

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Acton Community Council held on Wednesday 27 June 2018 at Acton Community Resource Centre, Overton Way, Acton, Wrexham

Present:

Councillor	Kevin Roberts (Chair)	Councillor	P D Jones (Vice Chair)
"	W Baldwin *	"	P Lloyd
"	M Davies	"	G Lowe
"	Mrs A Evans *	"	D Picken *
"	R Hardy	"	B Pritchard *
"	Ms S Hope *	"	Mrs D Wallice *
"	Ms S Jarvis	"	Ms A Waters *
"	Miss P Kidd	"	Ms L Williams
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* Absent

Also Present:

Press & Public: Harry Wright, Wrexham Leader
Mrs Carole Roberts, Clerk to the Council

35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bill Baldwin, Anne Evans, Ms Sian Hope, Darren Picken, Basil Pritchard, Ms Debbie Wallice and Ms Aimi Waters.

36. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

37. PRE-PLANNING CONSULTATION FOR HOLT ROAD/DEAN ROAD OPEN SPACE

The Chair reminded Members that this Special meeting had been arranged at short notice as the Community Council received notification on 18 June 2018 from Agents acting on behalf of Glyndwr University of a 28 day consultation period as part of its "Campus 2025" proposals and its intention to submit an outline planning application for the erection of up to 77 dwellings together with vehicular/pedestrian access from Holt Road open space which can be used with adjoining land to the west to create a formal sports pitch, site landscaping, sustainable drainage and other related infrastructure.

Members were reminded the purpose of the Special meeting was to discuss and formulate the Community Council's response to the proposed planning application No6 that relates to land within the Acton Community. The Community Council's response on this pre-planning Consultation must be submitted to Glyndwr University by 16 July 2018, which is the close of the pre-planning consultation period. The Chair sought views on whether to endorse or oppose the proposed planning application and the Council then debated its response.

RESOLVED – that

i) the Council strongly opposes this pre-planning outline planning application for the following reasons:-

- 1. Acton Community Council wishes to state quite clearly that the application site on land at Holt/Road Dean Road as published in the Pre planning Consultation document is disingenuous as to its current use and purpose. The site is a green open space and not a brown field site. It was identified as such in the 2009 Open Space survey and in the most recent assessment for the draft Local Development Plan. The Open Space survey identified a deficit of open space in the Community of Acton. To build on this land will result in loss amenity and recreational green pitches and affect the Health and Wellbeing of residents within the Acton Community and is contrary to National Guidelines and the requirements contained with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**
- 2. The Residential development planned for this site will have a detrimental impact on:-**
 - a. Highways – particularly by creating the main estate access onto the Holt Road which is recognised as being at capacity until major improvements to the Greyhound Roundabout are completed. The proposed development will impact on pedestrian and vehicular safety;**
 - b. Surface and flood Drainage at Holt Road – it is important to retain permeable landscape such as this green open space so as not to exacerbate existing localised flooding issues on the Holt Road**
 - c. Local infrastructure which is already at capacity, such infrastructure issues include lack of school places and provision of play areas for Young People in the community, capacity of GP Surgeries and provision of shopping and other amenity for residents**

ii) Local residents affected by this proposal are informed of the opportunity to respond to the Consultation by 16 July 2018, and a copy of the letter to residents and template objection letter be agreed by the Chair and Vice Chair before being circulated to residents and made available on line on the Community Council's website home page and social media.

Councillor Kevin Roberts
Chair

Signed as a correct record this 17th day of July 2018

Chair