

Minutes of the Meeting of Acton Community Council held on Tuesday 17 January 2017 at Acton Community Resource Centre, Overton Way, Acton, Wrexham

Present:

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

* Absent

Also Present:

PC Kerry Evans & PCSO Rachel Evans, North Wales Police
Mr Reg Herbert, Freelance Journalist
Mrs Carole Roberts, Clerk to the Council

106 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tom Pierce and Barbara Smith.

107 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest made at this stage of the proceedings.

108 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13 December 2016 were received.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Council held on 13 December 2016 be received and confirmed as a correct record.

109 INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES

- 1. Minute 96.2: Memorial Tree in Acton Park:** The Clerk reported that Richard Aram anticipated the trees being planted sometime during February 2017 and will notify the Community Council of when the Hungarian Oak tree is to be planted so that Councillors and family members can attend. The present position was noted.
- 2. Minute 102.2.6 Little Acton Community Centre:** The Clerk reported receipt of a letter dated 28 December 2016 from Stephen Bayley Head of Housing and Economy advising that Wrexham County Borough Council will no longer have the capacity to effect the Management arrangements for Community Centres from 2017/18. The Community Council noted the protracted and ongoing formal transfer discussions between the Little Acton Community Centre Management Committee and Wrexham County Borough Council should shortly reach a conclusion and that the Community Council has undertaken to provide funding as per the three year project plan. During the debate, reference was made to the work of caretaking and room hire bookings already being carried out by the Management Committee volunteers.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to:

1. ***The Little Acton Community Centre Management Committee to convey the Community Council's appreciation and thanks to the Community group members for all their hard work to keep the Little Acton Community Centre open and available for the residents of Acton; and***
2. ***Wrexham County Borough Council confirming that the Little Acton Community Centre Management Committee will be continuing to take responsibility for the day to day management, caretaking and bookings for this Community Centre and the Community Council's role will be solely to provide the agreed Project Plan funding once the formal transfer/lease of the Community Centre from Wrexham County Borough Council to the Voluntary Group is concluded.***
3. **Minutes 92 November 2016 and 95.2 December 2016 – Pilot Youth Projects:** Councillor James Richards, Vice Chair of the Youth Committee gave an update of the Acton Community Resource Centre Management Committee's consideration on 16 January 2017 of the proposed Pilot Youth Projects and the Community Council's request for the unused Wednesday night booking slot in the Crèche to be held for the second Pilot Project to offer a weekly indoor Project for Young People. It was noted that in the first instance there would be a short two month Detached Youth Work Pilot to be followed by initial review and second six month Youth Project Pilot based as requested in the Acton Community Resource Centre. The Youth Committee will then gauge and review the demand and success of the Pilot Projects

RESOLVED – to endorse the action being taken by the Youth Committee in respect of establishing the Pilot Youth Projects with the Caia Park Partnership.

110 COMMUNITY POLICING MATTERS

The Chair welcomed PC Kerry Evans who was in attendance. She provided an update on the Monthly Policing and Operations and specifically highlighted the twelve month statistics for Burglaries from dwellings in the Acton Community area. PC Evans referred to the most common time for these Burglaries to take place as being between 5pm and 8pm. As part of the current high visibility Policing Operation, Officers had surveyed the area and left letters at over 60 vulnerable Properties clearly unoccupied during the early evening to provide Crime Prevention advice and contact numbers for the Householders. During the debate it was noted that the Fairways estate use social media to highlight suspicious incidents in real time. It is important to remain vigilant, adopt simple crime prevention measure and to encourage more education and community involvement in crime prevention measures. Members thanked the Police Officers for the work they were doing.

Members referred to the changes to the PCSO team and the departure of PCSO David Bill and noted that eight new PCSOs were to start shortly within the Wrexham area. PC Evans again referred to the key Policing priority of Speed reduction and advised that further Speed Gun Training will be provided for those members interested in the Wrexham Police Station Bodhyfryd.

Members discussed concerns about the recent burglaries in the Rhosnesni ward and noted the proactive approach being taken by the Acton Policing team. In respect of the circulation of the monthly policing statistics will now be submitted electronically to the Clerk for circulation to Members. The Chair thanked PC Evans for her attendance and report.

RESOLVED – that the Clerk send a letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner in recognition and thanks to the Acton Community Policing Team for its work in respect of the recent spate of Burglaries and in particular recognition of the contribution of PCSO David Bill who is leaving the Acton team to move elsewhere within the Force; as his departure will be a big loss to the Acton Community Policing Team and copies of the letter be circulated to the Chief Constable and the Wrexham Town Chief Inspector.

111 KEY ACTON ISSUES

It was noted that apart from the ongoing Budget consultations the following matters 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).

1. Concentrated enforcement of Dog Fouling by Wardens in the Acton Community
2. Budgets and the delivery of seminars on the shrinking budgets and cost cutting required
3. The Groves High School – Outcome of Appeal and its listed status

The present position was noted.

112 ACTON CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU OUTREACH SERVICE

The Service Level Agreement Monitoring Statistics in respect of the number of sessions Clients, debts recorded and Maximised income from April 2016 to December 2016 were received together with the progress of discussions that are finalising the three year Service Level Agreement for the Acton Outreach Service from 1 April 2017.

RESOLVED – that the final version of the three year Service Level Agreement for the provision of the Acton Detached Advice Service by the Citizens Advice Bureaux be signed on behalf of the Community Council by the Clerk and Chair to the Council.

113 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. PROPOSALS TO BAN THE USE OF PLASTIC MICROBEADS IN COSMETICS AND PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS:** The Council is invited to submit its comments on this proposal by no later than **28 February 2017**. The Welsh Government is also gathering evidence on the extent of the environmental impacts of microbeads found in other products, to inform future actions to protect the marine environment. A copy of the Consultation Documents can be [viewed here](#).
- 2. BATHING WATER REVIEW IN WALES 2017:** Notification was received on 21 December 2016 of this Consultation that **ends on 15 February 2017**. The Welsh Government’s consultation documents can be [viewed here](#).

RESOLVED - that Members should respond individually to the above mentioned Consultations if they so wish.

114 REPORT FROM CLERK

The Clerk reported on information and general correspondence that had been received and was available for members’ perusal at the meeting. Members considered and dealt with the correspondence as follows:

Organisation	Details and action taken
Local Government Finance Policy Division, Welsh Government, Cardiff	Section 137 Expenditure - Limit for 2016/17: Email received 16 December 2016 advising that the appropriate sum for the purposes of Section 137 (4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for Town and Community Councils in Wales for 2016-17 is £7.57 per elector. Information noted
Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham (AVOW)	Holocaust memorial Day – 27 January 2017: Email dated 6 January 2017 advising of the arrangements for this event to be held at the Memorial Hall Bodhyryd Wrexham between 10am and 12noon. Information noted.
Dementia Support Officer Alzheimer’s Society	Carers Information and Support Programme for people caring for a person with a diagnosis of dementia. Email dated 9 January 2017 publicising training sessions that will take place in February, on the 13th, 20th and 27th from 1pm-3:30pm at the Society’s new offices, in Unit 2 Mold Business Park. A leaflet was available giving further information about what the sessions involve. The contact is David Allmark on 01352 700453 Information noted
Tracy Gilmartin One Voice Wales	Training Opportunities for Councillors throughout Wales and in 2017: Email dated 10 January 2017 requesting that a copy of the National Training Programme for Town and Community Councils in Wales is submitted to the Council so an approach to securing training needs in this election year. Capacity is being increased to cope with the expected demand following the Local Council elections in May 2017. RESOLVED – that the information be noted and the training needs of Councillors after the forthcoming full Council elections be taken into account before participating in any of the training events.

115 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Clerk provided details of payments received progress against the budget and requested authorisation for any outstanding debtor or other payments. It was noted that the following interest payments had been received:

HSBC Deposit Account -2 December 2016	£19.52
HSBC Money Market Account – 1 January 2017	£64.02
Bank Reconciliation to 31/12/16:	
Current Account	£ 18,237.08
Deposit Account	£139,572.07
Money Market Account	<u>£ 83,097.80</u>
Sub Total	£240,906.95
Less 3 unpresented cheques	<u>-£ 650.00</u>
Net Balance as at 31/12/16	<u>£240,257.67</u>

(The current Balance of the separate Chairman’s Charity Account was also reported)

RESOLVED – that the following payments be approved: -

Voucher No; Payee	Details	Amount
62 Auditor General Wales	Audit Fee for 2015/16 External Audit Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015	£231.00
63 Charisma Trophies, Wrexham	Engraving & purchase of 10 Badge Bars for Chairman’s Badge of Office Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£141.60 (VAT 23.60)
64 Carole Roberts Clerk to the Council	Clerks Expenses/ travel Costs for January 2017 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£181.01 (VAT= £25.95)
65 Clwyd Pension Fund	Superannuation Payments for January 2017 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	As notified by Wrexham CBC Payroll section
66. Wrexham County Borough Council	Clerks Salary & office expenses for January 2017 paid by the Council’s Agent Wrexham County Borough Council (Minute 99.1 December 2009 refers) Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	NJC Rates
67 SLCC	Practitioners Conference Fee – 23 & 24 February 2017 at Kenilworth S112 Local Government act 1972 (as amended)	£272.20 (VAT= £23.20)

116 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/2017/0005 6 Powell Road Wrexham	Dawn Redwood (T1) - Remove 4 Branches On North East Lower Trunk, Remove 2 Branches With Stubs Back To Source On South East And Remove Lowest Branch Growing Over Boundary Wall (Tpo No Wmbc 73)	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

Signed as a correct record this 21st day of February 2017

Chair