B.C. The idea was to provide voluntary help to the parks manager by litter picking and general tidying up in Acton Park. Since then our group has grown and developed, we now meet monthly for gardening days and are joined by local residents and school pupils. We provide fun nature walks for the local primary schools, where the children can learn and observe all aspects of nature first hand. Additionally, several local companies now volunteer much needed manpower at our gardening days.

We have raised in excess of £9000 through grant funding, by organising fun days during the year, private donations and raffles. Several local companies now support us by providing raffle prizes and we also work closely with the Angling and Bowling clubs to ensure park visitors enjoy their experiences and feel safe and welcomed whenever they visit Acton Park.

To date we have been able to provide additional seats and litter bins, picnic benches, wildflower gardens and upgrades to the Japanese Garden. We have also provided three information boards showing visitors facts about park history, tree specimens and the various species of wildlife residents in the lake. Additionally we have our own web site, notice boards, newsletter and hold quarterly open meetings at the resource centre.

4. CAN ANYONE JOIN? YES WHO CAN BENEFIT? All local residents plus the wider community

5. HOW MANY RESIDENTS FROM THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA ARE MEMBERS OF OR BENEFIT FROM YOUR ORGANISATION? We have a core membership of 20, rising to 30, but all local visitors benefit – park footfall survey in excess of 10,000 for 2014

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? No

8. TELL US ABOUT THE SIZE OF YOUR ORGANISATION:

A. HOW MANY STAFF DO YOU EMPLOY? ..All members are volunteers

B. ARE THEY QUALIFIED & HAVE THEY RECEIVED APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND IF APPROPRIATE, THE NECESSARY SECURITY CHECKS? ...We are all CRB checked, responsible adults with years of life experience

9. IS THE WORK OF YOUR ORGANISATION SUPERVISED BY AN OFFICIAL BODY? YES/
IF YES, PLEASE STATE SUPERVISING BODY: ...Wrexham County Borough Council Parks Department....

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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM: FRIENDS OF ACTON PARK

10. PLEASE SUPPLY COPIES OF YOUR ACCOUNTS FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS
(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: £1221.....
- B. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS:
- C. OTHER INVESTMENTS:
- D. HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION’S PROFIT LAST YEAR? ... Balance at 31 December 2014 to be confirmed.
OR LOSS LAST YEAR?

12. IF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL WERE TO AGREE TO AWARD YOUR ORGANISATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, 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**

13. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL PLEASE STATE BELOW THE PAYEE NAME FOR THE CHEQUE:
FRIENDS OF ACTON PARK

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

We have been very successful as a group over the past seven years due to the enthusiasm of the core members. Our hard work has contributed to Acton Park gaining Green Flag recognition, a special community award from Wrexham Area Civic Society, plus local schools including our nature walks in their individual curriculums. Many other organisations/fitness clubs now come along to the park on a regular basis and more families visit in the knowledge of it being a safe and pleasant park to visit.

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I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT

SIGNED: C.E. Cribbin

DATE: 26th August 2015

POSITION IN ORGANISATION: Chairperson

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: 01978 352230

Please return this application form with supporting accounts to:

The Clerk to Acton Community Council, c/o Acton Community Resource Centre, Off Overton Way, Wrexham, LL12 7LB (or email: actoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com)

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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

NAME OF ORGANISATION: **NORTH WALES POLICE**

1. **NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:** PCSO Mary Argent
mary.argent@nthwales.pnn.police.uk 07854352471...

2. **REASON FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?** **To assist with the cost of planning, organising, and delivering a Haunted Walk in Acton Park in October 2015:** Following the success of last years Haunted Walk we are planning to do something similar this year. Requesting support from community councils for partial funding towards an initiative to reduce anti social behaviour and deliberate fire setting in the Acton and Rhosddu areas. The Arson Reduction Team have a pot of funding which we are applying for to assist with this initiative and we are asking if both Acton and Rhosddu Community Councils would be able to support with funding towards it by £100 each

Proposed initiative is to include Young people from the Acton and Rhosddu areas in planning, organising and delivering a haunted walk in Acton Park for local residents. Working with the local youth service we plan to set a program of sessions for the young people to attend whereby they will assist in making props, planning the event and making costumes. This in turn we hope will distract them from committing antisocial behaviour and give them a sense of belonging to the community they live in.

Leaflets and posters advertising the walk will be distributed in the area by young people, possibly use OWL to advertise. This will be a FREE event for the community to attend with a voluntary donation bucket, it has not yet been decided whether this will go towards funding the young people's reward or donated to a charity of the young people's choice. If this is the case police will not have any involvement in the collection. In turn the young people that assist with this community event will be rewarded with a group visit to the Crocky Trail.

Partners involved in the planning and organisation of this proposed event are; Police, Youth service, Fire service, Acton Community Council, Rhosddu Community Council, Acton Community Centre, Friends of Acton Park, Rhosnesni High School. This initiative is designed to engage young people and members of the community from the wards of Acton and Rhosddu these wards are as follows:

Acton , Maesydre, Rhosnesni, Little Acton and Borrass, Grosvenor, Stansty, Garden Village,

Last year we worked with a group of young people who were highlighted as causing antisocial behaviour in the Maesydre area in particular. We are pleased to say that the detached youth team have continued meeting and working with this group which we see as a positive outcome.

Recent issues of antisocial behaviour have been experienced in the Garden Village and Stansty Wards with stone throwing and fence panel kicking. Prices Lane skate park is still well attended by young people which has also suffered incidents of antisocial behaviour including deliberate fire setting in the past. Recently Acton has experienced incidents of deliberate fire setting which is of great concern for police and the community.

The initiative could assist PCSO's and youth workers to engage with young people who regularly frequent the Acton and Rhosddu wards, due to the recent closure of youth clubs and community centres in the area this has proved difficult to do on the street. The youth service provision appears to be reliant on the work of detached youth workers who do a brilliant job but this could allow PCSO's and youth workers better opportunities of engagement and also by the young people being part of putting on a community event that they feel more valued will be more valued in the community. Acton Community Centre has recently been improved and refurbished and is a resource that does not appear to be used to its full potential as yet. This event would encourage people who wouldn't normally visit the community centre to do so and consider attending there more often.

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 PCSO's of the Acton and Rhosddu Wards have got together to assist in the planning and delivery of this initiative. We are based at Wrexham Police Station and as I am sure you are ward based, dealing with and following up on incidents / crime that occur in the Acton Community Council wards on a daily basis. We have had an established community policing team for over 10

INFORMATION AND GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING

	Organisation	Details	Comments
1.	Huw Webb, Dementia Friendly Communities Co-ordinator, Colwyn Bay	Dementia Friendly Communities: Email dated 30 July extending an offer to attend a Community Council meeting to explain about the creation of Dementia Friendly Communities, an initiative supported by the Welsh Government and how Community Councillors can become involved through the creation of a sub group in the area.	
2.	Local Government Welsh Democracy Division Welsh Government	Devolution, Democracy and Delivery White Paper - Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People: Email dated 4 August 2015, advising that all responses received from this Consultation that ended on 28 April 2015 have now been considered and summarised. The responses will inform the second Local Government Bill scheduled to be published in draft in the Autumn 2015.	
3.	Play Wales	Play work Standards Review: Email dated 11 August 2015 advising of two focus group events to be held in Wales to review some of the key changes to the National Occupational Standards in Play work. The event in North Wales will be held on 5 October 2015 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the Old School Lane Centre, Llandudno. There are 25 places at each event.	
4.	Planning Aid Wales	Planning Training Workshop for Community and Town Councillors: Email dated 19 August 2015 advising the Chirk Town Council will be hosting this workshop on 22 October 2015 at 6:30pm. The cost is £30 per head and the Community Council is invited to send a representative to attend.	
5.	Dave Hylands, Wrexham Poppy Appeal Organiser	Wrexham Poppy Appeal 2015: Letter dated 24 August 2015 inviting the Council to order its usual Poppy Wreath for laying at the Annual Remembrance Day Service to be held at the Bodhyfryd War Memorial on Sunday 8 November 2015	
6.	Marie Russell, Wrexham CBC	Standards & Ethics Conference on 20 October 2015 in Cardiff: Email dated 26 August 2015 advising of this Conference. Community Councils will need to pay for any delegates they send to this Conference.	

	Organisation	Details	Comments
7.	Marie Russell, Wrexham CBC	Wrexham Town and Community Council Forum – 15 October 2015 at 4:00pm: Email dated 27 August 2015 inviting the Community Council to send 2/3 representatives to the next Forum and to submit any important items of business by no later than 24 September 2015	
8.	Daniel Jones AVOW	Relaunch of the Shopmobility Service in Wrexham on 17 September 2015: Email circulated to all members of the Council by the Clerk on 27 August 2015 advising of the launch and invitation to the Council to attend.	
9.	Nightingale House Hospice	Thanksgiving Service – St Giles Church on Friday 11 September at 11am: Email circulated to all members of the Council by the Clerk on 27 August 2015 advising of this invitation to attend the Thanksgiving Service	
10	Civic Support Officer Wrexham CBC	Mayor’s Charity Dinner Dance – Friday 16 October 2015: Email dated 3 September 2015 advising this event will take place at the Ramada Plaza on Friday 16 October at 7:30pm An official invitation will follow in due course	
11	Friends of Acton Park	Seasonal Ranger Post in Acton Park: Email dated 7 September 2015 thanking the Community Council for funding the Seasonal Park Ranger Post in Acton Park over the last few months and indicating this has been the most successful summer in terms of work/ events at the Park.	
12	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	PCC Community Awards – People’s Award: Email dated 8 September 2015 inviting members of the public to send their nominations for this award that highlights and honours an individual or community group who have made strong contributions towards community safety and crime prevention	