

15 September 2021

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the meeting of **ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL** to be held remotely in accordance with Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 on **TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2021** at **6.30pm**. The business to be transacted is as set out in the agenda below.

Please note that the Meeting and those participating will be recorded. To join the Meeting online use the Meeting ID: 832 4160 1640 and the Passcode: 069809 or click on the link below:
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Yours faithfully

Carole Roberts

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Council

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

2. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS:** In accordance with Standing Order No. 3e; any Member of the Public who is a resident within a ward of the Community Council and has given notice (specifying the matter on the agenda which they wish to speak) to the Clerk to the Community Council's office by noon on 18 March 2019, may, subject to stating their name and address before the meeting, speak at this meeting, as of right, on any matter on the agenda, for no more than 3 minutes.

3. **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.

4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** To receive the Minutes of the following remote meetings:-

i. **Council meeting** held on 20 July 2021 (Copy attached)

ii. **Youth Committee:** To receive and consider the recommendations of the Youth Committee meeting held on 27 July 2021 (Copy attached)

EXCLUSION of PRESS AND PUBLIC: It is **RECOMMENDED** that the press and public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the next item of business only as it is likely that, if they were

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

present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960.

iii. **Staffing Committee:** To receive and consider the Confidential Minutes and recommendations of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 8 September 2021. (Copy circulated separately)

5. INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES:

1. **Minute 38 -Community Engagement:** Chair to give an update

6. **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 40.1 July 2021 refers). Details attached.

7. COMMUNITY POLICING MATTERS:

- i. **Monthly Policing and Operations Report:** To consider the attached report from the Acton Community Police Officers.
- ii. **Acton Park Lighting:** To consider a request from PCSO Tom Jones for the Community Council to seek funding for solar lighting in Acton Park
- iii. **Wrexham Cunliffe Bowls Club – request for to assist with funding for CCTV:** To consider a request from PCSO Daniel Whitfield for a donation towards their own CCTV (Item Placed on the Agenda at the request of Councillor Geoff Lowe)

8. **PROCEDURAL MATTERS - ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2020/21 CONCLUSION OF AUDIT BY 30 SEPTEMBER 2021:** To receive an update from the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

9. **KEY ACTON ISSUES:** WCBC Members to report verbally on any new or Key Issues being considered by the County Bough 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

10. **ACTON PARK PROPOSED NEW PLAY AREA AND OUTDOOR GYM:** Chair to report.

11. **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.

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 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) and on the Town and Country Planning (Trees) Regulations 1999.

Case Number/ Address & Proposed Development	Decision
<p>1. Planning Application P/2021/0836 Valid From 20/08/2021 The Goulbourne, Borrass Park Road, Wrexham, LL12 7TF: variation of conditions 6 and 7 of planning permission p/2018/0935 to remove trees and replace with hedge planting</p> <p>2. Planning Application P/2021/0843 Valid From 25/08/2021 15 Ffordd Hooson, Wrexham, LL12 7LS: parking and operation of 1 private hire taxi vehicle</p>	

<p>3. Planning Application P/2021/0872 - Valid From 01/09/2021 Asda Superstore, Holt Road, Bodhyfryd, Wrexham, LL13 8HL: Advertisement consent for 18 signs</p> <p>4. Planning Application P/2021/0877 - Valid From 03/09/2021 91 Oak Drive, Wrexham, LL12 7NL: Single storey rear extension</p> <p>5. Planning Application P/2021/0883 - Valid From 07/09/2021 19 Larchwood Road, Wrexham, LL12 7SG: Erection of fence (in retrospect)</p> <p>6. Planning Application P/2021/0880 - Valid From 08/09/2021 12 Craig Way, Wrexham, LL12 7NU: Lawful development certificate for proposed single storey rear extension</p> <p>7. Planning Application P/2021/0894 - Valid From 13/09/2021 130 Herbert Jennings Avenue, Acton, Wrexham, LL12 7YD two storey side extension and single storey rear extension</p>	
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**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 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. LAND AT HOLT ROAD WREXHAM: To determine a response to correspondence received on 2 September 2021. Clerk to Report

Minutes of the Meeting of Acton Community Council held remotely via Zoom on Tuesday 20 July 2021

Present:

Councillor	Kevin Roberts (Chair)	Councillor	R Hardy (Vice Chair)
"	W Baldwin	"	P Lloyd
"	Mrs C Bettley	"	G Lowe
"	M Davies	"	Ms E Owens
"	MS E Doherty *	"	M Pritchard *
	Ms S Edwards		T Stanford *
"	Mrs A Evans *	"	Mrs D Wallice
"	Ms S Hope *	"	Ms L Williams *

* Absent

Also Present:

Councillor Becca Martin, Maesydre Ward Wrexham CBC, Sgt Kelly Lewis, NW Police
Mrs Carole Roberts, Clerk to the Council

34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Doherty (Holidays); A Evans (Holidays) S Hope (Holidays); M Pritchard; T Stanford and L Williams.

RESOLVED – that the apologies and reasons for absence be received and accepted.

35. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made at this stage of the proceedings:-

36. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

It was noted that the Clerk had not received Notice of any public questions as set out in Standing Order No. 3e.

37. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes from 16 June 2021 Remote meeting were received.

RESOLVED that subject to the addition of the following words at the end of Minute 30.ii):

"apart from Application No.3 that is made under SS1.5 Local Government Act 2000 (General Power of Wellbeing)"

the Minutes of the Remote Council Meeting held on 16 June 2021 be received and confirmed as a correct record:

38. INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES

17. Minute 29 Community Engagement:

1. Newsletter – ***RESOLVED - to proceed to publish the 1st Newsletter that has been circulated to all members taking into account any comments received by Tuesday 3 August 2021.***

2. **Proposed Swan memorial:** The Chair reported upon an approach made to him by two young local blacksmiths Ollie and Harvey Roberts who are seventh generation blacksmiths. Initially he had suggested that they fabricate a statue for the middle of the lake in Acton Park. However they had proposals to fabricate a memorial at the Little Acton Smithy Gardens at the junction of Chester Road and Smithy Lane.

RESOLVED - to approve a contribution for the fabrication of a memorial or artwork up to the value of £750.00 to the 2 young local Blacksmiths from Acton in recognition of their Achievement from the Council's General Reserve Fund. The Memorial once completed to be included in the Environmental renewal scheme proposed at the Little Acton Smithy Garden/Pond area.

3. **Bouquet gifts of Flowers:**

RESOLVED – The Clerk be requested to make arrangements with Vivid Floral Design to send flower bouquets to the two part time caretakers at Acton CRC in recognition of their efforts during the Covid pandemic lockdowns at the Resource Centre and to Councillor Mrs A Evans in recognition of her recent landmark birthday.

4. **Landmark Milestones:** The Chair advised that he intended to recognise landmark milestone life events such as Golden Weddings and 100th Birthdays achieved by Acton Community residents. It was noted that such recognition was reliant on the Chair being advised of such events by the families or friends through nomination direct to him. Such recognition costs to be met from the Chair's Charity account.

RESOLVED - to endorse the action proposed by the Chair.

2. **Minute 30 Financial Assistance:** It was noted letters of thanks had been received from the recipients.

RESOLVED – that the Clerk be authorised in consultation with the Chair to proceed to meet with the Welsh Ambulance Service representatives to identify suitable locations to place a defibrillator in each of the four other wards of the Acton Community and to make arrangements for their purchase and installation during 2021/22 Financial Year– the costs of such purchases to be made under the General Power of Well Being.

3. **Minute 31.3 Additional Community Governor – Barkers Lane School:** Consideration was given to this deferred matter from the June 2021 meeting.

Resolved that:

- i) this Community Governor Vacancy be filled by the nomination of Councillor Caroline Bettley to the role; and**
- ii) the Clerk write to former Community Councillor J Kelly expressing the Community Council's thanks and gratitude for his long term commitment and service to the School as a Community Governor.**

39. COMMUNITY POLICING MATTERS

Members noted that Sgt Kelly Lewis, NW Police had technical difficulties and had been logged out of the remote meeting before this item was discussed.

The monthly report provided by the PCSOs on Crime issues and Trends in each of the five Acton Community Wards was received and considered. The Report also referred to the planned E-Scooter awareness week from 17 to 24 July 2021 and the rolling out of the North Wales Community Alert scheme; a free two way messaging scheme.

RESOLVED – that the monthly Acton Community Policing report and update be received and noted.

40. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. August Recess Arrangements:

RESOLVED - that the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council be authorised to deal with any urgent matters that arise during the August 2021 recess and report back in September 2021 on any actions and delegated decisions taken.

2. SLA Matters

- **Annual Inspection reports** - The reports for the following play areas were received and noted. No urgent action was required and the risks highlighted were identified as low risk:-
 - i. Aran Road
 - ii. Acton Park Junior
 - iii. Ffordd Llewelyn
- **Aran Road Repairs to Safety Surface** – The Clerk reported upon urgent action taken by Wrexham County Borough Council in response to damage to the soft pour safety surfacing at the Aran Road Play area.

RESOLVED - to endorse the prompt actions taken by Wrexham CBC to ensure the continued safety of play area users and to pay the £87.17 invoice once received for carrying out the emergency repairs.

41. KEY ACTON ISSUES

WCBC Members reported verbally on the following new or Key Issues being considered by the County Borough Council that may affect the whole or part of the Community of Acton:-

Historical and Recent Flooding in the Acton Community: Several Councillors referred to the recent heavy rain and subsequent flash flooding events in the Acton Community, particularly at Warrenwood Road where residents are being temporarily rehoused for several months; Daleside Avenue, Borrass Park Road; the Holt Road from the Dean Road playing field to Birkdale Road, Rhosnesni Lane properties that are close to the 9 Acre Recreation Ground, Smithy Lane at its junction with Chester Road and the Goulbourne estate in Rhosnesni with numerous roads being particularly affected during heavy rain. Members advised that several as yet unproductive Meetings have been held with Dwr Cymru, Wrexham County Borough Council, Sarah Atherton MP, and Network Sewerage - Welsh Water.

RESOLVED - that the Clerk write on behalf of the Community Council to the Chief Executive of Wrexham CBC and Councillor David A Bithell Lead Member for the Environment and Transport expressing concerns and requesting that prompt and timely action is taken to prevent further occurrences of such flooding.

42. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2020/21 – EXTERNAL AUDIT

Further to Minute 26 June 2021, the Clerk confirmed that she had arranged to meet with the Chair later in the week to sign off the papers required for submission to the External Auditor. The relevant public Notices were now on display advertising Electors' Rights to Inspect the Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2021 between 20 August 2021 and 17 September 2021 under the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004, and confirming that the Local Government Electors have the right to question the Auditor General about the Accounts on 20 September 2021.

RESOLVED – that the Clerk's update on progress be noted.

43. CONSULTATIONS

Members considered the detail of the following Consultations and determined what response if any, the Community Council wishes to submit by the relevant deadlines:

- i. **Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance Note "Planning For Dark Night Skies":**

RESOLVED - that members submit individual responses to this Consultation

- ii. Eligible Community Councils (General Power Of Competence) (Qualifications Of Clerks) (Wales) Regulations:

RESOLVED - that members submit individual responses to this Consultation

44. ITEM PLACED ON AGENDA AT REQUEST OF COUNCILLOR E DOHERTY – PLANTING PROPOSAL

Councillor E Doherty's paper on this planting proposal was received and considered by Members.

RESOLVED - that the 2 proposals set out in Councillor Doherty's paper be endorsed and the Community Council authorised the Clerk in consultation with the Chair to proceed to liaise with Incredible Edible and to make progress to implement the proposals, the cost of such expenditure to be met from the Environmental/ Community Streetscene budget.

45. REPORT FROM CLERK

The Council received and noted a report from the Clerk detailing correspondence and other information that has been received since the last meeting as follows:

Organisation	Details
1.Caia Park Community Council	<p>CLWYD PENSION FUND: Email dated 25 June 2021 advising that Caia Park Community Council are part of the Local Govt. Pension Scheme administered by Clwyd Pension Fund. At the community council meeting in June 2021 , its Members resolved as follows and had invited the Council to consider passing a similar resolution to support climate change. Similar motions have been agreed by some other principal authorities and larger community council within Wales</p> <p>i) Inform the Clwyd Pension Fund of our request that they rapidly disinvest in carbon fuel producing companies.</p> <p>ii) Seek to join with other Councils and public bodies in Wales in achieving unanimity across the country in the campaign for rapid disinvestment by our Pension Fund holders in carbon emitting fuel companies.</p> <p>iii) Encourage the residents in Caia Park, wherever possible to use their influence to similarly request that their own pension providers disinvest in carbon fuel companies.</p> <p>RESOLVED - To respond and advise that the Acton Community Councillors do not wish to make such a resolution.</p>
2.One Voice Wales	<p>1. JULY 2021 - REMOTE TRAINING SESSIONS –Email circulated 2 July 2021 for information to all One Voice Wales Members</p> <p>2. INTRODUCTION RACHEL CARTER LOCAL PLACES FOR NATURE OFFICER — Email dated 21 June 2021 circulated for information to all One Voice Wales Members</p> <p style="text-align: right;">All Information Noted</p>

46. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Clerk reported on payments received since 16 June 2021 The Interest Payments received for the Deposit and Money Market accounts as follows were noted:

Deposit Account 3 June 2021 - £3.25 & Money Market Call Account 30 June 2021 - £8.12

Authorisation was requested for:-

1. The outstanding debtor or other cheque and BACS payments as set out in the schedule below
2. A replenish of £45,000 for the Current Account from Deposit Account to ensure known outgoings until 30 September 2021 can be met.
3. The first quarter bank reconciliation and accounts together with progress against the budget as presented for consideration by the Community Council.

RESOLVED –

i) To approve the payments to be made in July 2021 as set out in the schedule below:-

Payments Made in July 2021				
Voucher No	Reference	Payee	Details	Amount
30.	BACS ref 10.7.21	Carole Roberts	Clerks Salary & office expenses for July 2021 calculated by the Council's Agent: Shropshire County Council in accordance with Minute 47 July 2017 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	(as per payroll schedule)
31.	BACS ref 11.7.21	Clwyd Pension Fund	Pension payments for July 2021 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	(as per Payroll schedule)
32.	BACS ref 12.7.21	HMRC	Payroll payments for July 2021 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	(as per Payroll schedule)
33.	Cheque No 202129	Carole Roberts	Clerks Expenses for July 2021 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£101.21 (Vat= £14.48)
34.	Cheque No 202130	Caia Park Partnership Ltd	Q2 SLA payment for 2021/22 for Acton Open Access Youth Service Section 19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976	£6,008.10 (Vat= £0.00)
35.	Cheque No 202131	Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd	Alpha Software Annual Support & Maintenance Licence – single user S112 local Government act 1972 (as amended)	£148.80 (VAT = £24.60)
36.	Cheque No 202132	Society of Local Council Clerks	Renewal of Clerks Membership for 2021/22 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£208.00 (VAT = £0.00)
37.	Cheque No 202133	Wrexham & District Citizens Advice Bureaux	2021/22 SLA Q1 payment for Acton Outreach service S142 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£1,630.47 (VAT= £0)
38.	Cheque No 202134	Wrexham & District Citizens Advice Bureaux	2021/22 SLA Q2 payment for Acton Outreach service S142 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£1,630.47 (VAT= £0)
39.	Cheque No 202135	TMW Traffic Control Systems	Provision of Mains Powered Mini 300 Road Sign for Chester Road S72(1)(b) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984	£2,450.65 (VAT= £408.45)
40.	Cheque No 202136	Welsh Ambulance Service (Awyr Las)	Supply of Defibrillator/ Training for Acton Community Resource Centre SS.1-5 Local Government Act 2000 (General power of Wellbeing)	£1,499.58 (VAT=£249.93)
41.	Cheque No 202137	Wrexham County Borough Council	Repairs to Aran Road Play area S19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976	£87.17 (VAT= £14.53)

ii) The Interest payments now reported be noted;

- iii) *The Clerk was authorised to arrange for the transfer of £45,000.00 from the Council's Deposit Account to its Current account to ensure it has sufficient credit to meet known outgoings until 30 September 2021; and*
- iv) *The first quarter bank reconciliation and accounts together with progress against the budget to be received and noted.*

47. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the following matters and applications within the Acton Community area that had been made under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (to be determined by Wrexham County Borough Council):

RESOLVED - that

- i) *the following observations be made on the applications as set out below:*

Case Number/ Address Proposed Development	Decision
1.Planning Application P/2021/0593 - Valid From 11/06/2021: 24 Gredington Close, Wrexham, LL13 9DQ - Lawful development certificate for proposed single storey rear extension	No observations
2.Planning Application P/2021/0607 - Valid From 17/06/2021: The Goulbourne, Borrass Park Road, Wrexham, LL12 7TF - non-material amendment to planning permission p/2016/1048 to allow for removal of trees -	No objections subject to the protected trees on this site being safeguarded if any of the other trees are granted permission to be removed
3. Planning Application P/2021/0638 - Valid From 29/06/2021: 226, Chester Road, Wrexham, LL12 8DT - lawful development certificate for proposed side dormer extension.	No observations
4. Planning Application P/2021/0652 - Valid From 05/07/2021: Rhosnesni High School, Rhosnesni Lane, Rhosnesni, Wrexham, LL13 9ET - erection of floodlights	No observations
5. Planning Application P/2021/0680 - Valid From 07/07/2021: Nine Acre Playing Field, Westminster Drive, Wrexham, LL12 7AT - outline application for primary school (appearance, landscaping and scale reserved) -	The Community Council reiterates the objections and comments it made on 7 August 2020 at the pre-planning stage. (Copy letter to be attached-ref 183.2/20/CR) It has noted the responses and commentary within the Pre-Application Consultation report that accompanies the application but considers that all the objections and concerns the Community Council has already raised are valid and have still not been addressed. The Community Council also wishes to add objections and further concerns about:- 1. Flooding: The outline planning application differs from the pre-planning application in that the proposed school building will use approximately 40% of the green space on the Nine Acre Field. As previously stated there will be loss of permeable open space through the proposed development and this will be

	<p>exacerbated as the pre-planning proposed woodland area has been removed from the Outline Application. There are existing drainage issues with lying water during periods of heavy rain along Chester Road, Lawson Road, Rhosnesni Lane and The Beeches. There should be sustainable drainage systems developed to alleviate these problems and ensure that no new or existing drainage issues are created or exacerbated for nearby land lying lower than the nine acre field</p> <p>In particular this objection references the existing problems of how the immediate drainage in the vicinity of the 9 Acre site deals with rainwater drainage, there is one side of the 9 acre field site in particular that is often waterlogged for several months of the year. Within Wrexham County Borough Council's own Flood Risk Management Plan 2016 - 2021 for the Acton Community it concludes in 7.2.1.1:</p> <p><i>"Review of the flood maps for Acton clearly identify that surface water flooding of residential properties is the significant concern for this community. The area is heavily urbanised, with limited areas of significant open space to minimise the impacts of higher intensity rainfall events that will inevitably increase the likelihood of surface water flooding. Historically flooding incidents have resulted as a result of intense rainfall events overloading the existing drainage infrastructure, the vast majority of which is below ground via highway or sewer drainage system or culverted watercourses. With climate change expected to bring increased occurrence of intense, shorter duration rainfall, existing drainage systems will be put under increased pressure, with an expected increase in the occurrence of surface water flooding within the community".</i></p> <p>2. There will be a detrimental impact on the surrounding Highway as a result of the proposed two new access roads</p>
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ii) A letter be sent by the Clerk on behalf of the Community Council to the Chief Executive of Wrexham County Borough Council requesting that despite the current Planning applications under consideration, the 9 Acre field and site should continue to be maintained by Wrexham County Borough Council and not allowed to become unkempt and fall into disarray given that it is located on one of the main approaches into the Town Centre.

48. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

49. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES 15 June 2021 :

1. Minute 23 ii) .4 - Job Evaluation Exercise: The Clerk reported that at a meeting with Councillors M Pritchard and Ms E Owen on 17 June 2021 they had received and opened the Quotations received for this work. It was noted that one of the invitees had declined to quote for this work. Tender Evaluation marking criteria had been used. The Clerk reported that the meeting had

accepted Mr Gwilym Rippon's quote at the price now reported to include additional work to assist with the review of the Community Council's administrative functions; and to confirm whether there is a clear need for the creation of an administrative support post for the Clerk & RFO.

RESOLVED :-

- i) to endorse the acceptance of Mr Rippon's Quote as reported ; and***
- ii) to endorse the recommendation of Councillors Pritchard and Owens that in future anything that needs to go to tender needs to be managed by the Clerk in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and follow the process and preparation of tender documents to ensure all required information is provided to enable an informed decision to be made.***

2. Minute 24.2 - Potential Breach of the Acton Community Council's Code of Conduct: The Chair confirmed that he had submitted this Complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales on 16 June 2021 (ref: 202101767). The Ombudsman had subsequently advised the Chair that in view of the decision of the Information Commissioner that there had been a breach of data and a note should be kept on file, he did not intend to investigate this Complaint further.

RESOLVED – that the outcome be noted and the Chair provide the Clerk to the Council with a copy of the Ombudsman's decision to be held on file.

50. VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION

Further to Minute 219 November 2020 the Clerk reported receipt of an update from the legal team at Wrexham County Borough Council.

Resolved - that the update be noted

51. SLA ACTON COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Further to Minute 216 October 2020, the Clerk reported receipt of information from Mrs Lynn Williams, Acton Community Resource Centre Manager about arrangements for the review and examination of options for the Community Council to continue funding the Resource Centre from March 2023 onwards when the current ten year Service Level Agreement ends

It was noted that the Annual Council in May 2021 [Minute 9.7.1) refers] had appointed a Committee to undertake this work and Mrs Williams will be invited to attend one of its meetings in due course. The Clerk discussed a proposed timetable for this Review during 2022 and suggested various factors and external legal advice that should be obtained and considered as part of the process.

RESOLVED – to agree the timeline now discussed and the Clerk be authorised at the appropriate time to obtain strong external legal advice to protect the Council's position and liabilities in any further long term agreement that may be entered into with Wrexham County Borough Council.

***Councillor Kevin Roberts
Chair***

Signed as a correct record this 21ST day of September 2021

Presiding Chair

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ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the YOUTH COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 27 JULY 2021 at the Little Acton Community Centre, The Green, Little Acton, Wrexham

Present:	Councillor	Kevin Roberts (Chair)
	“	Caroline Bettley (Vice Chair)
	“	Caroline Bettley
	“	Mike Davies
		Elinor Doherty *
	“	Mrs Anne Evans *
	“	Sian Hope

* Absent

Also Present: Mr Jon Stumpp, & Andy Watson, Caia Park Partnership
Mrs Carole Roberts, Clerk to the Council

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor Kevin Roberts was appointed Chair of the Youth Committee for the 2021/22 Municipal Year
(Councillor Kevin Roberts in the Chair)

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

Councillor Caroline Bettley was appointed Vice Chair of the Youth Committee for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Elinor Doherty and Anne Evans

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations made at this stage of the proceedings

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Youth Committee held on 28 January 2020 as submitted to the Meeting of the Community Council on 18 February 2020 be received and confirmed as a correct record

6. INFORMATION ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no information arising from the Minutes that has not already been included on the agenda.

7. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Youth Committee was appointed at the Annual Community Council meeting held in May 2021 and its Terms of Reference were noted.

8. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT –ACTON YOUTH WORK PROJECTS

The Committee was saddened to learn that Niall Rooney, Senior Youth Worker had now left the employ of the Caia Park Partnership and was no longer involved in the Acton Youth Work Project. Members asked that the Committee's thanks for his excellent work in establishing the Acton Youth Club be passed on to him by his former Caia Park Partnership colleagues. It was noted that a recruitment process was now underway and the same model will continue to be used for the Acton Project.

The Committee received and considered the report of the Caia Park Partnership in respect of the 2021/22 Quarter 1 performance monitoring to 30 June 2021 on the operation of this Service Level Agreement for the provision of an Open Access Youth Service together with other information provided at the meeting by representatives of the partnership. During consideration of the Report the following matters were highlighted: -

- There had been a good base level of achievement but this quarter had been the most difficult for the Youth Workers since the Covid Lockdown had begun;
- Several trips and outside engagement and joining up with other Youth Projects within the County of Wrexham had taken place or was planned to enable integration with Young People. This had identified skills gaps in terms of planning, understanding timetables and using public transport due to current Covid restrictions on providing a minibus for such trips;
- The Central Wrexham Youth Service provided for Wrexham CBC was looking to extend and lengthen sessions to four hours using match funding;
- A lot of outdoor activities such as Bush craft and safe use of fire pits were weather dependent but were being linked in to the Duke of Edinburgh Award skills requirements;
- There had been a lot of new young people attending events and the transitioning of Young People from the Junior to Senior Youth Club were being integrated slowly;
- A timeline and risk assessment process was now being produced to enable formal Open Access Youth Club sessions to be held in the Acton Community Resource Centre. The aim was once the Centre is open for Youth Club Sessions that it should not have to be back tracked due to Covid risks; and
- Low level Mental Health issues were being identified and addressed by Youth Workers being available to talk to the Young People, if requested, on a one to one basis. It was also noted that the Caia Park Partnership has separate funding to address and give mental health support to Children in Need through its Aim High Plus programme.

Members were pleased at the progress made and the achievements detailed in the report despite the difficulties as a result of continuing Covid restrictions. Clarification was sought on the areas where the Detached Youth Workers were reaching out additional to Acton Park given the size of the Acton Community; in particular the Green at Little Acton was referred to. The Chair offered to meet with the Youth Workers to introduce them to local Young People at Little Acton as part of the continuing Detached Youth Work. Concerns were voiced about use of tic toc; reassurances were given that internet safety and security and the dangers of social media were taught to the young people by child exploitation trained staff.

The Committee noted that several events were planned in the next quarter and the Caia Park Partnership now had shelters and fogging machines to ensure cleanliness of existing equipment such as the pool and table tennis tables at the Acton Youth Club. The Team were seeking to keep up with trends and purchase new equipment. Members made reference to the savings within the Service Level Agreement for room hire for 2021/22 being used to purchase additional equipment and to fund travel opportunities to address the skills shortage referred to earlier in the meeting to enable Young People to be confident and proficient in using public transport.

RESOLVED –

- i) to accept the first quarter report as now submitted in accordance with the Service Level Agreement and thank the Caia Park Partnership Officers for enabling the Youth Work project to continue despite the Covid restrictions; and***
- ii) A further monitoring report after the end of quarter two be submitted by the Caia Park Partnership to the next Youth Committee proposed for Tuesday 26 October 2021; and***
- iii) To RECOMMEND TO THE COUNCIL that any savings made to the costs of the 2021/22 Service Level Agreement for the Acton Youth Work Project as result of savings for room hire costs be used to purchase additional equipment for the Youth Club and to fund the provision of travel opportunities to address the skills shortage identified by this Youth Work Project to enable Young People to be confident and proficient in using public transport***

Councillor Kevin Roberts, Presiding Chair

Signed as a correct record this 26th day of October 2021

Presiding Chair

Further to Minute 40.1 July 2021, set out below is a Summary of urgent issues that arose during the August recess. The Clerk to the Council in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council agreed the issues should be dealt with as set out below:

ISSUE	DECISION AND ACTION
<p>1. Replacement Benches in Acton Park Further to Minute 43.1 February 2021, the Community Council was asked to confirm whether or not it still wishes to replace the two damaged picnic benches that had originally been provided by the Friends of Acton Park. The cost of each unit will be £1,150 including delivery, and Wrexham CBC will install so no contractors fee to pay. It was subsequently noted that due to steel shortages it will take approximately 12 weeks for the benches to be delivered</p>	<p><i>Agreed</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to re-affirm Acton Community Council will provide the funding for Wrexham County Borough Council to purchase two new picnic tables to replace the benches (originally provided by the Friends of Acton Park) that were vandalised in Acton Park last year. 2. The Clerk to instruct Wrexham CBC to proceed to order two replacement steel benches for installation in Acton Park at a total cost of £3,000 as quoted in an email dated 11 August 2021 and the Community Council to be invoiced accordingly.
<p>2. Community Defibrillators for Acton Community wards. Further to Minute 38.2 July 2021, Tomos Hughes is to arrange to meet with the Chair and Clerk to identify suitable locations for the 4 remaining defibrillators. Having regard to the long lead in time for the supply of the equipment and to expedite the installation of the defibrillators in the Community, the order should be placed as soon as possible Consideration was given to Quotes received for the purchase of this equipment totalling £6,577.64</p>	<p>Agreed that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the Clerk be authorised to proceed to place an order for 4 AED Semi Automatic Defibrillators and Locked Cabinets together with 4x Zoll AED Padz; at a cost of £6,577.64; and 2. The Clerk and Chair arrange to meet with Mr Tomos Hughes to identify suitable locations to install the defibrillators
<p>3. Cyber Awareness Course with SLCC: The licence for this course has expired and the Clerk had renewed for a further six months at a cost of £49 using her delegated powers</p>	<p>The Clerk under her own delegated powers arranged for the payment of the £49.00 cost to renew this licence.</p>
<p>4. Seasonal Acton Park Ranger- Service Level Agreement Following very positive feedback about the work of this year's Ranger and her engagement with the public and social media, consideration was given to extending the 30 September 2021 end date of the current SLA for the Ranger to 31 March 2022 (7 months) as there is a lot of work and activities still going on in the Park and further improvements that can be made. If the Contract is to be extended it could not wait until the next Council meeting on 21 September 2021</p>	<p>Agreed that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Under August Recess Powers the current Service Level Agreement for the Seasonal Acton Park Ranger be extended to 31 March 2022 at an apportioned cost of £7,560; 2. the Seasonal Ranger be supervised by Wrexham CBC as at present; and 3. The Ranger be tasked with:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. engaging with volunteer groups to undertake and complete winter work in Acton Park in readiness for next summer ii to conduct a winter survey to identify species that may use the Park through the winter period as part of

	<p>a review of bio-diversity within the Park and the challenges that winter brings</p> <p>iii. to continue to engage with the public and social media as at present;</p> <p>iv. to stage autumn and winter activities in the Park particularly during school holidays at October Half Term, Christmas, February; and</p> <p>v.to provide regular work / progress updates to the Community Council</p>
<p>5. Operation Blue Instinct: On 01/09/21 the Acton Sector Team are re-launching Operation Blue Instinct which is a campaign to prevent burglary related offences and protect residents of Wrexham Town by reducing victims and targeting those that cause our community most harm. The campaign will run until the New Year. The Community Council was asked to provide funding to buy low cost home security items for residents such as light switch timers, window alarms and dummy cameras an</p>	<p>Agreed that Subject to receiving confirmation that the Giveaways funded by the Community Council will only be handed out in the Acton Community, a small sum of £100 be approved under August recess powers to enable the Police to purchase the security handouts</p>
<p>6. Payment of Accounts since 20 July 2021</p> <p>This will be reported to the September 2021 Council meeting in order to meet the Internal Auditors previous recommendations</p>	
<p>7. Planning applications for development or work to protected trees in the Community Council's area</p> <p>This will be reported to the September 2021 Council meeting</p>	
<p>The above decisions were taken by the Clerk to the Council in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair as it was considered that these issues were urgent and should be dealt with during the August recess and before the next full Community Council meeting on 21 September 2021. (Minute 40.1) July 2021 refers)</p>	
<p>Signed: _____ Kevin Roberts Chair</p> <p>Date: _____ 21 September 2021</p> <p>Signed _____ Ralph Hardy Vice Chair</p> <p>Date : _____ 21 September 2021</p>	<p>Signed: _____ Carole Roberts Clerk</p> <p>Date: _____ 17 September 2021</p>



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ACTON AREA UPDATE

11/08/21 – 08/09/21

OFFICERS

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PCSO 3970 Tom Jones

PCSO 3420 Tim Edwards

PCSO 3851 Dan Whitfield

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INCIDENT UPDATE

N/A

CRIME ISSUES / TRENDS

ACTON

Fraud x 2 (Online)

Common Assault x 5 (Isolated incidents)

Criminal Damage x 3 (Damage to Cunliffe Bowls Club turf of note)

Burglary x 2 (1 detected and the other is under investigation)

Public Order x 1 (Minor)

ASB x 1 (Minor)

LITTLE ACTON

Common Assault x 1 (Minor)

RHOSESNI

Common Assault x 2 (Minor, same incident)

MAESYDRE

Public Order x 1 (Minor)

Common Assault x 3 (Isolated incidents, minor)

ASB x 1 (Minor)

BORRAS

Public Order x 1 (Minor)

Burglary Other Than Dwelling x 1 (Tools stolen from building site at Borrass Park School)

Criminal Damage x 1 (Minor)

Theft x 1 (Minor)

OTHER NEWS / PCSO ACTIVITIES

- We are still continuing our “safer roads” campaign where we have increased speed checks, vehicle safety checks and also targeting other driving offences. This has been successful and has been most welcomed by the public online. PCSO Dan Whitfield has carried out some speed checks in Maesydre with Councillor Becca Martin.
- Cold callers continue to be an issue and in response we have carried out leaflet drops in the affected areas with literature warning of what to do if confronted by Rogue traders/cold callers etc. and we have also followed this up with social media campaigns.
- Regular drop ins at the Grove Guest House.
- Operation Blue Instinct has started. The purpose of Blue Instinct is to reduce burglary in Wrexham Town. Instinct was tried in Offa last year and saw a reduction in burglary. PCSOs will be out delivering leaflets and holding pop up shops for the next few months.

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INTRODUCTION

In February 2019, the Community Council reviewed 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 provide details and enable the Council to consider the three applications for financial assistance submitted to date in accordance with the Policy agreed at the February 2019 meeting of the Council.

DECISION REQUIRED

To determine the three applications for financial assistance included in this report submitted in accordance with the Community Council's Policy implemented from April 2019.

INFORMATION

1. The Community Council reviewed and agreed its process and Policy for considering applications for financial assistance made under the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) at its February 2019 meeting (Minute 130.3 refers). The guidelines agreed from 1 April 2019 set out the three tiers of grants available and the criteria for each tier are being sent with a standard two page financial application form 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 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 where there are no other specific powers granted to the Community Council. Additional powers are also contained in Section 145 of the Act. A sum of £3,500 has been set aside in the estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2022 for this purpose.
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 £8.41 per person of the Community Councils' population is permissible for 2021/22. The total number of Acton Community electors at 1 January 2021 is 10,498. An extract will be available at the meeting of the powers contained in Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 that enables the Community Council to incur expenditure (up to £88,288.18 in 2021/22), 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. These powers cannot be used to give a Grant or Financial Assistance to any one individual person.
5. The Council during 2020/21 and 2021/22 has made use of the General Power of Wellbeing using SS 1-5 of the Local Government Act 2000 to give grants to the Wrexham Foodbank (£2,000), the Friends of Dean Road Playing Field (£1,000), the 9 Acre Field Group (£1,000) and AWYR Las – Keep the Beats (£1,355). Members are reminded that any expenditure using the General Power of Wellbeing will count towards the permissive limit for 2021/22 under Section 137(4) (a).
6. Attached at Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 for information is a summary of the Financial Assistance Grants awarded during 2019/20 and 2020/21. Members should note that during 2020/21 due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and Lockdowns, the Council relaxed its Tier Limits and awarded grants above

the guidelines set out in the existing Policy, resulting in an overspend of its budget in order to support local Acton Community Clubs and Organisations. During 2021/22 the Council has considered grant applications in June 2021. The decisions of that meeting are set out below:-

Organisation	Details	Decision
1. Wrexham Futsal Club	S137: Financial support towards purchase of balls and goals for its two teams (U7 & U9)	£400.00
2. Wrexham Community Broadcasting CIC	S137: Financial support towards the cost of starting up the former Calon FM Community Radio Station	£300.00
3. AWYR Las – Keep the Beats	SS1-5 Power of Wellbeing: assistance towards the cost of purchasing a Community Defibrillator for the Fairways play park area <i>Addendum to Minutes: Subsequently it was confirmed by the applicant that a sum of £1,355.00 was required to complete the purchase of the defibrillator</i>	To provide funding up to the full cost of purchasing and installing the defibrillator (£1,355.00)
4. Borrass Park Albion Youth Football Club	S137: Financial support towards the cost of purchasing new collapsible mini goals & plastic line markers	£400.00
TOTAL		£2,455.00

7. To ensure a fair and equal distribution of the budget, it has been usual practice to apportion it equally between the quarterly meetings. This equates to £875.00 per quarter for 2021/22. However, the Council has again agreed to relax the S137 grant funding levels within the existing grant criteria again for this financial year (2021/22) having regard to the continuing impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic on the many local clubs and organisations who are struggling to fundraise and meet in person (Minute 30i June 2021 refers).
8. Application forms have been available via the Council's Website to all local Clubs and Organisations, and several were sent in response to other general requests for financial assistance submitted to the Clerk to the Council. Each applicant has been sent a standard letter and the guideline document setting out the Council's Policy as adopted on 1 April 2019. I have received three completed forms in the current quarter as listed below. The full application forms are attached to this report and a copy of the supporting accounts and any other information will be available at the meeting. Members are requested to determine the following applications for financial assistance:-

Organisation	Details	Decision
5. K2 Explorer Scout Unit	S137 Financial support towards replacement and purchase of Water Safety equipment for Kayaking and Canoeing	
6. Acton Park Community Angling Club	S137 Financial support towards the purchase of equipment to improve water quality and oxygen content in the lake at Acton park	

Organisation	Details	Decision
7. 9 Acre Campaign Group	SS1-5 Power of Wellbeing: assistance towards the cost of professional advice from Traffic and Planning consultants	
TOTAL		

Members are reminded that within the powers permitted by Section 137(4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Community Council cannot give financial assistance to an individual.

End of Applications received in time for September 2021 meeting.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN DURING THE 2019/20 FINANCIAL YEAR:-

Name	Detail	Amount
1. Bobath Children's Therapy Centre	Contribution towards the £1.5m pa cost of providing the current level of service	£ 50.00
2. Hope House Children's Hospices	Financial support to maintain the Hospice and respite services and provide care and support to children, young people and their families	£300.00
3. Vic Studios Ltd	Assistance towards developing outreach sessions to harder to reach young people in the Acton Community	£100.00
4. Gate Hangs High Bowling Club	Financial assistance towards unexpected expenditure incurred at the start of the Bowling Season.	£200.00
5. Acton Park Community Angling Club	Contribution towards the cost of purchasing monitoring/ oxygenating equipment to improve water quality issues in the lake at Acton park	£200.00
6. RSPCA Wrexham & District & Deeside Branch	Financial support to sustain the Branch's mobile clinic project	£25.00
7. Royal British Legion	Donation to Annual Poppy Appeal for 2019	£50.00
8. Vivid Floral Design	Purchase of Poppy Wreath for 11 November 20219 Remembrance Service	70.00 (inc Vat £11.67)
9. Cunliffe Bowling Club	Financial Assistance towards running costs	£ 200.00
10. St Johns Church Rhosnesni	Financial Assistance towards cost of Community Meal on 3 December 2019	£ 300.00
11. Victim Support	Financial Assistance towards the costs of funding the 24/7 Support line Helpline Services	£50.00
Total Grants paid to 31 March 2020		£1,545.00

Additional spending Under Section 137 Powers during 2019/20:-

12.. Wrexham County Borough Council	SLA costs for School Crossing Patrols in the Acton Community (to 31 December 2020 - Q3 only)	£ 6,849.00
Total Spending under S137 powers for 2019/20 =		* £8,394.00

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SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN DURING THE 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR:-

Name	Detail	Amount
1. Wrexham Amateur Boxing Club	Financial support towards running costs of the Club	£200.00
2. Wrexham Futsal Club	Financial support towards running costs of the Club	£200.00
3. Wales Air Ambulance	Financial assistance towards costs of becoming a 24 hour service for the people of Acton, Wrexham and Wales	£225.00
4. Family Friends	Financial support towards the costs of continuing to provide support to disadvantaged families and their children in the Acton Community	£900.00
5. Wrexham Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Association	Donation to sponsor a group of classes at the Annual Flower and Vegetable Show	£100.00
6. Friends of Wrexham Museum	Donation towards the cost of printing and binding 50 copies of a book commemorating the lives of 586 men and 4 women from Wrexham who lost their lives in the Great War	£400.00
7. Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Contribution to 202 Poppy Appeal	£100.00
8. Vivid Floral Design	2020 Poppy Wreath - £70.00	£58.33 net
9. Family Friends	Financial support towards continuing to support vulnerable families in Wrexham	£1,000.00
10. Borrass Park Rangers Junior Football Club	Financial support towards the cost of replacement Goal Posts	£400.00
11. Nightingale House Hospice	Financial assistance towards costs of supporting patients and families	£2,000.00
12. Hope House Children's Hospice	Financial support towards the costs of keeping vital services operating	£2,000.00
13. Cunliffe Bowling Club	Financial assistance to support a shortfall in funding for operational costs and bills	£400.00
14. Home Start County Borough Wrexham	Financial Assistance towards ongoing and increased support to meet demand from disadvantaged and vulnerable families who reside within the Acton Community	£1,00.00
15. Gate Hangs High Bowling Club	Financial assistance to support a shortfall in funding for operational costs and bills	£400.00
16. Acton Park Community Angling Club	Financial assistance towards the cost of purchasing equipment to continue improving the water quality and oxygen content within the lake at Acton Park	£400.00
17. St Johns Church Community Meal	Financial assistance towards the cost of providing afternoon tea boxes to those who have been unable to attend the Church due to shielding or concerns about the Pandemic	£1,000.00
18. Cerebral Palsy Cymru (formerly Bobath Wales)	Financial Assistance to provide extra Therapists to treat children with Cerebral Palsy who reside in Wales	£300.00
19. 1 st Acton Brownies	Emergency Grant payment to ensure Group's continued viability during Covid 19 Pandemic Lockdown	£1,000.00
20. Welsh Air Ambulance Trust	Financial support towards running costs of four helicopters	£100.00
21. Urdd Gobaith Cymru	Financial support towards the cost of organising the Eisteddfod	£250.00

22. 1 st Acton Rainbows	Financial assistance towards costs of membership fees and badge activities	£1,000.00
23. Advance Brighter Futures	Financial support towards the cost of operating as a Mental Health Charity	£400.00
24. St Margaret's Church & Community Hall	Financial assistance to support a shortfall in funding for operational costs and bills	£200.00
25. Vic Studios Wrexham	Financial assistance towards the cost of purchasing equipment for new premises and to continue to deliver online services during the current lockdown	£100.00
26. Macmillan Cancer Support	Financial assistance towards the cost of local services and support to people who are affected by cancer	£400.00
Budget Spending under S137 powers for 2020/21 =		£14,533.33 (net)

Power of Wellbeing Expenditure to be included within spending under Section 137 Powers and limits during 2020/21

27. Wrexham Foodbank	Donation Covid 19 Parcels	£2,000.00
28. Friends of Dean Road Playing Field	Financial Support towards professional costs to be incurred opposing Glyndwr University's proposals to build on the Dean Road Playing Field	£1,000.00
29. 9 Acre Field Residents Association	Financial Support towards professional costs to be incurred opposing proposals to build on the 9 Acre Field, Westminster Drive Wrexham	£1,000.00
General Reserve Spending under s137 powers for 2020/21		£4,000.00

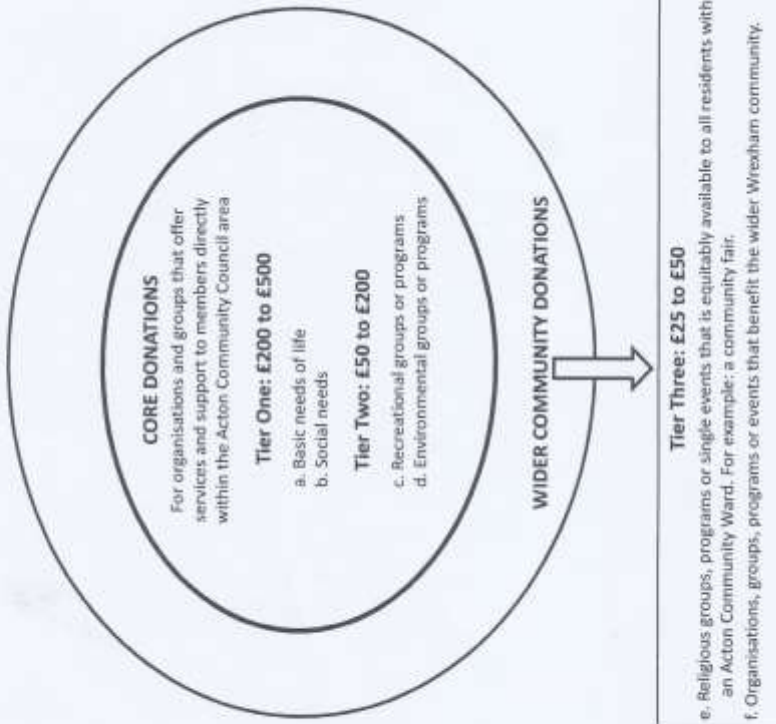
Add additional spending Under Section 137 Powers during 2020/21:-

30. Wrexham County Borough Council	SLA costs for School Crossing Patrols in the Acton Community	£ 11,607.42
Total Additional Spending under S137 powers for 2020/21		£11,607.42

Total Spending using Section 137 Powers in 2020/21 = £ 30,140.75

Acton Community Council Guidelines for S137 Grants/ Donations

(Adopted April 2015)



ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL – S137 GRANT /DONATION APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Community Council considers applications for financial assistance using the following guidelines on a quarterly basis with the annual £3,500 budget being apportioned equally each quarter to allow the Community Council to be more focused and equitable when determining financial assistance applications. The quarterly meetings are held in March, June September and December each year.

The following guidelines have been adopted by Acton Community Council with effect from 1. April 2015. The hierarchy model as illustrated is based on a three tier system that assesses the level of need around the population that is being served. In addition, priority will be given to groups within the Acton Community or those groups that are providing for residents in the Acton Community.

The three tier system caps the amount of funds made available to deserving organisations. This is a more equitable system as decisions will not be made on an ad-hoc basis. It is accepted there will be anomalies within the system, but these will be dealt with on the merits of the submitted application on a case by case basis. By way of explanation:-

Tier One:

- a. Basic needs of Life:
 - Organisations or programs that ensure the basic needs of life are dispersed to members of our community, such as food, clothing and basic hygiene products
- b. Social/Cultural:
 - Organisations or programs that benefit youth within our community
 - Organisations or programs that benefit our elders and other members within our community

Tier Two:

- c. Recreational:
 - Outdoor recreation, such as football and other team sports
- d. Environmental:
 - Parks
 - Litter collection/management
 - Community greening/planting

Tier Three:

- e. Religious:
 - Religious organisations of all kinds that lie directly within our ward may receive funding if their donation request is for members of our community
- f. Larger Community

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
(MADE UNDER SECTION 137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, AS AMENDED)
NAME OF ORGANISATION: K2 EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

Jack Wyatt, 58 Newtown, Oxford Draham
LL12 8 NQ / The Scout Hut, Dean Road, Rhosymedra

2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

Purchase of new water safety equipment for kayaking and
canoeing; to replace kit that is over 10 years old.

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?

As part of the Scouts we provide Co-educational activities and
provide skills for life to young people aged 14-18. We are open
to all young people in the age bracket 14-18.
We are based at the Scout Hut on Dean Road, Rhosymedra.
We meet every Monday night during term time and
provide additional activities during the summer holidays.
K2 Explorer has been running since 11th September 2006.

4. CAN ANYONE JOIN?

YES/~~NO~~

WHO CAN BENEFIT? All young people 14-18

5. HOW MANY RESIDENTS FROM THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA ARE MEMBERS OF OR BENEFIT FROM YOUR ORGANISATION? 25

6. IS YOUR ORGANISATION A REGISTERED CHARITY?

YES/~~NO~~

IF YES, PLEASE GIVE THE REGISTERED CHARITY No:

7. IS YOUR ORGANISATION PART OF A LARGER ORGANISATION AND IF SO WHICH ONE?

The Scout Association

8. TELL US ABOUT THE SIZE OF YOUR ORGANISATION:

A. HOW MANY STAFF DO YOU EMPLOY?

0 staff / 10 volunteers

B. ARE THEY QUALIFIED & HAVE THEY RECEIVED APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND IF APPROPRIATE, THE NECESSARY SECURITY CHECKS? All leadership Scout training & DBS checked

9. IS THE WORK OF YOUR ORGANISATION SUPERVISED BY AN OFFICIAL BODY? ~~YES~~/ NO

IF YES, PLEASE STATE SUPERVISING BODY:

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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM: K2 Explorer Scout Unit

10. PLEASE SUPPLY COPIES OF YOUR ACCOUNTS FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS [ENCLOSED? YES/NO]
(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: 1087.72

B. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS:

C. OTHER INVESTMENTS:

12. HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION'S PROFIT LAST YEAR? 3,969.84
OR LOSS LAST YEAR?

13. IF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL WERE TO AGREE TO AWARD YOUR ORGANISATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:-

A. WHAT TIER OF GRANT ARE YOU SEEKING? (PLEASE READ ACCOMPANYING GUIDELINES AND THEN DELETE AS NECESSARY): TIER 1: £200-£500 / ~~TIER 2: £50-£200~~ / ~~TIER 3: £25-£50~~

B. 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/ NO

14. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL PLEASE STATE BELOW THE PAYEE NAME FOR THE CHEQUE:
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15. PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED ABOVE THAT YOU THINK MAY SUPPORT YOUR APPLICATION:

We are currently in the process of replacing our kangaeroo equipment as most of it was either donated or purchased 2nd hand. We have had most of this equipment for over 10 years. We have so far spent £4,500.00 of our own money and are now seeking additional funds to get us over the final bits of required kit

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT

SIGNED: [Signature] Jake Myatt DATE: 02/08/2021

POSITION IN ORGANISATION: Assistant Unit Leader

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: 07590753371

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: clerk@actoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk)

**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
(MADE UNDER SECTION 137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, AS AMENDED)**
NAME OF ORGANISATION: Acton Park Community Angling Club

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr Martin Buckley, 15 East Avenue, Wrexham, LL11 2EG

2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

To assist the club in the purchase of further equipment to help us to continue to improve the water quality and oxygen content in the lake at Acton Park. To date the Community Council have helped us to purchase enough equipment to have one aeration system and we would like to invest in another.

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?

We are a fishing club based on the lake in Acton Park, primarily we have the responsibility to look after the lake, fishing pegs, plants, shrubs and trees that surround the lake edge but we have also undertaken projects that benefit all park users like the extension to the path by the old playground.

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Although the lake is of benefit to our approximately 117 members (around 15 juniors) for the purpose of fishing we feel that the work we do benefits the rest of the park users as the improvements that have taken place to the lake and the surrounding edges is of benefit to all and over the years since we have been looking after the lake it has also become a much safer place for people to be around walking through, picnicking etc.

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The club formed in 2008 and currently has a lease until 2025.

4. CAN ANYONE JOIN? YES WHO CAN BENEFIT? Anyone who uses the park

5. HOW MANY RESIDENTS FROM THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA ARE MEMBERS OF OR BENEFIT FROM YOUR ORGANISATION? 95 %.....

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 volunteers.....

B. ARE THEY QUALIFIED & HAVE THEY RECEIVED APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND IF APPROPRIATE, THE NECESSARY SECURITY CHECKS?

9. IS THE WORK OF YOUR ORGANISATION SUPERVISED BY AN OFFICIAL BODY? YES/ NO

IF YES, PLEASE STATE SUPERVISING BODY: No.....

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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM: Acton Park Community Angling Club

10. PLEASE SUPPLY COPIES OF YOUR ACCOUNTS FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS [ENCLOSED? YES]
(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: £3898.78.....
B. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS: None.....
C. OTHER INVESTMENTS: None.....

12. HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION'S PROFIT LAST YEAR? Balance c/f £2052.75.....
OR LOSS LAST YEAR?

13. IF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL WERE TO AGREE TO AWARD YOUR ORGANISATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:-

- A. WHAT TIER OF GRANT ARE YOU SEEKING? (PLEASE READ ACCOMPANYING GUIDELINES AND THEN DELETE AS NECESSARY): TIER 2: £50-£200
B. 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

14. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL PLEASE STATE BELOW THE PAYEE NAME FOR THE CHEQUE:
Acton Park Community Angling Club

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

The club would like to thank the community council for grant awarded to us last time out, this year again has been challenging at times with numbers available to us limited in the early part of the year due to the ongoing Covid restrictions – however that last few months we have been able to function on a more normal basis. We still have a number of projects to undertake this year, so far this year we have replaced the original peg structures that we installed some 10 years ago, there are some more that need an upgrade that we will look to do over the coming months. Ongoing bank side foliage management is also on our list of this to do – this has been very successful in establishing itself especially along the golf course side of the lake to the point it now needs to be managed.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT

SIGNED: D Hall..... DATE: 22/08/21.....
POSITION IN ORGANISATION: Club Secretary.....
CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: 07811051219.....

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: clerk@actoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk)**

**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
(MADE UNDER SECTION 137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, AS AMENDED)
NAME OF ORGANISATION: 9 ACRE CAMPAIGN GROUP**

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

Christopher Robert Evans, 50 Chester Road Wrexham LL112SD

2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

TO HELP US MEET THE COSTS OF PROFESSIONAL ADVICE (TRAFFIC AND PLANNING) REQUIRED TO CONTEST THE CURRENT WCBC PLANNING APPLICATION TO DEVELOP THE 9 ACRE FIELD

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?

WE ARE AN INFORMAL GROUP OF RESIDENTS DETERMINED TO PRESERVE THE 9 ACRE FIELD AS AN OPEN GREEN SPACE AND MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE FOR PUBLIC RECREATION AND EXERCISE. OUR MEMBERS LIVE LOCALLY IN ACTON, MAES Y DRE AND RHOSDDU WARDS. WE HAVE STRONG SUPPORT FROM RESIDENTS IN ALL AREAS OF WREXHAM. WE MEET (PHYSICALLY AND ONLINE) AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH AND HAVE DONE SINCE 2019, BETWEEN MEETINGS WE INTERACT ROUTINELY BY EMAIL AND USING SHARED ONLINE RESOURCES....

OUR CAMPAIGN WEBSITE IS AT WWW.9ACRE.ORG

OUR CAMPAIGN STARTED IN THE SUMMER OF 2019 WHEN WCBC LAUNCHED A PREPLANNING CONSULTATION – WE MOUNTED A VIGOROUS DEFENCE OF THE 9 ACRE FIELD, COMMISSIONED A DETAILED TECHNICAL CRITIQUE OF WCBC'S PROPOSALS, HELD A PUBLIC MEETING, LEAFLETED HOUSEHOLDS THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBOURING WARDS INCLUDING ACTON, RAN AN ACTIVE SOCIAL MEDIA DRIVE TO GENERATE OBJECTION LETTERS/EMAILS, - THROUGHOUT RECEIVING STRONG SUPPORT FROM RESIDENTS OF ACTON WARD.

WHEN THE CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATION WAS LAUNCHED IN JULY WE REPEATED THESE EFFORTS, SEEING A FURTHER SURGE OF SUPPORT FROM RESIDENTS APPALLED AT THE PROSPECT OF LOSING THIS ICONIC GREEN SPACE WITH ALL THE BENEFITS IT CONFERS SIMPLY BY BEING THERE – VISUAL AMENITY, DRAINAGE, POLLUTION BREAK – AND THE THREAT OF INCREASED TRAFFIC CONGESTION (AND THE ROAD SAFETY AND PARKING PROBLEMS THAT COME WITH IT), FLOOD RISK AND GREEN SPACE LOSS. ACTON RESIDENTS ARE STRONGLY REPRESENTED IN THIS AND IT IS NO EXAGGERATION TO SAY THAT MANY 100s OF ACTON RESIDENTS STAND TO GAIN FROM THE SUCCESS OF OUR CAMPAIGN OR LOSE QUALITY OF LIFE IF IT FAILS.

4. CAN ANYONE JOIN? YES WHO CAN BENEFIT? LITERALLY EVERYONE

5. HOW MANY RESIDENTS FROM THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA ARE MEMBERS OF OR BENEFIT FROM YOUR ORGANISATION? 100s

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? NONE.
- B. ARE THEY QUALIFIED & HAVE THEY RECEIVED APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND IF APPROPRIATE, THE NECESSARY SECURITY CHECKS? NO
9. IS THE WORK OF YOUR ORGANISATION SUPERVISED BY AN OFFICIAL BODY? YES/ NO
IF YES, PLEASE STATE SUPERVISING BODY: NO

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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM: ACTON COM CNL

10. PLEASE SUPPLY COPIES OF YOUR ACCOUNTS FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS [ENCLOSED? N/A]
(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: 996
- B. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS: 0.
- C. OTHER INVESTMENTS: 0.
12. HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION'S PROFIT LAST YEAR? 0
OR LOSS LAST YEAR? .
13. IF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL WERE TO AGREE TO AWARD YOUR ORGANISATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:-
- A. WHAT TIER OF GRANT ARE YOU SEEKING? (PLEASE READ ACCOMPANYING GUIDELINES AND THEN DELETE AS NECESSARY): TIER 1: £200-£500
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
14. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL PLEASE STATE BELOW THE PAYEE NAME FOR THE CHEQUE:
[C LLOYD. ACCT NO 70022187 SORTCODE 20-97-79
15. PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED ABOVE THAT YOU THINK MAY SUPPORT YOUR APPLICATION:

THE CURRENT WCBC PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE 9 ACRE FIELD MAKES A SERIES OF CLAIMS THAT REQUIRE DETAILED TECHNICAL REBUTTAL FROM PLANNING PROFESSIONALS – WE HAVE COMMISSIONED REPORTS FROM PLANNING ADVISORS AND A TRAFFIC CONSULTANT, THE COSTS OF WHICH GREATLY EXCEED OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES. WE HAVE PUT OUT A CALL FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT WHICH HAS RAISED SOME MONEY AND WE ARE PLANNING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES TO RAISE MORE. AT THIS POINT WE ESTIMATE WE ARE £1400 SHORT. A SUBSTANTIAL £ CONTRIBUTION FROM ACTON CC WOULD GIVE US THE CONFIDENCE AND MOMENTUM WE NEED TO ACHIEVE THIS TARGET

THE LOSS OF DEAN FIELD MAKES THE PRESERVATION OF 9 ACRE FIELD AS AN OPEN GREEN SPACE EVEN MORE CRITICAL. ACTON CC HAS LED FROM THE FRONT ON THIS ISSUE – BOTH IN THE PRINCIPLED PUBLIC POSITION IT HAS ADOPTED ON THE WIDER ISSUES INVOLVED AND IN THE INTIAL GENEROUS SUPPORT IT GAVE TO OUR GROUP AT THE TIME OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION. THE AFFINITY BETWEEN THIS STANCE AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH AND WELL BEING PRINCIPLES ON WHICH OUR CAMPAIGN IS FOUNDED IS OBVIOUS AND MOTIVATING.

ENCLOSED WITH THIS APPLICATION ARE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

1. INITIAL REPORT FROM OUR PLANNING ADVISORS PWA (PART PAID FOR WITH OUR PREVIOUS GRANT FROM ACTON CC
2. TRAFFIC CONSULTANT REPORT

3. FINAL REPORT FROM PWA IN RESPONSE TO CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATION

THIS APPLICATION IS FOR A GRANT TO HELP US MEET THE COSTS OF 2&3

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT

SIGNED: 

DATE: 30/10/2021.

POSITION IN ORGANISATION: CAMPAIGN GROUP MEMBER
CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: 07885567512

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