

14 October 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 20 OCTOBER 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:** To confirm the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 15 September 2015. Copy attached

### 4. INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES

1. **Minute 44.3: service Level Agreement Acton Play areas:** Clerk to give an update

5. **COMMUNITY POLICING MATTERS:** To receive an update from the Acton Community Police Officers.

6. **PROCEDURAL MATTERS - CASUAL COUNCILLOR VACANCIES:** To consider any Expressions of Interest submitted, receive short presentations from Candidates in attendance and proceed to fill the two Borrass Park Ward casual vacancies by Co-option in accordance with Section 116 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011. Report from the Clerk attached.

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. **ACTON PARK MATTERS - 2015 Seasonal Park Ranger:** To consider the attached report from the 2015 Acton Park Seasonal Ranger.

9. **CUNLIFFE BOWLING CLUB:** To consider a request from the Club to support its application to Wrexham County Borough Council under the "Together in Wrexham – Enabling Grants" as before submission the application form requires the signature of the Community Council Officer.

10. **THE FAIRWAYS NOTICE BOARD:** Chair to report

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Please contact Carole Roberts, Clerk to the Council on: 07913 071470 or

E-Mail: [actoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:actoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com) with any apologies or requests for further information.

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

**11. CONSULTATIONS:** The following consultation documents have been received since the last meeting and Members are requested to consider whether to make any comments on them:

1. **Your Services Your Choices:** The North Wales Fire and Rescue Service is consulting on the Services to be provided in North Wales 2016/17 and beyond. The Consultation can be found [here](#). The Closing date is 1 December 2015.
2. **Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft Annual Report - February 2016:** In accordance with the requirements of Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, this draft report can be accessed [by clicking here](#). The Community Council has been requested to submit any representations it may wish to make about this report by no later than **30 November 2015**. The report will have effect for the financial year 2016/17. Section 10 of the Report refers specifically to Town & Community Councils, and [this separate flyer](#) summarises the changes proposed for this year.

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

**13. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:** To note details of any payments received, progress against the budget and authorise any outstanding debtor or other payments.

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

<i>Case Number/ Address</i>	<i>Proposed Development</i>	<i>Decision</i>
*P/2015/0712 77 Dean Road Wrexham	Variation Of Condition 4 of Planning Permission WRE 6/04201 Dated 23.06.1978 to allow works to various trees	
*P/2015/0732 Acton Park Hotel, 110 Chester Road Wrexham	Rear Porch Extension	
*P/2015/0734 32 Smithy Lane, Wrexham	Construction of New Vehicular Access	
*P/2015/0745 3 Camberley Drive, Wrexham	Outline Application to erect 1 No. dwelling on land adjacent to 3 Camberley Drive	
*P/2015/0753 20 Glen Avon Wrexham	Erection of Summerhouse in Rear Garden for use as Hairdressers by appointment only	
*P/2015/0754 17 Ffordd Tegid, Wrexham	Single Storey side and Rear Extension	
*P/2015/0757 9 Turnberry Avenue, Wrexham	Single Storey Rear Extension	

*\*the plans and documents for these applications can be viewed online [by clicking here](#) and selecting the Community of Acton for the search. The Clerk has requested an extension of the 21 day consultation period where appropriate*

**15. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC:** It is recommended that the press and public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following item of business 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.

**16. PENSIONS REGULATOR – AUTOMATIC ENROLMENT PROCESS:** To consider the requirements notified by the Pensions Regulator on 18 September 2015.

**Minutes of the Meeting of Acton Community Council held on Tuesday 15 September 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 B Smith *
	G Lowe *	"	Mrs S Stanford
"	Mrs A O'Neill	"	2 vacancies
"	Mrs C O'Toole		

\* Absent

Also Present:

PCSO Siwan Huws, North Wales Police

Mrs Carole Roberts, Clerk to the Council

#### **40 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Boylin, G Lowe, T Pierce and Mrs B Smith.

The Chair reported receipt of a letter dated letter dated 8 September 2015 from Councillor E Boylin requesting leave of absence from his Community Councillor role on Acton Community Council whilst he cares for his wife through her recently diagnosed illness. Members were very sorry to learn of Mrs Boylin's illness and asked the Clerk to convey their best wishes to both Councillor and Mrs Boylin during this difficult time.

***RESOLVED – that In accordance with Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Community Council approved the reason set out Councillor Boylin's letter dated 8 September as being a valid reason for his absence from Community Council meetings until 20 January 2016 and the Community Council will if necessary review the situation at its meeting to be held on Tuesday 19 January 2016.***

#### **41 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Carole O'Toole declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in respect of Agenda Item 8 as a member of her family sits on the Independent Remuneration Panel.

#### **42 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the following Meetings were submitted:

1. Meeting of the Community Council held on 21 July 2015; and
2. Meeting of the Youth Committee held on 28 July 2015 together with an updated Quarter 1 report for 2015/16 and a report on the Acton Detached Youth Work provision's activities during the summer school holidays.

Members expressed disappointment on the level of engagement with young people detailed in the reports and questioned the mode of delivery for this service, its delivery capability and the sustainability of the present service. It was noted that the Youth Committee at its next meeting would be looking in detail at the mode of delivery, whether current needs were being met, based on the outputs presented and to give consideration to alternates and different approaches.

***RESOLVED – that***

1. *the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held on 20 January 2015 be received and confirmed as a correct record; and*
2. *the minutes of the Youth Committee held on 28 July 2015 be received and noted.*

#### 43 INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21 JULY 2015

- 1) **Minute 33: Protecting Community Assets** : The Clerk reported that a letter of thanks had been received from Lesley Griffiths AM following her attendance at the meeting and a response on the Protecting Community Assets Consultation was submitted by the Consultation deadline. The present position was noted.
- 2) **Minute 35: Annual Accounts 2014/15**: It was noted that the Clerk had now taken the necessary action to comply with the Accounts and Audit Regulations. In respect of the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015, the Clerk advised that under Section 151 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales requires that Relevant authorities must arrange for the publication within the authority area of the remuneration received by its members and co-opted members. This information must be published and provided to the Panel no later than 30 September following the end of the year to which the payments relate. The information to be provided must detail the payments made by community and town councils to named members.

**RESOLVED – that the Clerk by 30 September 2015 prepare, submit and publish a schedule listing each member and any remuneration received in accordance with Section 151 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.**

*(Councillor Carole O’Toole having a member of her family sit on the Independent Remuneration Panel declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in this item. She left the meeting taking no part in the consideration, discussion or voting on this matter.)*

- 3) **Minute 36 – Service Level Agreements Acton Play Areas**: The Clerk reported that Mr Martin Howorth, Wrexham CBC had advised that the items identified in the annual inspection are low risk and are not considered worth spending Community Council money on carrying out improvements, unless specifically asked to do so. But obviously there would be a cost to the Community Council for the minor repairs to be carried out. Members indicated they would prefer for the Play areas to be kept in as good a condition as possible to prolong the life of the equipment, fencing and play surfaces and mitigate any risk.

**RESOLVED – that the Clerk to the Council find out from Mr Howorth how much it would cost to carry out the low risk minor repairs and improvements identified in the Annual inspection reports.**

#### 44 COMMUNITY POLICING MATTERS

The Chair welcomed PCSO Siwan Huws who was attending the meeting on behalf of North Wales Police to provide the Monthly Acton Community Policing and Operations Report. A new format monthly report was tabled at the meeting providing details of Priorities, Emerging Issues, good news Stories, the Crime Figure breakdowns in the five Acton wards and an outline of the current Policing Operations.

Members noted details of a successful case in the Dean Road/Holt Road area in respect of anti-social behaviour, continuing work in respect of cold calling and providing stickers to residents and Current Operations particularly in Acton Park.

It was noted that the quarterly policing objective setting meeting had been cancelled yesterday. The Chair questioned whether it would be more appropriate to have half or yearly meetings with the Town Inspector. Members requested that if possible it would be helpful to have an indication within the monthly report of comparisons up or down of the crime types.

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

#### 45 COMMUNITY & RESOURCE CENTRES IN THE ACTON COMMUNITY

- **Acton Community Resource Centre**: The Chair welcomed Mr Dylan Hughes who was in attendance to 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 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. It was noted that the Council’s SLA for the Resource

Centre specifically states that the £30,000 pa paid by the Community Council will remain for the use of the Centre and not be re-allocated to any other general leisure or community centre budgets.

Mr Hughes advised that Acton Community Council was a key partner and the proposed non-profit distributing Charitable Trust would be independent of Wrexham County Borough Council with its own structure and governance arrangements though a Board of Trustees. He referred to the Management situation at the Acton CRC with Lynn Williams now being in post as Manager and to the increasing usage and block bookings for the Centre during the first quarter. Members raised the following matters:

- Transfer of the existing Management Committee arrangements and powers to the Board of Trustees
- What would the new role of the existing Management Committee be?
- Clarification about the Operational, Employment and Management Powers of the Trust
- Ring Fencing of the Acton Community Council Service Level Agreement and a preference to renew and review the current arrangements before transfer out from Wrexham CBC control to ensure best value for the residents of the five Acton Community wards
- Trust Operational Surpluses - how they will be used and be of benefit to the Acton CRC?
- The current staffing vacancies at the Centre should be filled before transfer to a Trust in accordance with the existing Service Level Agreement

**RESOLVED – that Mr Hughes be requested to attend an early meeting of the Council to provide further detailed information on the issues now raised to ensure adequate consideration prior to setting the precept for 2016/17.**

- **Little Acton Community Centre:** Councillor Bill Baldwin updated the Community Council. It was noted that little progress had been made by the Voluntary Community Group to take over responsibility for the Little Acton Community Centre from 1 April 2016. A meeting of the Management Committee was planned for 16 September 2015. Mr Dylan Hughes stayed during consideration of this item. He advised there was currently no process for asset transfer but there was a draft policy being prepared to address how to support groups and set out options such as tenancy at will and arrangements for health and safety and water testing.

It was noted that the Community Council is funding up to £7,254 of the 2015/16 running costs to enable the Community Group to conclude taking over responsibility from Wrexham CBC by 31 March 2016. Members suggested that Mr Hughes should meet separately with Councillor Baldwin to take this matter forward. The Chair concluded that it was pleasing to note that Wrexham CBC was developing a process for Asset Transfer. The issues still to be addressed by this voluntary Group were to have a properly constituted body capable of agreement for transfer and letting a Tenancy for the Little Acton Community Centre and for any liability to be on a legal footing, including arrangements to meet any operational funding deficit.

The present position was noted.

#### **46 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.**

#### **47 AUGUST RECESS MATTERS**

Further to Minute 37 July 2015, a summary of the action taken by the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair on the following urgent matters during the August recess was received and noted:-

- 1. Planning applications** for development or work to protected trees in the Community Council's area
- 2. Payment of Accounts**
- 3. Section 116 – Local government (Wales Measure) 2011 – Casual vacancies Borrás Park Ward – filling by co-option**
- 4. Information received by the Clerk:**
  - i. Independent Remuneration Panel Survey – submission of response by Clerk
  - ii. Be Involved Be Proud and Be Tidy - September Clean-up campaign – noted due to limited resources of the Community Council

## 48 CONSULTATIONS

Members received details of the following consultation papers received during the August 2015 recess and considered 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](#) by 30 September 2015. Feedback received will assist with identifying any improvements that can be made prior to the strategy being adopted by the Council.

**RESOLVED – that the Clerk responds on the Council's behalf to this consultation incorporating the views previously expressed for the Local Development Plan and the iTree Survey from 2014.**

**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 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.

**RESOLVED – that Members submit individual responses to this Consultation due to there being no overall consensus view point.**

**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.

**RESOLVED – that Members submit individual responses to this Consultation due to there being no overall consensus view point.**

**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 run until the 5 October 2015. Two Wrexham based Public meetings were held in the Memorial Hall, Bodhyfryd on Friday 11 September 2015.

Councillor Sue Stanford reported on her attendance at one of the Public Meetings and referred to operational implications due to the inability to attract permanent Doctors, use of locums, and Registration as a training facility. It was noted that Option 4 was the Health Board's preference. The Chair thanked Councillor Stanford for her report.

**RESOLVED – that Members submit individual responses to this Consultation due to there being no overall view point.**

**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. The 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).

**RESOLVED – that Members submit individual responses to this Consultation due to there being no overall view point**

**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.

**RESOLVED – that the Clerk, Chair and Vice chair of the Council consider and prepare a submission on behalf of the Council.**

**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. The consultation runs until 26 November 2015.

**RESOLVED – that the Consultation be noted.**

#### 49 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Clerk submitted a report detailing two applications for financial assistance received since the June 2015 meeting. The Council's Policy is to apportion the annual £3,250 budget equally between each of the quarterly meetings. A further sum of £1500 from within the 2014/15 Financial Assistance budget has been carried forward for allocation into the 2015/16 financial year. This equates to £1187.50 per quarter for 2015/16. Members were reminded that Grants totalling £400 have been made so far during 2015/16. Members then proceeded to consider the two applications and whether the Council wished to make any grant to the applicants under the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

**RESOLVED – that the following Financial Assistance grants be made:–**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>1. Friends of Acton park</b>	<b>Assistance towards the purchase of secure storage units for the Group's equipment</b>	<b>£120.00</b>
<b>2. North Wales Police</b>	<b>Assistance with cost of planning, organising and delivering a Haunted Walk in Acton Park in October 2015.</b>	<b>£100.00</b>

#### 50 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:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Details and action taken</b>
1 Huw Webb, Dementia Friendly Communities Co- ordinator, Colwyn Bay	<b>Dementia Friendly Communities:</b> Email dated 30 July offering 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. <b>RESOLVED – that Mr Webb attend the next meeting of the Council.</b>
2 Local Government Welsh Democracy Division Welsh Government	<b>Devolution, Democracy and Delivery White Paper - Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People:</b> 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. <b>Information noted.</b>
3 Play Wales	<b>Play work Standards Review:</b> 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 North Wales event will be held on 5 October 2015 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the Old School Lane Centre, Llandudno. <b>Information noted</b>
4 Planning Aid Wales	<b>Planning Training Workshop for Community and Town Councillors:</b> Email dated 19 August 2015 advising the Chirk Town Council will be hosting this workshop on 22 October 2015 at 6:30pm. The Community Council is invited to send a representative to attend. <b>Information noted</b>
5 Dave Hylands, Wrexham Poppy Appeal Organiser	<b>Wrexham Poppy Appeal 2015:</b> 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 <b>RESOLVED - that the Council purchase a Poppy Wreath for laying at the annual Service and a donation of £100.00 be made</b>

Organisation	Details and action taken
6 Marie Russell, Wrexham CBC	<b>Standards &amp; Ethics Conference on 20 October 2015 in Cardiff:</b> Email dated 26 August 2015 advising of this Conference. Community Councils will need to pay for any delegates they send to this Conference. <i>Information noted</i>
7 Marie Russell, Wrexham CBC	<b>Wrexham Town and Community Council Forum – 15 October 2015 at 4:00pm:</b> 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 <i>RESOLVED - that Councillor Ralph hardy attend as the Council's representative.</i>
8 Daniel Jones AVOW	<b>Relaunch of the Shopmobility Service in Wrexham on 17 September 2015:</b> Email circulated to members of the Council by the Clerk on 27 August 2015 advising of an invitation to attend the launch. <i>Information noted</i>
9 Nightingale House Hospice	<b>Thanksgiving Service – St Giles Church on Friday 11 September at 11am:</b> Email circulated to members of the Council by the Clerk on 27 August 2015 advising of this invitation to attend the Thanksgiving Service. <i>Information noted</i>
10 Civic Support Officer Wrexham CBC	<b>Mayor's Charity Dinner Dance – Friday 16 October 2015:</b> Email dated 3 September 2015 advising of this event to take place at the Ramada Plaza on Friday 16 October at 7:30pm. <i>Information noted</i>
11 Friends of Acton Park	<b>Seasonal Ranger Post in Acton Park:</b> 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. Members concurred with the Friends' Group and commented on how lovely the Park was looking.
12 Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	<b>PCC Community Awards – People's Award:</b> Email dated 8 September 2015 inviting nominations for this award that highlights and honours individuals or community groups who have made strong contributions towards community safety and crime prevention. <i>Information noted</i>
13 Delyth Thomas Corp Communications North Wales Police	<b>North Wales Police open Day – 19 September 2015:</b> Email dated 9 September 2015 advising of this event which is to taking place at Police Headquarters Colwyn Bay between 11am and 4pm <i>Information noted</i>
14 One Voice Wales	<b>Consultation Event Invitation – Public Sector Waste &amp; resource Efficiency Plan:</b> Email dated 11 September 2015 advising of two free events to collect views about this Plan aimed at achieving the goals of the Well-being Future Generations (Wales) Act. The North Wales event will be held in Llandudno on 6 October 2015 between 9:00am and 13:00pm. <i>Information noted</i>

## 51 VARIANCE IN AGENDA

The Chair having regard to the potential for exempt information to be debated under Agenda Item 12 and not wishing to unduly delay members of the press and public proposed that the following agenda items be brought forward and taken at this time:

- Agenda Item 13: Payment of Accounts
- Agenda item 14: Planning Applications

**RESOLVED – that Agenda Items 13 and 14 be brought forward and taken at this time.**

## 52 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Members received details of payments received since the last report and outstanding debtor or other payments that required authorisation. The Clerk reported that the following earmarked monies from 2014/15 will shortly be transferred to the relevant accounts:

1. £250 – replenish of Chairman's Charity Account
2. £18,958 – Ring Fenced reserve for Acton Community Resource Centre to Money Market call Account
3. £5,000 full Council Elections Set aside to Money Market call Account
4. £15,000 Playground Equipment Provision to Money Market call Account

**Resolved – that the following payments be approved: -**

<b>Voucher No; Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
24 SLCC Enterprises Ltd	Delegate Fee – Welsh Regional Conference at Swansea on 17 September 2015 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972	£82.80 (inc £13.80 vat)
25 Carole Roberts Clerk to the Council	Clerks Expenses for September 2015 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972	£63.52
26 Friends of Acton Park	Financial Assistance –Purchase of equipment Section 137 Local Government Act 1972	£120.00
27.North Wales Police	Assistance with cost of planning, organising and delivering a Haunted Walk in Acton Park in October 2015. Section 137 Local Government Act 1972	£100.00
28 Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath & Donation S137 Local Government Act 1972	£100.00
29 Wrexham County Borough Council	Clerks Salary and office expenses for September 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

### **53 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Council noted that no Planning Applications for development in the Community Council's area have been received for consideration. The present position was noted.

### **54 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

***RESOLVED - that the press and public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following item of business 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.***

### **55 ITEM PLACED ON THE AGENDA AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCILLOR CAROLE O'TOOLE**

Councillor Carole O'Toole proposed that as part of the debate for the Budget Setting Process for 2016/17 there should be a root and branch review of all current budget expenditure and continuation of Service Level Agreements, and consideration should be given to the changing nature of expectations of what the Community Council is expected to do. It is critical that the Council's policies in respect of services to be provided are prioritised and enable the greatest benefit to the people of the Acton Community.

The Chair concurred that this is a watershed moment and the Community Council whilst being circumspect should agree and have a clearly defined framework and set of priorities in place to respond to any additional service or future funding requests made. It was also noted that any future spending plans should be considered in the context of the legislative Powers available to the Community Council.

***RESOLVED – that the Clerk to the Council canvass members and arrange for a suitable date to be identified to hold a special meeting of the Community Council to consider Priorities, Spending Powers and current budget headings to inform the budget setting process for 2016/17.***

Signed as a correct record this 20th day of October 2015

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Chair

**SECTION 116 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURE 2011: CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS****REPORT FROM THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL****INTRODUCTION**

The Community Council currently has two vacancies in the Borrass Park ward following the resignations of Councillors Miss Joyce Dudley and Mrs Olive Simm. The necessary steps have been taken to fill the vacancies in accordance with Section 116 of the Local (Wales) Measure 2011

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To enable Members to consider the only expression of interest submitted to the Clerk to the Council by noon on the relevant date of Tuesday 13 October 2015 in accordance with Section 116 of the Local (Wales) Measure 2011. The expressions of interest received is attached to this report and the Candidate has been invited to give a short two or three minute presentation to the full Council on why he has expressed an interest and considers that he is qualified to be co-opted onto the Community Council.

**DECISION REQUIRED**

To consider the Expression of Interest received and if appropriate to proceed to fill one of the two vacancies in the Borrass Park Ward by Co-option in accordance with Section 116 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.

**INFORMATION**

1. Further to the August 2015 Recess decision taken in respect of filling by Co-option, the two vacancies for the Borrass Park Ward, only one candidate has submitted an expression of interest to the Clerk to the Council by noon on the relevant date in accordance with Section 116 of the Local (Wales) Measure 2011. He has been invited to attend the meeting next Tuesday 20 October 2015 to give a short two or three minute presentation on why he has expressed an interest and wishes to be co-opted onto the Community Council. He has also provided a brief resume of his personal background, a copy of which is attached for Members consideration prior to the filling of any of the two vacancies by co-option at the Meeting:

1. Mr Gareth Dafydd Pearce

**CO-OPTION PROCEDURES – (ADVICE GIVEN BY THE RETURNING OFFICER)**

2. The Returning Officer has given the following advice in respect of the Co-option Procedure:

- 1 “A person must be qualified, and not disqualified, to serve as a councillor in order to be co-opted. The person co-opted must receive an absolute majority vote of the councillors present and voting. The council may have Standing Orders which relate to the co-option of Members. Where there are more than two candidates for the vacancy, it would be best practice, for example, to run a series of votes, each time removing the candidate who has the least number of votes until one candidate secures an absolute majority.
- 2 The usual rules on voting apply. Provided that the meeting has a quorum, the decision must be made by a majority of members who are present and voting. The person presiding over the meeting may vote, and if there is an equality of votes he may exercise his casting vote. Members must vote by show of hands unless the council has standing orders that provide otherwise.
- 3 The Council’s debate and vote on the co-option must be conducted in the public section of its meeting. It follows that the candidates, as members of the public, will be entitled to be present during the proceedings.”

**ADDENDUM TO REPORT:**

3. *The Electoral Services Office has advised on 20 October 2015 that in the event of insufficient candidates coming forward to fill the two Borrass Park Ward vacancies by Co-option, the Community Council may fill one vacancy by Co-option and re-advertise the remaining vacancy by Public Notice.*

APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION ONTO THE COUNCIL

1. WARD YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR: **BORRAS PARK**

2. NAME: GARETH DAYYDD PERCE

3. ADDRESS: 17 DERWENT CLOSE, ACTON PARK, WREXHAM, LL12 7YR

4. REASON FOR WANTING TO BE A COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR?

I HAVE A PASSIONATE INTEREST IN POLITICS AND A DESIRE TO DO PUBLIC SERVICE. HAVING LIVED IN ACTON/BORRAS ALL MY LIFE I KNOW THE AREA EXTREMELY WELL.

5. PERSONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF:

I.e.: Work:

I WORK FOR THE NATWEST BANK AND HAVE WORKED IN THE WREXHAM BRANCH FOR FIVE YEARS.

Volunteer Experience:

NONE AS YET.

Qualities you would bring to the role of Community Councillor

IN MY JOB I DEAL WITH PEOPLE'S ISSUES AND PROBLEMS ON A DAILY BASIS AND RESOLVING THE MOST REWARDING AND ENJOYABLE PART OF MY JOB IS GETTING TO KNOW MY CUSTOMERS. I FEEL I COULD APPLY THESE SKILLS TO THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL ROLE.

6. PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED ABOVE THAT YOU THINK MAY SUPPORT YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO BE CO-OPTED ONTO ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

I STUDIED POLITICS IN UNIVERSITY AND AM PASSIONATE ABOUT THE IDEA OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND WANTING TO GET INVOLVED IN LOCAL POLITICS. MY KNOWLEDGE OF THE AREA IS EXCELLENT AND I KNOW LOTS OF PEOPLE IN THE AREA. I WOULD GIVE THE ROLE MY ALL AND I WOULD TAKE A GENUINE INTEREST IN THE PEOPLE I WOULD REPRESENT.

I certify that I meet the qualification requirements to be considered for co-option onto Acton Community Council and the information given above is correct

SIGNED: 

DATE: 26 | 9 | 2015

Please return this form to: The Clerk to Acton Community Council, c/o Acton Community Resource Centre, Overton Way, Wrexham LL12 7LB (or email: [actoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:actoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com))

BY NO LATER than NOON on TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2015

# Acton Park Seasonal Ranger Report

Including appendix 1 survey results and 2 bee survey results.

## Background

I was employed as the Seasonal Ranger for a 16 week period, from May until September 2015. Working hours were generally Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, 9am-5pm. When at the park, I was based at the Cunliffe Bowling Club and was also given a mobile phone for when out onsite. I used Alyn Waters Country Park as an office base.

## General Duties

- Patrolled the park each day, am and pm
- Litter picking in the absence of the resident litter picker
- Warden patrols- carried out weekly, recording any dead wildfowl found on the lake
- Site safety check- carried out monthly from May until September
- Weeding- under and around benches, all car parks, the tennis courts, pathways and the Rose Garden.
- Cleaning- all signs in the park and polishing the brass poems in the park.
- Pathways- cut back and pruned along all pathways and, where necessary, on fishing pegs. Pathways were also swept with a brush periodically to keep the park looking clean
- Shrub beds- the shrub bed outside the bowls pavilion was weeded, pruned, edged and covered with woodchip. The rose garden beds were weeded and covered with woodchip and the playground shrub bed was weeded
- Painting-Japanese garden structures and all park benches.
- Wildlife surveys- carried out dragonfly and damselfly surveys to complete species lists. Took part in the Big Butterfly Count at several sites around the park. Carried out fortnightly bee surveys as part of involvement with BeeWalk.

## Extra Duties

- School visits- Three local schools were invited to have ranger led visits to Acton this year. Borrass, Acton and Bakers Lane. Overall I carried out 8 sessions that each lasted 2 hours, totalling four days of visits with 239 children in total. Prior to this, I planned and prepared these visits, carried out risk assessments and produced an activity for each school to do back in the classroom. Each visit consisted of a nature walk that included a mini-beast hunt, a talk on feeding the ducks and a small craft activity. Each visit was related to the national curriculum for the correct age groups. For one school, tailor made lifecycles sessions were carried out, looking at the lifecycles of butterflies and dragonflies.

- Dog fouling campaign- This year I carried out a week long campaign to tackle the issue of dog fouling in the park. The campaign involved local schools that designed posters for the campaign. On the launch day, it involved several volunteers from the Friends of Acton Park and received a fair amount of press interest. A radio interview was carried out about the campaign by Liz Carding, Senior Ranger and a press release appeared in the Wrexham Leader. Throughout the campaign, which ran from August 17<sup>th</sup> until August 24<sup>th</sup>, 48 dog fouls were flagged and sprayed throughout the park. During the week, posters were put up around the park to highlight the issue further and the local dog wardens carried out increased patrols. Throughout the week many members of the public gave positive comments about the campaign.
- Park surveys- During August/September I carried out a survey based on park users and their views on Acton Park. This data has been put in a reader-friendly word document and is available from Richard Aram.

## **Events in the Park**

- 26/05/15 Tennis Coaching. Attended by 14 children and 11 adults.
- 18/06/15 Community Clean Up. Attended by 10 adults.
- 02/07/15 Tree Walk. Attended by 7 adults.
- 16/07/15 Community Clean Up. Attended by 12 adults.
- 23/07/15 Tennis Coaching. Attended by 24 children and 11 adults.
- 27/07/15 Nature Trail. Attended by 9 children and 5 adults.
- 04/08/15 Nature Crafts. Attended by 34 children and 19 adults.
- 13/08/2015 Community Clean Up. Attended by 4 adults.
- 13/08/15 Acton Park Fun Day. Organised by the Friends of Acton and myself. Attended by over 300 members of the public. I provided bug house making for children, attended by 54 children. £500 raised for the park.
- 25/08/15, Family Fun Dog Show. Attended by over 150 members of the public. Friends of Acton Park attended as volunteers to assist with running the event. 64 dogs were entered into the show and the dog's trust who attended the event microchipped 54 dogs from the local area. £200 raised for the park.

All events were advertised through posters around the park and around the area in local shops. Event listings were also put onto the Friends of Acton Park website.

## **Suggestions for the Park**

- More events catered towards adults. The tree walk is popular and a bird walk could easily be done once a year also. These would need to be well advertised with a poster up in the park
- Re-painting the car park at the Cunliffe bowling green to make the spaces wider. Taking one space out would allow the other spaces to be a more reasonable size and would help make the parking situation here much better. Other car parks would benefit from being extended but the Cunliffe in particular causes problems just because the spaces are too narrow
- Information board for wild meadow, explaining to people why it is there and what wildlife can be seen. The area is under appreciated currently due to a lack of interpretation
- More wild areas where wildflowers can be planted and the grass can be cut less often.
- The fishing club expressed a wish of having access to the toilet facilities in the bowls pavilion
- Local groups would benefit from park visits during the period the park ranger is present. The school visits were very well received and helped to encourage a new use for the park. Local scouts, beavers and other similar groups could also benefit from similar visits throughout the summer and it would help to encourage a new set of park users.

## **General Comments**

It is very difficult to operate from the Cunliffe bowling green. For the past 5 months I have had to keep tools, paperwork and other bits in my car constantly due to a lack of storage space in the bowling green. I have also had to constantly travel back and to from Alyn Waters to use the computers and checking email regularly can become difficult and time consuming due to this journey. Without a car this post would have been impossible.

People once again seemed to enjoy having a visible point of contact in the park to discuss park issues and also to discuss their enjoyment of the park. Many people like their complaints to be heard and discussed with a member of staff. The complaint most often heard was regarding dog control and fouling in the park. After the dog fouling campaign carried out in August, people seemed to be happy that something had been done but there is a need for a more permanent campaign to be in place. Suggestions include more permanent posters or updating the posters in the park notice boards.

All of the events were a success again this year, with the fun day and the dog show being the best attended events. If events are to continue next year, I would suggest having at least one more event catered towards adults. I would also suggest continuing with the fun day and dog show as between them £700 was raised for the park.

Having previously done this post, I think the new working arrangements suit the post better. Working part time over a longer time period allows for more to be done. School visits were a great addition to the post and I hope that these will continue next year. Overall, I think the presence of a park ranger was once again beneficial to the park and the park users.

# Appendix 1: Acton Park Survey Results

47 surveys were completed over a 4 week period mid-August until early September.

## 1 Is this your first visit to this park?

Yes	3
No	44

## 2 How often do you visit this park?

Daily	22
Weekly	11
Monthly	6
Less Often	8

## 3 Who are you with on your visit today? Are you...?

On your own	12
With family	20
With friends	9
With an organised group	8
With a visitor to the area	1

Other, write in below

Dog	10
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## 4 What type of organised group are you with?

School or college group	0
Outdoor activity group	5
Social group (e.g. youth club)	0
Coach party	0

Other, write in below

Bowling Club	3
Craft Stall	2

## 4 Can you please tell me the first part of your home postcode?

L	L	1	2
L	L	1	1
L	L	1	3
L	1	7	R
L	L	1	4
C	H	3	
C	H	4	
S	Y	2	2

20
7
11
1
4
1
1
1

**6 Can you please tell me the name of the country where you live?**

Wales	45
England	1
No	1

**7 Where did you come from today?**

Home	45
Holiday Home	0
Campsite	0
Bed and Breakfast	0
Hotel	0

Other, write in below

Friends House	1
Work	1

**8 How did you travel here today?**

Car	29
Motorcycle	0
Mini Bus	0
Coach	0
Train	0
Bicycle	0
Taxi	0
On foot	16
Local Bus	0
Disability Scooter	2

**9 How long did it take you to get to this site today?**

Less than 10 minutes	31
Between 10 and 29 minutes	15
Between 30 and 59 minutes	1
Between 1 and 2 hours	0
More than 2 hours	0

**10 How easy was this site to find (i.e. were there sufficient signposts provided or directions available)?**

Very easy	37
Fairly easy	6
Fairly difficult	3
Very difficult	0

Why was it difficult to find ?

No signs 5  
Can be difficult for new users 1

**11 What have you done (or will you) do during your visit here today?**

Gone for walk	37	Please state which: Sunday 2
Taken part in event	8	
Use sports facilities	4	
Observed wildlife	16	
Photography	1	
Picnic	5	
Use play equipment	12	
Relaxation	15	
Get some fresh air	21	
Meeting	1	
Litter picking	1	
Football	1	
Fishing	1	
Socialise with other park users	1	

**12 How long has your visit lasted (or how long do you intend staying) ?**

Less than 1 hour	15
Between 1 and 2 hours	23
Between 2 and 3 hours	2
Between 3 and 4 hours	4
4 hours or more	3

**13 Where did you find out about this park?**

Wrexham Council Website	4
Wrexham Parks, Information and events leaflet 2011	1
Wrexham "Whats On"	0
Other leaflet	1
Word of Mouth	21
Radio	0
Local Paper	1
Road Signs	1
Tourist Information Centre	0
Other, write in below	
Local to area	18

Working with youth service	1
Friends website	1
Ex local	1

**14** Can you rate how satisfied you were with the following aspects of this park?  
If you didn't use a facility then please state that you don't know.

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't Know
Play area	8	11	3	2	2	20
Sports facilities	10	10	3	0	0	23
Information Available	12	23	6	1	0	4
Car Park	12	13	3	8	2	9
Surfaced Paths	14	28	2	2	0	0
Cleanliness	19	21	5	0	1	1
Safety	14	24	6	0	0	2
Events	7	16	6	0	0	18
Staff	21	12	7	0	0	5
Overall Satisfaction	23	21	1	1	0	0

**15** Can you please tell me why you were dissatisfied with any of the aspects of the site mentioned previously? Like wise, was there anything especially pleasing ?

Lack of playground for older children 6  
 Cunliffe car park too small 5  
 All parking not big enough 5  
 Dog fouling is a major problem 3  
 Noticeboards do not appear up-to-date 2  
 Litter in lake 1  
 Events should be year round, not just summer 1  
 Bowling green should be accessible to public 1  
 Another bin needed along path running along Jeffery's Road 1

**Positive:**

- Beautiful place to walk **1**
- Excellent park **3**
- Excellent facility **1**
- Very good work from volunteers **2**
- Well-loved environment **1**
- Seasonal ranger is an excellent job **1**
- Enjoyed dog show **1**

**Suggestions for the park:**

- Toilets **1**
- Zip wire **1**
- More wildflowers **1**
- Could put a poo bag dispenser in the park **1**
- Could lease out to a food vender so hot drinks were available in park **3**
- Make the old playground into a dog play area **2**
- On busy days the playground is overcrowded, maybe add more to it **1**
- Football pitch **1**
- Continue dog fouling campaign **1**
- Put straw in bags once again to combat algal blooms **1**
- Bird watching event **1**
- Camera trap in owl box **1**
- Put identification permanent tags on trees around the park **2**
- Keep the children's playground in the park **1**

**Negative:**

- Grass cuttings should be removed and some areas are not cut **1**
- Cut back nettles along paths **1**
- Do not like the obscured view of the lake **1**

## Appendix 2: Acton Park Bee Survey Data

**Transect 1:** Starting by the fence at the outside the bowling green, walking along the fence, past the shrub bed,, through the carpark. Cross the road and go left through the trees, walk down the field looking to the trees/uncut area on the left. Go down until you reach the 3 trees, planted in a triangle, about 100 feet from field corner.

**Transect 2:** Starting at the old rose garden, following the hedge round the rhododendron bushes, down the line of trees in the field, past the Japanese garden, through gap in hedges on left then along the hedgerow back to old wall remains near the Cunliffe.

**Transect 3:** Straight line down the middle of the wild meadow area.

Maps can be found on beewalk.org.uk, listed as Acton Park Transect 1, 2 and 3.

Transect: 1

Date: 18/06/2015

Time: 14.55pm-16.00pm

Species	Transect Section	Queens	Workers	Males
White-tailed Bumblebee	1		2	
Tree Bumblebee	1		4	
White-tailed Bumblebee	2		1	
Tree Bumblebee	3		2	
Tree Bumblebee	5		2	
Buff-tailed Bumblebee	5		1	

**Transect: 2**

**Date: 18/06/2015**

**Time: 16.05pm-16.30pm**

Species	Transect Section	Queens	Workers	Males
Tree Bumblebee	1		1	
Buff-tailed Bumblebee	1		1	
Tree Bumblebee	3		2	
Garden Bumblebee	3		1	
Tree Bumblebee	7		2	

Transect: 3

Date: 18/06/2015

Time: 15.45pm-16.00pm

Species	Transect Section	Queens	Workers	Males
Red-tailed Bumblebee	1		1	
White-tailed Bumblebee	1		1	
Buff-tailed Bumblebee	1		2	
Tree Bumblebee	1		4	
Common Carder Bee	1		1	

Transect: 3

Date: 29/06/2015

Time: 16.20pm-16.45pm

Species	Transect Section	Queens	Workers	Males
Red-tailed Bumblebee	1		1	
Common Carder Bee	1		1	
Buff-tailed Bumblebee	1		1	
Tree Bumblebee	1		5	
Gypsy Cuckoo Bee	1	1		

Transect: 1  
 Date: 29/06/2015  
 Time: 16.00pm-16.15pm

Species	Transect Section	Queens	Workers	Males
White-tailed Bumblebee	1		2	
Tree Bumblebee	1		2	
White-tailed Bumblebee	2		3	
Red-tailed Bumblebee	2		4	
White-tailed Bumblebee	4		1	

Transect: 2  
 Date: 01/07/2015  
 Time: 15.25pm-15.45pm

Species	Transect Section	Queens	Workers	Males
White-tailed Bumblebee	1		2	
White-tailed Bumblebee	6		2	
Common Carder Bee	1		1	

Transect: 1  
 Date: 12/07/2015  
 Time: 13.30pm-13.45pm

Species	Transect Section	Queens	Workers	Males
White-tailed Bumblebee	2		10	
Red-tailed Bumblebee	2		3	
Tree Bumblebee	2		1	
White-tailed Bumblebee	5		1	

Transect: 2  
 Date: 12/07/2015  
 Time: 14.15pm-14.35pm

Species	Transect Section	Queens	Workers	Males
White-tailed Bumblebee	1		4	
White-tailed Bumblebee	2		1	
White-tailed Bumblebee	6		4	

Transect: 3  
 Date: 12/07/2015  
 Time: 13.50pm-14.10pm

Species	Transect Section	Queens	Workers	Males
Red-tailed Bumblebee	1		1	
Common Carder Bee	1		2	

Transect: 2  
 Date: 23/07/2015  
 Time: 10.30am-10.50am

Species	Transect Section	Queens	Workers	Males
White-tailed Bumblebee	1		6	
Common Carder Bee	1		4	
Field Cuckoo Bee	1			1
Red-tailed Bumblebee	1		2	

White-tailed Bumblebee	2		2	
Tree Bumblebee	2		1	
White-tailed Bumblebee	7		6	
Common Carder Bee	7		1	
Tree Bumblebee	7		1	
Early Bumblebee	7		1	
Red-tailed Bumblebee	3		1	

Transect: 3

Date: 23/07/2015

Time: 10.10am-10.25am

Species	Transect Section	Queens	Workers	Males
Common Carder Bee	1		2	
Red-tailed Bumblebee	1		10	
Buff-tailed Bumblebee	1			1

Transect: 1

Date: 23/07/2015

Time: 09.35am-10.00am

Species	Transect Section	Queens	Workers	Males
White-tailed Bumblebee	2		4	
Red-tailed Bumblebee	2		2	2
Gypsy Cuckoo Bee	2			1

Transect: 2

Date: 04/08/2015

Time: 10.10am-10.24am

Species	Transect Section	Queens	Workers	Males
White-tailed Bumblebee	1		5	
Common Carder Bee	1		2	
Red-tailed Bumblebee	1		2	

Transect: 3

Date: 04/08/2015

Time: 09.45am-10.00am

Species	Transect Section	Queens	Workers	Males
Red-tailed Bumblebee	1		1	

Transect: 1

Date: 04/08/2015

Time: 9.20am-9.40am

Species	Transect Section	Queens	Workers	Males
Common Carder Bee	2		1	
Red-tailed Bumblebee	2		1	

Transect: 1

Date: 25/08/2015

Time: 9.35am-10.00am

Species	Transect Section	Queens	Workers	Males
None seen				

Transect: 3  
 Date: 25/08/2015  
 Time: 10.15am-10.30am

Species	Transect Section	Queens	Workers	Males
Common Carder Bee	1		1	
White-tailed Bumblebee	1		1	

Transect: 2  
 Date: 25/08/2015  
 Time: 10.40am-10.55am

Species	Transect Section	Queens	Workers	Males
Common Carder Bee	1		4	

Transect: 1  
 Date: 05/09/2015  
 Time:

Species	Transect Section	Queens	Workers	Males

Transect: 2  
 Date: 05/09/2015  
 Time:

Species	Transect Section	Queens	Workers	Males
Common Carder Bumblebee	1		2	
Common Carder Bumblebee	2		2	

Transect: 3  
 Date: 05/09/2015  
 Time:

Species	Transect Section	Queens	Workers	Males
Common Carder Bumblebee	1		2	

The survey shows that areas with planted flowers have the highest number of bees present, as would be expected. Dense hedgerows have also shown as popular areas within the park. The wild meadow and the old rose garden are two planted areas that are beneficial for bees in the park.

The survey shows that the park could benefit from more planted areas of wild flowers, especially in areas of the park where bee records have been scarce. Along the fence lining Jeffery's road could be one of these areas. I expected more results from this stretch of grass as it is not cut or walked on as there is a path next to this 6foot wide stretch. However, unfortunately there are very little flowers year round. Wildflower seeds could help turn this stretch into a nice pollinator patch that would not affect the current grass cutting regime at the park.

