

Minutes of the Meeting of Acton Community Council held on Tuesday 18 October 2016 at Acton Community Resource Centre, Overton Way, Acton, Wrexham

Present:

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

* Absent

Also Present:

PCSO David Bill – North Wales Police

Mr Peter N Jones & Mr D Wayne Jones – Candidates for Co-option onto the Council

Mr Reg Herbert, Freelance Journalist

Mrs Carole Roberts, Clerk to the Council

63 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Pierce and K Roberts.

64 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Declarations of interest were made at this stage of the proceedings by

1. Councillors Anne Evans and Geoff Lowe in respect of agenda item 8.1 Consultation on Affordable Fire and Rescue Services for North Wales. The Councillors both declared personal and prejudicial interests in this item being members of the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority.
2. Councillor Carole O'Toole in respect of agenda item 8.2 Draft Annual Report for 2017/18 of the Independent Remuneration Panel. She declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item as a member of her family sits on this Panel.
3. Councillor Anne Evans in respect of agenda item no 11.3 – Planning Application for Borrass Park Junior School. She declared a personal and prejudicial interest being a Governor of the School Governing body.

65 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 20 September 2016 were received.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Council held on 20 September 2016 be received and confirmed as a correct record.

66 INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2016

It was noted that key matters had been included on the agenda and the Clerk would report on responses from the various Organisations to subsequent meetings.

RESOLVED that the present position be noted.

67 COMMUNITY POLICING MATTERS

The Chair welcomed PCSO David Bill to the meeting. He tabled a combined report for the five Acton Community Wards for the month of September 2016. He gave a detailed explanation about the various levels and incidences of crime as set out in the report and highlighted the main emerging issues were theft of motor vehicles, burglaries and Rogue Traders in the Little Acton ward. He also updated members on good news stories which included various Policing Operations and involvement in Community based Police work. Members sought clarification about the rise in incidences of some crimes and noted the responses.

RESOLVED- that the September 2016 report be noted and the Officer be thanked for his attendance at the meeting.

68 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. CASUAL COUNCILLOR VACANCY: Further to Minute 48.2 September 2016 and in accordance with Section 116 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, consideration was again given to the filling of the casual vacancy in the Borrass Park Ward by co-option. The relevant Public Notice had been on display since 29 September 2016 with a submission date for expressions of interest being 11 October 2016.

Members were advised that two Expression of Interest forms had been received, submitted by Mr Peter Nigel Jones and David Wayne Price who were both present and gave a short presentation at the meeting to support their applications. Members then proceeded to consider the filling of this vacancy by a show of hands.

RESOLVED - that Mr Peter Nigel Jones of 14 Sunningdale Close Wrexham be co-opted as Member of the Community Council to fill the casual vacancy for the Borrass Park Ward on the Council.

2.APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY GOVERNOR TO THE ACTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL: It was reported that the Clerk to the Governing Body has advised of this vacancy and is seeking nominations for the appointment of a suitable person for the position of Additional Community Governor at Acton Park Primary School.

RESOLVED – that Councillor Philip Lloyd be endorsed by the Community Council as a suitable person for the position of Additional Community Governor at Acton Park Primary School.

3.SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT REPORTING - ACTON COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

RESOLVED – to defer consideration of this report setting out outputs and outcomes for the Service (as submitted to the Acton Community Resource Centre Management Committee on 5 October 2016) until the next meeting of the Community Council when officers from Wrexham County Borough Council will be in attendance to discuss the second two year review of the operation of the ten year Service Level agreement for the Acton Community Resource Centre.

69 KEY ACTON ISSUES

Wrexham County Borough Council Members advised on the following matters that had recently been considered by the County Borough Council and may affect the whole or part of the Community of Acton. (Minute 107 January 2011 refers)

- Budget Consultation – Difficult decisions – this was available on the Wrexham CBC website until 26 October 2016.
- Consultation by North Wales Fire and Rescue Service – a workshop had been held with the Chief Fire Officer and other Fire Service representatives present. Wrexham CBC had an excellent record for being proactive about fire prevention and there were concerns about future safety in Wrexham if the present level of service is not retained.

Councillor Len Closs referred to his recent attendance at one of the series of meetings called by Wrexham CBC for all interested Providers and Community Councils in respect of the future Commissioning Framework arrangements for the provision of Youth Services in Wrexham. Arising from this information, members discussed the development work being undertaken by the Community Council's Youth

Committee to identify pilot projects for the Young People in the Acton Community, the capacity of the Acton Community Resource Centre to provide a regular meeting venue for the Pilot projects and the potential providers as a result of the new Commissioning arrangements.

RESOLVED – that

1. **The Chief Fire Officer of the North Wales Fire and Rescue Service be advised of the Community Council’s genuine concerns about the health and safety implications for the whole of the Wrexham area if the current level of service is reduced, particularly in light of major developments, the opening of the Wrexham prison and current spate and incidences of arson; and**
2. **The Clerk write to the Manager of the Acton Community Resource Centre indicating that the Community Council may wish to use the vacant session slot on a Wednesday evening on a long term weekly basis for one of its Pilot Projects and to request that this slot be put on hold as a potential long term booking by the Community Council.**

70 CONSULTATIONS & OTHER STATUTORY GUIDANCE

The Council considered details of the following Consultations and determined what responses if any, the Community Council should submit by the Consultation deadlines:-

1. **Affordable Fire and Rescue Services for North Wales** – Closing date 12 December 2016
2. **Draft Annual Report for 2017/18 of the Independent Remuneration Panel:** Section 13 relates specifically to Town and Community Councils – Closing date 28 November 2016
3. **Options for the Management of Wrexham CBC sports pitches and sports changing rooms** – Closing date 25 November 2016
4. **Dog Control and Dog Fouling proposed Public Spaces Protection Notice** - Closing date 11 November 2016
5. **Draft School Organisation Strategy (2017-2025)** – Closing date 7 November 2016
6. **Statement by Welsh Government** - update on Local Government Reform on 4 October 2016

RESOLVED - that Members respond individually to the proposals.

(Councillor Mrs Carole O’Toole having already declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of the Consultation on the Draft Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel left the meeting during consideration of this item taking no part in the debate or voting on this matter.)

71 REPORT FROM CLERK

The Clerk reported on information and general correspondence that had been received and was available for members’ perusal at the meeting. The Clerk also reported on her attendance at the SLCC National conference from 13 to 15 October 2016 at Hinckley, Leicestershire

RESOLVED - that the Clerk be thanked for her attendance and report

Members then considered and dealt with the correspondence as follows:

Organisation	Details and action taken
1.Wrexham CBC	<p>1. Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 13 November 2015: Official invitation from the Civic Support Officer for the Community Council to send two representatives to the Service and to lay a wreath as part of the Service. RESOLVED – that the Chair and Vice chair represent the Community Council at the Service.</p> <p>2.Wrexham Town and Community Council Forum on 8 December 2016 at 4:00pm – Notification received of this date and that the Council can send up to 3 representatives RESOLVED - that the Council be represented by Councillor Philip Lloyd</p>
2.Groundwork North Wales	<p>Bags of Help – Community grant scheme from Tesco: Notification of this scheme and contact for those interested in applying for a grant of up to £5,000 Information noted.</p>

3. Acton Park Primary School	Invitation for a Council representative to attend the School Remembrance Service on 11 November 2016 at 11am RESOLVED - that the Council be represented by Councillor Philip Lloyd
4. One Voice Wales	1. Land Transaction Tax and Anti Avoidance of Devolved Taxes (Wales) Bill: Email dated 3 October 2016 calling for ideas and views via an online platform and requesting publicity and distribution of this platform. 2. North Wales Community Speed Watch Newsletter: Email dated 5 October 2016 enclosing a copy of the newsletter which will be available at the meeting 3 Police and Crime Commissioner – Third Sector Engagement Conference 1 November 2016 at the OptIC Centre St Asaph: Email dated 5 October 2016 enclosing a flyer for this event. 4. Welsh Treasury News Email dated 11 October 2016 enclosing the first copy of this bi-monthly Newsletter that will give updates and news about the preparations for April 2018 when Wales will raise its own taxes All information noted

72 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Clerk provided details of payments received progress against the budget and requested authorisation for any outstanding debtor or other payments.

RESOLVED – that the following payments be approved: -

Voucher No; Payee	Details	Amount
43 Clwyd Pension Fund	Superannuation Payments for September 2016 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	As notified by Wrexham CBC Payroll section
44 Carole Roberts Clerk to the Council	Clerks Expenses/ travel Costs for October 2016 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£ 134.95 (VAT= £6.27)
45. Wrexham County Borough Council	Clerks Salary and office expenses for October 2016 paid by the Council's Agent: Wrexham County Borough Council in accordance with Minute 99.1 December 2009 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	NJC Rates

73 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
1.P/2016/00903 44 Acton Hall Walks, Acton, Wrexham	Lime (T5) Sever ivy, clear main trunk to 4.0m, remove back to source (secondary limb) north side over lawn area, crown raise remaining canopy to provide clearance above ground level of 5m, crown clean remaining crown (protected under TPO WCBC No 60)	<i>No observations to make subject to the Council's Arboricultural Officer being satisfied that such works are deemed necessary. If approved the works should be monitored and completed to the standard required by the Arboricultural Officer</i>
2.P/2016/0936 60 Chestnut Avenue,	Demolition of existing garage, two storey side extension and single storey	No objections

Wrexham	rear extension	
3.P/2016/09543 Borras Park Junior School Borras Park Road Wrexham	Retention And Continued Use Of Mobile Classroom (Previously Granted Under Code No P/2010/1080)	No objections
4.P/2016/0956 134 Borras Road Wrexham	Two-Storey Side Extension And Single-Storey Rear Extension	No objections

(Councillor Mrs Anne Evans having previously declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of the third application above submitted by Borras Park Junior School left the meeting during its consideration taking no part in the discussion or voting thereon)

74 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.

75 MAESYDRE POWER HOUSE - LICENCE TO OCCUPY

The Clerk updated the Council on the details of this Licence and potential to extend it by an exchange of letters with North Wales Police for a further two years. It was also noted that the building itself was in need of inspection and attention externally and there were earmarked monies within the budget for the repair and maintenance of the building.

RESOLVED –

- 1. To approve the extension of the Licence to Occupy with North Wales Police for a further two year period; and**
- 2. To effect any repairs and maintenance necessary as soon as practicable and request the Clerk to the Council to make arrangements to obtain quotes for repairs to the roofing and external painting of the building.**

Signed as a correct record this 15th day of November 2016

Chair