

Dear Councillor

13 March 2024

You are summoned to attend a **REMOTE** meeting of **ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL** to be held in accordance with Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 on **WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2024** at **6.30pm**. Please note that due to room availability there is no option this month to attend the meeting in person.

To join this online Zoom Meeting use this [hyperlink to join the Remote Council meeting on 20 March 2024](#) or use the Meeting ID: 878 4966 6464 and Passcode: 740181. Please note that the Meeting and those participating online will be recorded. The business to be transacted is as set out in the agenda below.

Yours faithfully

Carole Roberts

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Council

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: At this stage of the proceedings the Chair will give any Members of the Public in attendance a reasonable opportunity to make representations about any business to be discussed at the meeting, unless doing so is likely to prejudice the effective conduct of the meeting. This does not mean that Members of the Public can take part in debate, but they must be given a reasonable opportunity to make representations about business to be discussed. The period of time designated for Public Participation at a meeting in accordance with Standing Order 3(d) shall not exceed **15** minutes unless directed otherwise by the Chair of the meeting.

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:-

- i) Council meeting held on 21 February 2024 (Copy attached)
- ii) -Youth Committee meeting held on 28 February 2024 (copy attached)

5. INFORMATION FROM 21 February 2024 MINUTES:

6. COMMUNITY POLICING MATTERS: To receive a verbal update from any of the Acton Community Police Officers that may be present at the Meeting.

7. PROCEDURAL MATTERS: Clerk to report on the following procedural matters:

- 1) SECTION 116 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURE 2011: CASUAL VACANCY RHOSNESNI WARD:** Clerk to report on any responses received to the Notice of Co-option
- 2) SECTION 116 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURE 2011: CASUAL VACANCY ACTON CENTRAL WARD:** Clerk to report on any response received from the Returning Officer following the expiration of the Public Notice period.

3) SECTION 116 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURE 2011: CASUAL VACANCY ACTON CENTRAL WARD: Clerk to report on any response received from the Returning Officer following the expiration of the Public Notice period.

4) ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY GOVERNOR – ALEXANDRA CP SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY: The Clerk to the Governing body has advised that Councillor Philip Lloyd has resigned from this Governing Body and has requested the Community Council to appoint someone else to replace him

5) COMMUNITY AGENT: Mandy Woodfine-Jones the Acton Community Agent has provided the attached report for February 2024 outcomes

6) INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES (IRPW) ANNUAL REPORT - FEBRUARY 2024: In accordance with the requirements of Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 the Panel have issued its Annual report To consider the detail of this Report and to make the required determinations in response. The report can be read online by following this hyperlink: [Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales's Annual Report, February 2024](#). It should be noted that [All other Determinations set out in 2022 to 2023 and 2023 to 2024 remain valid and should be applied](#).

8. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PROGRESSION OF ANNUAL REPORT PRIORITIES: Chair and Members to provide an update on the following matters:

1. Events at Acton Park and Gazebo

2. Progress of Annual Report Priorities: Financial Assistance/grants; Acton Park Play areas particularly the development of new Acton Park playground, Little Acton Community Centre; Christmas lighting/celebrations; Maesydre PowerHouse; Monitoring and reduction of speeding within the Community

8. 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)

9. 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.

10. REPORT FROM CLERK: Clerk to report on correspondence, consultations and other information that has been received since the last meeting. Details attached.

11. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: To note details of any payments received and authorise any outstanding debtor or other payments and to give approval for adding to earmarked reserves for the Little Acton Community Centre project

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

Planning Applications	Decision
1. Planning Application P/2024/0127 - Valid From 28/02/2024 :The Firs, 5 Little Acton Drive, Wrexham, LL12 8DH - works to trees protected by tree preservation order wcbc 149	
Planning Application P/2024/0101 - Valid From 01/03/2024 : Tapley Avenue Childrens Centre, 45 Tapley Avenue, Wrexham, LL12 7UY - discharge of condition 3 (biodiversity) of planning permission p/2023/0150	

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

13. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC: It is recommended 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.

- 14. STAFFING COMMITTEE MINUTES:** To receive the Confidential Minutes and recommendations of the Staffing Committee meeting of the Council adjourned on 6 December 2023 and reconvened on 13 March 2024 (Copy to follow)

Minutes of the hybrid Meeting of Acton Community Council held Wednesday 21 February 2024 remotely via Zoom and at Acton Community Resource Centre, Overton Way, Acton, Wrexham

Present:

Councillor	Kevin Roberts (Chair)	Councillor	R Hardy (Vice Chair)
"	W Baldwin	"	Ms C Jarvis
"	Mrs C Bettley	"	P Lloyd *
"	M Davies	"	Ms B Martin
"	Ms S Edwards	"	Ms K Speirs
"	Mrs A Evans	"	Ms D Wallice *
"	A Gallanders	"	
"	Mrs H Hewitt		2 Vacancies

* Absent

Also Present:

Mandy Woodfine Jones, Acton Community Agent

Jane Edwards & Katherine Prince, AVOW

Mrs Carole Roberts & Mrs Michelle Williams Clerk & Administrative Assistant to the Council

121. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms D Wallice and P Lloyd.

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

122. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present at the meeting to make any representations as set out in Standing Order No. 3d.

123. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this stage of the proceedings

124. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the hybrid Council meeting held on the 24 January 2024 were received.

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the hybrid Council Meeting held on 24 January 2024 be received and confirmed as a correct record.

125. INFORMATION FROM 24 JANUARY 2024 MINUTES

- 1) MINUTE 125.1: S116 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURE 2011 – CO-OPTION MAESYDRE WARD & CASUAL VACANCY – ACTON CENTRAL WARD:** Members noted that the Clerk had made the necessary arrangements to publish the relevant Public Notices with the Wrexham CBC Electoral Office and online and would report the outcomes to the next meeting.

126. COMMUNITY AGENT

The Chair welcomed Mandy Woodfine-Jones, Acton Community Agent who was in attendance at the meeting to update Members on her work in the Community. Updated reports for December 2023 and January 2024 were circulated to Members prior to the Meeting. Her heavy caseload was noted.

Members noted the Community Agent is providing support to Active Futures, Courses on Smart phone use, intergenerational work, talks at coffee mornings including energy efficiency, being dementia friendly, Cook Activity Sessions and Bird Feeders with Groundwork Trust. The Community Agent had run 3 craft sessions in Little Acton Community Centre which had proven very popular however, funding would be required to continue with the sessions. Members were reminded that there was still no transport in place for Acton residents feeling lonely/isolated, who would benefit from being taken to social activities, events or for Benefits advice. The mini buses owned by the Rainbow Foundation were principally being used in the Penley area and the Acton Community Agent was continuing to use her own transport to help Acton residents.

Members expressed concerns that unlike other Community Agents there appeared to be little funding available for the events and social activities and reimbursement of the Community Agent's travel expenses. Members reminded the Community Agent of the Citizens Advice Bureau outreach service the Community Council is funding separately for Acton residents.

The Chair thanked Mandy Woodfine-Jones for her report and attendance and she remained in the meeting for the next item of business.

RESOLVED – that

- i) the Chair attend the next Stakeholder meeting of the Rainbow Foundation on 5 March 2024 and give a report to the next Council meeting; and***
- ii) The Chair ask at the Stakeholder meeting for more information about transport provision and its funding for Acton residents and also about funding for events that is available within the Rainbow Foundation's Grant Funding from Wrexham CBC for the Acton Community Agent.***

127. WELLBEING HUB

The Chair welcomed Katherine Prince and Jane Edwards from AVOW to the Meeting. Ms Edwards gave a short presentation to Members on the success of the Wellbeing Hub held in Gwersyllt Resource Centre. Members discussed the possibility of running a similar service in Acton Community Resource Centre, with an option to run some events also in Little Acton Community Centre. However it was noted that the Acton Community Resource Centre is owned and managed by Wrexham CBC. The Initiative if extended to the Acton Community would assist the Community Council in meeting its Biodiversity and Wellbeing targets. Clarification was sought from AVOW on the feasibility of extending its funding for an Acton Project particularly given the high level of Social deprivation within some of its wards.

RESOLVED – that the representatives of AVOW be thanked for their attendance and confirm the Community Council is willing to give support and the Wrexham CBC Members for the Acton Community should push from Wrexham CBC to fund this

128. PROCEDURAL MATTERS The following matters were considered:

- 1. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR & INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2024/25:** The Council considered and undertook an annual review of the Council's arrangements for Independent Internal Audit testing during 2024/25 on its accounts for 2023/24 as specified by the Audit Commission for Wales and the current Accounts and Audit Regulations 2014. The Clerk advised the existing Internal Auditor had confirmed that there are no changes to the terms of engagement from last year - there will still be one annual audit conducted after the year end between April and June at a date agreed with the Council. There will be one annual audit report issued.

RESOLVED:

- i) To confirm the annual review of the Council's arrangements for Independent Internal Audit testing during 2024/25 for its 2023/24 accounts as specified by the Audit Commission for Wales, the current Accounts and Audit Regulations and the Governance and Accountability for Local Councils in Wales – A Practitioners Guide (2019);***

- ii) To confirm the re-appointment of JDH Business Services Limited to provide the Council's Internal Audit Service; and*
- iii) A letter detailing the Internal Audit Plan for 2024/25 as reported to the meeting be signed by the Clerk and Chair to the Council and forwarded to JDH Business Services Ltd*

2. SLA MATTERS WREXHAM CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU – ACTON OUTREACH SERVICE: The Quarter 2 and Quarter 3 (August 2023 to December 2023) Service Level Agreement Monitoring Statistics were received and considered. Members commented on the excellent layout of the reports, with good case studies and an increase in referrals.

RESOLVED - that the Quarter 2 and Quarter 3 Service Level Agreement Report for the Acton Outreach Advice Service be received and noted.

3. ANNUAL REPORT: The Clerk informed Members that as the Acton Community Council 2024/25 precept will be in excess of £200k, it would be prudent to combine the content of the Annual report and make reference to, the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 – to demonstrate how the Council's work contributes to the objectives set out in it. Members discussed their current objectives, what had been achieved and what was still outstanding, and considered their priorities for 2024/2025. It was noted that the TFG for Acton Play has never reported any outcomes or recommendations to the Council and it does not have power to act.

RESOLVED that –

- i) Councillor Hardy update the current Annual Report to present at the next Council meeting in March 2024.*
- ii) Councillor Edwards provide a briefing note for the Clerk to send to a playground design company based in Shrewsbury to obtain a design brief for the proposed play area in Acton Park and a draft to send to Wrexham CBC requesting their permission, as the landowner, to install a new playground in Acton park .*
- iii) The Task & Finish group set up to oversee the provision of a new playground in the Acton area provide an update to every Council Meeting.*

129. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PROGRESSION OF ANNUAL REPORT PRIORITIES

1. EVENTS AT ACTON PARK: Members noted the success of the Dog Show at the Park, which generated a footfall of over 500 members of the public. Members discussed the merits of hiring a portaloo and potentially a gazebo to assist with promoting events and the recruitment of new councillors.

RESOLVED – that Councillor Hardy research the purchase of a gazebo and the potential costs and report to the next meeting.

2. PROGRESS OF ANNUAL REPORT PRIORTIES: The Chair provided more information on the Christmas lights / celebrations in conjunction with Rhosddu Community Council. There are 6 lamp posts on the Rhosddu side of Chester Road and 5 on the Acton side of Chester Road proposed to be surveyed. The Rhosddu Community Council chair had sourced a company to survey the lamp posts and provide a socket for £250 per post. Members discussed the proposed costs.

RESOLVED – to proceed with the proposed survey of five lampposts on the Acton Community side of Chester Road for Christmas Lighting using the Community Initiative budget.

130. KEY ACTON ISSUES

- 1) MINUTE 91.2.3:** Following the success of the Given to Shine initiative on Christmas Eve, Councillor Martin had been approached by residents requesting that this event continue throughout the year. Members discussed the potential to use the Maesydre Powerhouse as a venue for distributing the food, but concerns were raised from a Health and Safety perspective.
- 2) THE GROVES:** Members noted that their had been no response as yet on the proposal to turn the building into a Museum.
- 3) NINE ACRE FIELD:** Members noted that the proposal to change the name to Queen Elizabeth II park was no longer going ahead.

131. REPORT FROM CLERK

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

Organisation	Details Notes
CONSULTATIONS: Members considered the undermentioned Consultations	
Wrexham CBC	Wrexham CBC (Off Street Parking Places)(Consolidation) Order 2024: email dated 9 February 2024 inviting Members to comment on the proposed changes to car parking charges. <i>Members to make individual comments</i>
Llais Cymru	EMRTS Service Review Phase 3 Engagement - 1st Feb to 29th Feb 2024: email dated 19 February 2024 requesting comments by the 29 February 2024, on the proposed plans to relocate the Air Ambulance bases. <i>Information noted</i>
CORRESPONDENCE	
1. One Voice Wales	1. Non Exec Director Board Opportunities – Welsh Government: email dated 2 January 2024 with information on Non Exec Director Board opportunities. 2. 2024 - Training Dates By Module - January, February & March: email dated 2 January 2024 with a list of the latest training dates. 3. Communication about digital training for distribution: email dated 2 January 2024 with details of digital training, free to Councillors https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/one-voice-wales-digital-training-2918959 4. Community Speed Watch: email dated 4 January 2024 with details of a Go Safe event about Community Speed Watch. 5. Online Event - Buglife Cymru January 31 2024: email dated 8 January 2024 with details of an event Managing Green Spaces in B-lines. 6. D-DAY 80' (June 6th 2024) New Year Update: email dated 11 January 2024 with details of the D-Day 80 commemorative event. 7. Free Places - Use of IT, Websites and Social Media Training: email dated 25 January 2024 with information on free IT Training 8. Vacancy – PublicAppointments: email dated 26 January 2024 with details of the latest public appointments. 9. Access denied – Older people’s experiences of digital exclusion in Wales – Report Launch: email dated 31 January 2024 with a link to this report. 10. Joint Event One Voice Wales And Planning Aid Wales – Thursday 7 March 2024 From 10.00am Until 2.00pm (Remote): email dated 31 January 2024 with details of this joint event. <i>Information noted</i>
2. Planning Aid Wales	1. Latest news from Planning Aid Wales: email dated 3 January 2024 with the latest events and training from Planning Aid Wales. 2. Introducing...Strategic Development Plans: email dated 17 January 2024 inviting Members to attend online training on Strategic Development plans in February 2024. 3. Latest news from Planning Aid Wales: email dated 29 January 2024 with the latest events and training from Planning Aid Wales. <i>Information noted</i>
3. Wrexham CBC	1. Adoption Wrexham Local Development Plan: email dated 5 January 2024 with details of the LDP adoption and a link for more information. Documents can be viewed on the LDP Consultation Portal here . 2. Wrexham Town and Community Council Forum: email dated 2 February 2024 with a presentation attached on the Wrexham Placemaking Plan. 3. Carbon and Climate conversation Wrexham: email dated 2 February 2024 inviting Members to the next meeting on Wednesday 7 February at 16.30. <i>Information noted</i>

4. Play Wales	<p>1. Play Wales 2023 publications: email dated 9 January 2024 with links to all their 2023 publications.</p> <p>2. January e-bulletin: email dated 18 January 2024 with the first e-bulletin of 2024</p> <p>3. New publication – Playing and being well review summary: email dated 25 January 2024 Play Wales has published a summary of its forthcoming publication, <i>Playing and being well</i>.</p> <p>4. February e-bulletin: email dated 13 February 2024 with the latest events, jobs and publications.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Information noted</p>
5. Menter Iaith Fflint a Wrexham	<p>St. David's Day: email dated 18 January 2024 inviting Members to join the Mayor of Wrexham at the St David's Day celebration in Wrexham on Friday 1 March 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Information noted</p>

132. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk reported on Payments received and bank charges made since 24 January 2024, and requested authorisation for outstanding debtor or other cheque, BACS and debit card payments as set out in the schedule below:

Voucher/Payment Ref & Payee	Details	Amount
116. BACS ref 51.2.24 Carole Roberts	Clerks Salary and office expenses for February 2024 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)
117. BACS ref 52.2.24 Michelle Williams	Salary for February 2024 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)
118. BACS ref 53.2.24 Clwyd Pension Fund	Pension payments for February 2024 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	(as per Payroll schedule)
119. BACS ref 54.2.24 HMRC	Payroll payments for February 2024 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	(as per Payroll schedule)
120. Cheque No 202340 Wrexham & District Citizens Advice Bureaux	Q3 +Q4 Sla payments for Acton Outreach Service at Acton Community Resource Centre Section 142 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£3,326.16 (VAT=£0.00)
121. Cheque No 202341 Audit Wales Office	2022/23 External Audit Fees Accounts & Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014	£250.00 (VAT=£0.00)
122. Cheque No 202342 Vision ICT Ltd	Webinar Fee for 8 February 2024 – MW S112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£30.00 (VAT= £5.00)
123. Cheque No 202343 Wrexham County Borough Council	2023/24: Q1-Q3 Contribution to Running costs for Little Acton Community Centre S19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976)	£4,228.87 (VAT=£0.00)
124. Cheque No 202344 Wrexham County Borough Council	Licence Rental payment for use of Acton CRC Office Space 01/04/23-30/09-23 S112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£1,200.00 (VAT=£0.00)
125. Cheque No 202345 Wrexham County Borough Council	Room Hire for Committee meetings 25/10/23 + 6/12/23 at Acton Community Res Centre S112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£80.00 (VAT= £0.00)

126. Cheque No 202346 Wrexham County Borough Council	SLA Payment for 2023/24 Acton Park Ranger S19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976	£33,454.00 (VAT=£0.00)
127. DC 10.2.24 Zoom	Zoom Subscription from 19 February 2024 S112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£15.59 (VAT= £2.60)
128. DC 11.2.24 Tesco Stores Ltd	Phone Top up February 2024 S112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£15.00 (VAT= £1.75)
129. BACS ref 55.2.24 The Safe Shop Ltd	DAD0009-Front Loading Post Box plus installation at Little Acton Community Centre Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£324.00 (VAT=£54.00)
130. Cheque No 202347 Carole Roberts	Clerks Expenses for February 2024 S112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£15.00 (VAT=£0.00)
131. BACS ref 56.2.24 Viking Direct	Storage Cupboard for Little Acton Community Centre S112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£411.54 (VAT=£68.59)
.Chairs Charity Account		
CCA.5.23/24 Cheque No 100045 Kevin Roberts	Reimbursement of extra spend on Park Ranger/Friends of Acton park Christmas Meal on 19/12/23 S15 Local Government Act 1072 (as amended)	£ 19.99
CCA.6.23/24 Cheque No 100046 Friends of Ruabon	Donation towards costs of bringing Santa Sleigh to Acton Park Christmas event on 10/12/23 S15 Local Government Act 1072 (as amended)	£50.00

RESOLVED – to approve the making of payments for February 2024 as set out in the schedule reported to the meeting; and to note the payments received; and to authorise the Clerk to replenish the Council's Current Account by £60,000 to meet contractual and other known payments to 31 March 2024.

133. 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 the following observations be made on the applications as set out below:

Case Number/ Address & Proposed Development	Decision
1. Planning Application P/2024/0027 - Valid From 10/01/2024 Land Adjacent To, 38 And 40 Hazel Grove, Wrexham, LL12 7YN discharge of conditions 4 (ecology), 5 (biodiversity), 7 (landscaping) & 8 (boundary treatment) of planning permission p/2022/0903	Information only No observations
2. Planning Application P/2024/0047 - Valid From 22/01/2024 4 Oaklands Avenue, Wrexham, LL13 9EW discharge of conditions 4 (archaeology) and 5 (watching brief) of planning permission p/2023/0652	Information only No observations
3. Planning Application P/2024/0030 -Valid From 08/02/2024 Land Adjacent To, 35 Derwent Crescent, Wrexham, LL12 7YN discharge of conditions 4 (biodiversity), 5 (ecology), & 7 (boundary treatment) of planning permission p/2022/0902	Information only No observations

Councillor Kevin Roberts
Chair

Signed as a correct record this 20th day of March 2024

Presiding Chair

Minutes of the Remote YOUTH COMMITTEE held on Wednesday 28 February 2024

Present: Councillor Kevin Roberts (Chair)
 " Andy Gallanders (Vice Chair)
 " Caroline Bettley
 " Anne Evans
 " Holly Hewitt
 " Corin Jarvis
 " Phil Lloyd

* Absent

Also Present: Mr Jon Stumpp, Caia Park Partnership
 Mr Gareth Stacey, Wrexham CBC Play Development Team
 Mrs. Michelle Williams, Acton Community Council

16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Carole Roberts, Clerk/RFO to Acton Community Council.

RESOLVED – that the apology for absence be received.

17. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest made at this stage of the proceedings.

18. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the remote Youth Meeting held on 25 October 2023, as submitted to the Meeting of the Community Council on 15 November 2023 be received and confirmed as a correct record.

19. INFORMATION FROM THE 25 OCTOBER 2023 MINUTES

There was nothing additional to report.

20. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Youth Committee was re-appointed at the Annual Community Council meeting held in May 2023 and its Terms of Reference were noted.

21. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT – ACTON YOUTH WORK PROJECTS

The Chair welcomed Jon Stumpp to the meeting. Members considered the report circulated prior to the meeting, in respect of the Quarter 3 performance monitoring to 31 December 2023, on the operation of this Service Level Agreement for the provision of an Open Access Youth Service. The report set out in detail updates on the Acton Juniors and Acton Seniors, and positive outcomes from activities organized by staff. Members noted that there had been a small issue with a toilet door within the Acton Resource Centre but this was being dealt with by Jon Stumpp and the Resource Centre Management team.

Members were very supportive of the work being done and thanked Jon Stumpp for his attendance and report.

RESOLVED –

- i. to accept the update and report as now submitted; and***
- ii. that a further monitoring report after the end of quarter four be submitted by the Caia Park Partnership to the next Youth Committee Meeting on 24 April 2024***

22. PLAY SUFFICIENCY PILOT PROJECT WITH WREXHAM CBC FOR STAFFED PLAY PROVISION IN THE ACTON COMMUNITY

The Chair welcomed Gareth Stacey to the meeting. Members considered the Quarter 3 performance monitoring report from December 2023 to February 2024, on the operation of this Play Sufficiency Pilot Project which had been received prior to the meeting. Gareth Stacey reported to Members that the move to a single site provision had had an immediate impact on numbers attending, with an increase to nine in those visiting the Green in Little Acton. Staff had completed a leaflet drop, door to door and were looking to advertise with local Schools prior to the Easter half-term.

Members disputed that there had ever been nine children in attendance. The Chair discussed the concerns raised by members at the previous meeting regarding the value for money of this Play provision particularly given the poor attendance observed by some Members and whether it was more suited to summer months only. Gareth Stacey observed that the play provision could be held anywhere that Members wanted it to be held. Members felt that it might be best to wait, while the weather improves and re-evaluate the numbers and the service location at the next meeting on the 24 April 2024.

RESOLVED –

- i. To accept the update and report as now submitted and***
- ii. A further progress report on this Pilot Play Provision project in the Acton Community be submitted by Wrexham CBC Play Development Officers to the next Youth Committee Meeting on 24 April 2024.***
- iii. Gareth Stacey to complete some focused evaluation with the children that do attend the sessions on why they attend and what they enjoy about the sessions, and to provide more information to the next Youth Committee Meeting on the 24 April 2024.***
- iv. Councillor Bettley to attend a session at the Green, Little Acton and provide further information at the next Youth Committee Meeting on the 24 April 2024.***

Councillor Kevin Roberts Chair

Signed as a correct record this 24 day of April 2024

Presiding Chair

MEETING: 20 MARCH 2024

AGENDA ITEM 7.1)

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APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION ONTO THE COUNCIL

WARD YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR: **RHOSNESNI**

1. NAME: LIZ PAINTER.
2. ADDRESS: 31 CAMBERLEY DRIVE, WREXHAM LL12 7LP
3. REASON FOR WANTING TO BE A COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR?
I have always been interested in the role, and
I now have time to commit to it.

4. PERSONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF:

I.e.: Work:

I am a retired nurse and Health Visitor. I worked
for BCUHB for 20+ years in and around central
Wrexham.

Volunteer Experience:

No direct experience however I have worked
alongside volunteers during my career.

Qualities you would bring to the role of Community Councillor

I am honest, trustworthy and reliable. I feel I have
a good rapport with people, and can have
balanced and reasonable discussions. I am
very much in favour of all voices being heard and
represented, and I am passionate about maintaining
safe and inclusive communities

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

I have lived local to Acton all my life, and I feel
strongly that it has much to offer residents of all ages.
I would value the opportunity to be co-opted onto
the council in order that I could be further engaged
in the community, and to represent those who live
here. Although I am now retired, I have children and
grandchildren, and I feel my representation can be
respectful of all generations.

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

SIGNED: efaint

DATE: 29/02/2024

Please return this form to: The Clerk to Acton Community Council, c/o Acton Community Resource
Centre, Overton Way, Wrexham, LL12 7LB (or by email to: clerk@actoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk)

BY NO LATER than NOON on MONDAY 18 MARCH 2024

MEETING: 20 MARCH 2024

AGENDA ITEM 7.4)

Financial Year 2023-24

Community Council: Acton
Community Agent Name: Mandy

			Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
1 CLIENTS PROFILE: NEW REFERRALS & OPEN CASES															
1.1	Number of clients receiving support	Number of individuals still receiving support that were recorded in previous month/s							5	11	14	3	2		35
1.2	Number of new people accessing the service	The number of individuals who access the project for the first time.						6	14	3	4	13	9		49
1.3	Number of people re-referring to the service	The number of individuals that have previously accessed the service but have asked for further support										7	5		12
1.4	Age Profile Please indicate the number of NEW referrals received during the month from each age range	Over 50						6	14	4	4	23	17		62
		Under 50									1	0			1
1.5	Ethnicity Please indicate the number of NEW referrals received during the month. Please select one option only.	White (Welsh, English, Scottish, Northern Irish or British)						6	14	5	4	22	12		63
		Irish													0
		Gypsy or Irish Traveller													0
		Roma													0
		Any other White background													0
		Asian - Indian													0
		Asian - Pakistani													0
		Asian - Bangladeshi													0
		Asian - Chinese													0
		Asia - any other Asian background													0
		Black - Caribbean													0
		Black - African													0
		Black - any other Black, Black British, or Caribbean background													0
		Mixed - White and Black Caribbean													0
		Mixed - White and Black African													0
		Mixed - White and Asian													0
		Any other Mixed or multiple ethnic background													0
		Arab													0
		Any other ethnicity please describe:													0
		Prefer not to say													0
		Self Referral						1	7		2	9	8		27
		Neighbour / Friend						1				1	1		3
		Age Cymru													0
		AVOW							2			2			4
		Citizen Advice													0
		Community Council													0
		Extra Care													0
		Family							1	1	1	2	1		6
		Fire Service													0
		Health - GP/ District Nurse													0
		Health - Hospital						1							1

1.6	Referral Source: Please indicate the number of referrals received during the month from each referral source	Health - Other <i>Please detail</i>																	
		Housing- Association																	
		Housing - WCBC																	
		NEWCIS																	
		North Wales Autistic Society																	
		Police																	
		Social Care - Community Wellbeing Team										1							
		Social Care - Disability Team																	
		Social Care - Older Persons Team								2					1		1		
		Social Care - OT																	
		Well-Being Hub								1									
		Social Prescribers											1		2				
		Other - <i>Please detail</i> Rainbow, Alzheimers Org										1	2	1	1	1			
1.7	Unpaid Carer: Please indicate the number of referrals received during the month from each	Unpaid Carer									1				1	1			
		Cared For																	
1.8	Housing: Please indicate the number of referrals received during the month from each	Both																	
		Owner																	
		Family Owned																	
		Private rented																	
		Council Rented																	
		Residential / Sheltered / Supported Living																	
		Homeless																	
		Not Recorded																	
2. CLIENT PROFILE: CLOSED REFERRALS																			
2.1	How long the client was working with Community Agent before closed	1-6 Days													4	2			
		1 Week												2	5	1			
		2 Weeks												2	3	3			
		3 Weeks								1					3	2			
		4 weeks												1	2				
		4-8 Weeks																	
		8-12 Weeks														2			
		13+ weeks <i>Please detail reason</i>																	
2.2	Number of people feeling less isolated	<i>The number of individuals who report feeling less isolated after receiving support from the project.</i>							4	1				5	14	6			
2.3	Number of people satisfied with the information provided	<i>The number of individuals who report being satisfied with the information they received from the project.</i>							6	1				5	22	10			
2.4	Number of people achieving personal outcomes	<i>The number of individuals who have achieved personal outcomes as a result of the project. E.g. Attending Community Groups, Accessed Service etc.</i>							4	3				5	12	8			
3. CLOSED REFERRALS: WHO AGEING WELL STATUS																			
3.1	World Health Organisation Outcomes Please indicate the number of clients who have reported an improvement in each of these	Number feeling safe and secure									1	2		5	13	9			
		Number making more meaningful use of time										1	2		3	9	6		
		Number improved ability to manage paperwork / digital skills														2	4		
		Number improved ability to manage day to day activities										1	2		1	4	5		
		Number increased satisfaction with home environment														7	3		
		Number improved awareness to access further services												2		18	9		
		Number improved social networks and friendships										1				9	8		

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL DETERMINATIONS - EXTRACT

TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL DETERMINATIONS



AGENDA ITEM 7.5)

REPORT, DOCUMENT

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales: determinations 2023 to 2024

Determinations the Panel has made about salary and allowances in place for the year 2023 to 2024.

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Introduction

This is a list of all the determinations the Panel has made about salary and allowances which are in place for the year 2023 to 2024. The background information in respect of these Determinations can be found in the Panel's Annual Reports of (<https://www.gov.wales/independent-remuneration-panel-wales-annual-report-2022-2023.html>) **2022** (<https://www.gov.wales/independent-remuneration-panel-wales-annual-report-2022-2023>) and **2023** (<https://www.gov.wales/independent-remuneration-panel-wales-annual-report-2023-2024>).

Principal Councils

Basic salary for elected members of Principal Councils

The basic salary is aligned with three fifths of the All Wales figure for average earnings as set out in ASHE, the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings published by the Office for National Statistics. The latest relevant publication was for 2021. This is £17,600. (Determination 1 of 2023)

When a Council agrees a paid substitution for family absence the Panel must be informed within 14 days of the date of the decision, of the details including the particular post and the duration of the substitution. (Determination 21 of 2022)

The Council's schedule of remuneration must be amended to reflect the implication of the family absence. (Determination 22 of 2022)

Sickness absence payments for senior salary holders of Principal Councils

The Panel's framework provides arrangements for long term sickness absence for senior salary holders. These arrangements are set out in Annex 4.

National Park Authorities (NPA) and Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRA)

The basic pay of members of National Park Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities was increased in line with ASHE in 2023. All payments are set out in the following table. (Determination 5 of 2023)

Payments to National Parks Authorities

National Parks Authorities	Amount
Basic salary for ordinary member	£5,265
Chair	£14,598
Deputy Chair (where appointed)	£9,005
Committee Chair or other senior post	£9,005

Payments to Fire and Rescue Authorities

Fire and Rescue Authorities	Amount
Basic salary for ordinary member	£2,632
Chair	£11,985
Deputy Chair (where appointed)	£6,372
Committee Chair or other senior post	£6,372

Members must not receive more than one NPA senior salary. (Determination 27 of 2022)

A NPA senior salary is paid inclusive of the NPA basic salary. (Determination 28 of 2022)

Members of a principal council in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary cannot receive a salary from any NPA to which they have been appointed. Where this situation applies, it is the responsibility of the individual member to comply. (Determination 29 of 2022)

Members must not receive more than one FRA senior salary. (Determination 34 of 2022)

An FRA senior salary is paid inclusive of the FRA basic salary and must reflect significant and sustained responsibility. (Determination 35 of 2022)

Members of a principal council in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary cannot receive a salary from any FRA to which they have been nominated. Where this situation applies, it is the responsibility of the individual member to comply. (Determination 36 of 2022)



Community and Town Councils

Members of Community and Town Councils will be paid £156 a year (equivalent to £3 a week) towards the extra household expenses (including heating, lighting, power and broadband) of working from home.

And councils must either pay their members £52 a year for the cost of office consumables required to carry out their role, or alternatively councils must enable members to claim full reimbursement for the cost of their office consumables. (Determination 4 of 2023)

The payment for members undertaking a senior role is set out in Annex 3 (Determination 4 of 2023)

Community and town councils can decide to make payments to each of their members in respect of travel and or subsistence costs for attending approved duties. Such payments must be the actual costs of travel by public transport or the HMRC mileage allowances as set out under Travel and Subsistence Costs above. (Determination 46 and 47 of 2022)

Community and town councils can pay financial loss compensation to each of their members, where such loss has occurred, for attending approved duties as follows: (Determination 48 of 2022)

- up to £57.20 for each period not exceeding 4 hours
- up to £114.40 for each period exceeding 4 hours but not exceeding 24 hours

Each council can decide to introduce an attendance allowance for members. The amount of each payment must not exceed £30. A member in receipt of financial loss will not be entitled to claim attendance allowance for the same event. (Determination 49 of 2022)

Community and town councils can provide a payment to the mayor or chair of the council up to a maximum of £1,500. This is in addition to the £156 contribution to the cost of working from home and the fixed sum of £52 for office consumables and the £500 senior salary if these are claimed. (Determination 50 of 2022 as uprated by the 2023 Report)

For clarification, Councils may pay either a mayor or chair's payment of up to £1500 or a senior salary payment of £500, but not both.

Community and town councils can provide a payment to the deputy mayor or deputy chair of the council up to a maximum of £500. This is in addition to the £156 contribution to the cost of working from home and the fixed sum of £52 for office consumables and the £500 senior salary if these are claimed. (Determination 51 of 2022 as uprated by the 2023 Report)

For clarification, Councils may pay either a deputy mayor or deputy chair's payment of up to £500 or a senior salary payment of £500, but not both.

The application of the Remuneration Framework by relevant Group are contained in Annex 3 (Determination 52 of 2022)

Members in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary from a principal council (that is leader, deputy leader or executive member) cannot receive any payment from any community or town council, other than travel and subsistence expenses and contribution towards costs of care and personal assistance. (Determination 53 of 2022)

Determinations which apply to Principal Councils, National Park Authorities, Fire and Rescue Authorities and Community and Town Councils

This section applies to all members of Principal Councils, Community and Town Councils, Corporate Joint Committees, NPAs, FRAs and to co-opted members of these authorities. Principal Councils, NPAs and FRAs must pay the following fees to co-opted members who have voting rights. (Determination 37 of 2022).

Fees for co-opted members (with voting rights)

Role	Hourly rate payment	Up to 4 hours payment rate	4 hours and over payment rate
Chairs of standards, and audit committees	£33.50	£134	£268
Ordinary Members of Standards Committees who also chair Standards Committees for Community and Town Councils	£29.75	£119	£238
Ordinary Members of Standards Committees; Education Scrutiny Committee; Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee and Audit Committee	£26.25	£105	£210

Description	Remuneration
Deputy Civic Head (if paid)	£22,406
Presiding member (if paid)	£27,999
Deputy Presiding Member (basic only)	£18,666

Annex 3: extra costs payment (per group) mandatory for all members

Payments to Community and Town Councils

Type of Payment	Group	Requirement
Extra costs payment	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Mandatory for all members
Senior role	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Mandatory £500 for 1 member; optional for up to 7
Mayor or chair	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Optional: up to a maximum of £1,500
Deputy mayor or deputy chair	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Optional: up to a maximum of £500
Attendance allowance	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Optional
Financial loss	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Optional
Travel and subsistence	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Optional
Costs of care or personal assistance	1 (Electorate over 14,000)	Mandatory
Extra costs payment	2 (Electorate over 10,000 to 13,999)	Mandatory for all members

Type of Payment	Group	Requirement
Senior role	2 (Electorate over 10,000 to 13,999)	Mandatory for 1 member; optional up to 5
Mayor or chair	2 (Electorate over 10,000 to 13,999)	Optional: up to a maximum of £1,500
Deputy mayor or deputy chair	2 (Electorate over 10,000 to 13,999)	Optional: up to a maximum of £500
Attendance allowance	2 (Electorate over 10,000 to 13,999)	Optional
Financial loss	2 (Electorate over 10,000 to 13,999)	Optional
Travel and subsistence	2 (Electorate over 10,000 to 13,999)	Optional
Costs of care or personal assistance	2 (Electorate over 10,000 to 13,999)	Mandatory
Extra costs payment	3 (Electorate over 5,000 to 9,999)	Mandatory for all members
Senior role	3 (Electorate over 5,000 to 9,999)	Optional up to 3 members
Mayor or chair	3 (Electorate over 5,000 to 9,999)	Optional: Up to a maximum of £1,500
Deputy mayor or deputy chair	3 (Electorate over 5,000 to 9,999)	Optional: Up to a maximum of £500
Attendance allowance	3 (Electorate over 5,000 to 9,999)	Optional

Type of Payment	Group	Requirement
Financial loss	3 (Electorate over 5,000 to 9,999)	Optional
Travel and subsistence	3 (Electorate over 5,000 to 9,999)	Optional
Costs of care or personal assistance	3 (Electorate over 5,000 to 9,999)	Mandatory
Extra Costs Payment	4 (Electorate over 1,000 to 4,999)	Mandatory for all members
Senior Role	4 (Electorate over 1,000 to 4,999)	Optional up to 3 members
Mayor or Chair	4 (Electorate over 1,000 to 4,999)	Optional: Up to a maximum of £1,500
Deputy Mayor or Deputy Chair	4 (Electorate over 1,000 to 4,999)	Optional: Up to a maximum of £500
Attendance Allowance	4 (Electorate over 1,000 to 4,999)	Optional
Financial Loss	4 (Electorate over 1,000 to 4,999)	Optional
Travel and Subsistence	4 (Electorate over 1,000 to 4,999)	Optional
Costs of Care or Personal Assistance	4 (Electorate over 1,000 to 4,999)	Mandatory
Extra Costs Payment	5 (Electorate less than 1,000)	Mandatory for all members

Type of Payment	Group	Requirement
Senior Role	5 (Electorate less than 1,000)	Optional up to 3 members
Mayor or Chair	5 (Electorate less than 1,000)	Optional up to a maximum of £1,500
Deputy Mayor or Deputy Chair	5 (Electorate less than 1,000)	Optional up to a maximum of £500
Attendance Allowance	5 (Electorate less than 1,000)	Optional
Financial Loss	5 (Electorate less than 1,000)	Optional
Travel and Subsistence	5 (Electorate less than 1,000)	Optional
Cost of Care or Personal Assistance	5 (Electorate less than 1,000)	Mandatory

Annex 4: sickness absence payments for senior salary holders of Principal Councils

The Panel's framework provides arrangements for long term sickness absence for senior salary holders as follows:

- Long term sickness is defined as certified absences in excess of 4 weeks.
- The maximum length of sickness absence within these proposals is 26 weeks or until the individual's term of office ends, whichever is sooner (but if reappointed any remaining balance of the 26 weeks will be included).
- Within these parameters a senior salary holder on long term sickness can, if the authority decides, continue to receive remuneration for the post held.
- It is a decision of the authority whether to make a substitute appointment, but the substitute will be eligible to be paid the senior salary appropriate to the post.

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 **four** 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 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 has 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). (Minute 130.3 February 2019 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 £10,000 has been set aside in the estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2024 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 £9.93 per person of the Community Councils' population is permissible for 2023/24. The total number of Acton Community electors at 1 January 2023 is 10,374. 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 £103,013.82 in 2023/24), 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 are a power of last resort and the powers cannot be used to give a Grant or Financial Assistance to any one individual person. The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2022 introduced the General Power of Competence, and the Power of Wellbeing can longer be used by the Council.
5. Attached at Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 for information is a summary of the Financial Assistance Grants awarded during 2021/22 and 2022/23. Members should note that during these two financial years due to the impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic and Lockdowns, the Council relaxed its Tier Limits and awarded grants considerably above the guidelines set out in the existing Policy and overspent its budget in order to support local Acton Community Clubs and Organisations.

6. To ensure a fair and equal distribution of the £10,000 budget, it has been usual practice to apportion it equally between the quarterly meetings. This equates to £2,500 per quarter for 2023/24. During 2023/24 the Council has considered grant applications at its June, September and December 2023 Meetings. The decisions of those meetings are set out below:-

Organisation	Details	Decision
1.Wrexham Allotments and Leisure Gardeners Association	Donation of £200.00 to help sponsor 2023 Annual Flower, Vegetable and Home Produce Show (Members requested they be advised of the date of the Show)	£200.00
2. Wrexham Futsal Club	Financial support to subsidise running costs and the provision of sports glasses for children whose families cannot afford the full cost of the special glasses their child needs.	£500.00
3. Wrexham Sounds Ltd	Grant to provide free “Music for Well-being” sessions to children from low-income families facing hardships during the current economic climate and who cannot afford to pay the fees they have to charge for their services	£250.00
4. SSAFA Wales	Financial contribution towards the operational costs of the Wales regional hub where specialist advisors receive calls, emails and web enquiries asking for assistance.	£200.00
5. Nightingale House Hospice	Support towards the cost of Hospice’s new In-patient Unit.	£500.00
6. Gate Hangs High Bowling Club	Financial assistance towards the repair cost of the club’s main mower which requires a new engine, estimated to cost over £1000.	£500.00
7. Cerebral Palsy Cymru	Contribution to provide extra therapists to enable the treatment of over 700 children from all over Wales who have cerebral palsy with the aim of improving their quality of life	£200.00
8. Wrexham Boxing Club	Financial Assistance to enable the purchase of new equipment and kit.	£500.00
9. KWDF Academy	Exceptional donation of £2,000 under S137 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) towards the purchase of equipment for the Christmas Winter Wonderland event planned for St Johns/ Spider Field on 16 December 2023.	£2000.00
10. Royal British Legion	Donation to 2023 Poppy Appeal	£100.00
11. NW Nappy Collective CIC	Donation towards fuel costs incurred in assisting with the Christmas Eva Gove to Shine charity distribution in Acton Community.	£100.00
	TOTAL	£5,050.00

7. **A sum of £4,950 is left remaining in the 2023/24 budget.** 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 and a direct appeal

letter 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
1. Acton Rainbows	Seeking support to subsidise annual membership fees payable to Girlguiding UK (£56 per person in 2024), to cover increased weekly rent and to continue to offer a varied programme of crafts, themed activities, challenge badges and external visits for the group	
2. Urdd Fund for all	Contribution to allow children and young people who live in poverty to have a summer holiday at one of the Urdd's residential Centres Request for £180	
3. Miners Rescue Project	It will be the 90 th anniversary of the Gresford Colliery Disaster in which 266 people died in 1934. They are seeking £500 towards the cost of design, producing and printing of the leaflets.	
4. Wrexham National Eisteddfod 2025	They have a local target of £400,000 to raise to ensure the success of the festival. They are asking for support this year and in the next financial year, to help them reach their financial goal. All contributions, big or small, will go entirely to the Fund and to the work of the Eisteddfod locally.	
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 March 2024 meeting.

APPENDIX 1

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN DURING THE 2021/22 FINANCIAL YEAR:-

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. Borrass Park Albion Youth Football Club	S137: Financial support towards the cost of purchasing new collapsible mini goals & plastic line markers	£ 400.00
4. K2 Explorer Scout Unit	S137 Financial support towards replacement and purchase of Water Safety equipment for Kayaking and Canoeing	£ 500.00
5. 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	£ 400.00
6. Royal British Legion	Donation to Annual Poppy Appeal for 2021	£ 100.00
7. Vivid Floral Design	Purchase of Poppy Wreath for November 2021 Remembrance Service	£ 70.00
8. Offa Community Council	Donation towards costs of Christmas Light Switch on	£ 150.00
10. Borrass Park Rangers Junior Football Club	S137 Financial support towards purchase of equipment for a new under 6 football team	£ 200.00
11. 1 st Acton Brownies	S137 Financial support towards purchase of equipment	£1,000.00
12. Cunliffe Bowling Club	S137 Financial support towards purchase of new match jacks & equipment for maintaining the site	£ 300.00
13. Family Friends	S137 Financial support to enable continued support for vulnerable families in Wrexham	£ 400.00
14. Hope House Children's Hospices	S137 Financial support towards the costs of providing vital nursing care	£ 400.00
15. Eisteddfod yr Urdd (Urdd Gobaith Cymru)	S137 Financial support towards the costs of staging this event	£ 200.00
16. Nightingale House Hospice	S137 Financial support to enable continued support for patients with life limiting illness and their families within the Acton area	£ 500.00
17. Home Start Wrexham	S137 Financial support to enable peer assistance to be given to families in need of additional help	£ 500.00
18. Advance Brighter Futures	S137 Financial support requested for essential maintenance to this mental health charity's building	£ 500.00
19. Wrexham Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Association	S137 Financial support/ sponsorship towards the cost of staging the Annual Flower, Vegetable & Home Produce Show on 13 August 2022	£ 200.00
20. Wrexham Futsal Club Grassroots sector	Financial support towards the purchase of a defibrillator for shared use of U8 & U10 Teams	£ 200.00
21. 1st Acton Rainbows	S137 Financial support towards annual membership and programme costs for the Unit	£ 500.00

Organisation	Details	Decision
22. Borrass Park Albion Youth Football Club	S137 Financial support to enable setting up & equip a new U7 team for the summer	£ 400.00
23. Wales Air Ambulance Charitable Trust	S137 Financial support towards the annual costs of keeping 4 Air Ambulance Helicopters & rapid response vehicles	£ 200.00
24. Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod	S137 Financial support towards the costs of staging this year's event	£ 200.00
25. Offa Community Council	Donation towards cost of RWF Memorial statue at Hightown Barracks	£ 500.00
26. Purple Orchids	Financial support towards running costs and room hire in particular	£ 500.00
27. Acton Park Community Angling Club	Grant towards the purchase of a second aeration system and a Dissolved Oxygen Meter	£ 500.00
28. Wrexham Foodbank	Financial Assistance to support the purchase of food and other essentials	£ 375.00
TOTALS for S137 Spending in 2021/22		£9895.00
Power of Wellbeing Expenditure to be included within spending under Section 137 Powers and limits during 2021/22		
29. 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
30. 9 Acre Campaign Group	SS1-5 Power of Wellbeing: assistance towards the cost of obtaining professional advice from Traffic and Planning consultants to oppose proposals to build on the 9 Acre Field, Westminster	£ 1,400.00
31. Acton Community Resource Centre	SS1-5 Power of Wellbeing: assistance towards the cost of purchasing a Community Defibrillator for this public building	£ 1,485.84*
32. Defib Store Ltd	SS1-5 Power of Wellbeing: assistance towards the cost of purchasing 4x Community Defibrillator Cabinets	£ 6,224.40*
33. Tomos Hughes	SS1-5 Power of Wellbeing: assistance towards the cost of purchasing 4x Zoll Aed Pads	£353.24*
34. Mike Pryde Electrical Services	1.SS1-5 Power of Wellbeing: assistance towards the cost of electrical installation of Defibrillator at the Maesydre Power House 2. SS1-5 Power of Wellbeing: assistance towards the cost of electrical installation of Defibrillator at the Cunliffe Arms	£180.00* £222.00*
35. Barkers Lane Community School	Paediatric Pads for Barkers Lane Defibrillator SS1-5 Local Government Act 2000	£102.00 (Vat =£17.00)
TOTALS for General Reserve Spending (under SS1-5 Local Government Act 2000) =£ 11,322.48		

Organisation	Details	Decision
28. Wrexham County Borough Council	SLA costs for School Crossing Patrols in the Acton Community	£ 14,306.17
Total Additional Spending under S137 powers for 2021/22		£ 14,093.17

Total Spending using Section 137 Powers in 2021/22 = £ 33,935.65

ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**APPENDIX 2****SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN DURING THE 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR:-**

Financial Assistance Grants		
Organisation	Details	Decision
1. Purple Orchids	Financial support towards running costs and room hire in particular	£500.00
2. Acton Park Community Angling Club	Financial support towards the purchase of further equipment to improve the water quality and oxygen content in the lake at Acton Park	£500.00
3. Wrexham Foodbank	Financial Assistance to support the purchase of food and other essentials	£375.00
4. Royal British Legion	Donation/Grant to 2022 Poppy Appeal	£100.00
5. Borrass Park Albion Youth Football Club	Financial Assistance to support the purchase of a football kit, and equipment such as water bottles and bags.	£400.00
6. Acton Park Community Primary School Netball Team	Financial Assistance to support the purchase of a netball kit, and equipment such as posts, balls and bibs	£400.00
7. Wrexham Foodbank	Financial Assistance to support the purchase of food and other essentials	£350.00
8. Family Friends	Financial Assistance to allow continued support to vulnerable families in Wrexham. Currently support is being given to 17 families in the Acton Community.	£400.00
9. 1st Acton Rainbows	Financial support to assist families with the cost of the annual membership of Girl guiding UK and termly subscriptions and to be able to offer a varied programme of craft activities, themed challenge badge work, and outings for the Rainbow Unit	£500.00
10. Wales Air Ambulance	Financial Assistance required to help fund Rapid Response Vehicles (RRV's) that are part of the operational fleet alongside Helicopters at each of the four bases across Wales. The average monthly cost is £1608 for each RRV	£100.00
11. Macmillan Cancer Support	Financial assistance required to help support people affected by cancer from diagnosis to end of life through local services including Macmillan Health Professionals based in local hospitals and the local community	£100.00
12. Backyard Beasts	Financial assistance to run several free to attend sessions helping people gain new skills and take the first steps to understanding and being more heavily involved in conservation work for themselves. In terms of helping the Acton Community Council Area it would allow people to be closer to nature at a reduced cost.	Deferred until Group is more established
13. Nightingale House Hospice	Financial Assistance to help fund the development of the new Inpatient Unit	£500.00
14. 1 st Acton Brownies	Financial support to assist payment of annual census, weekly rent, and provide resources and	£500.00

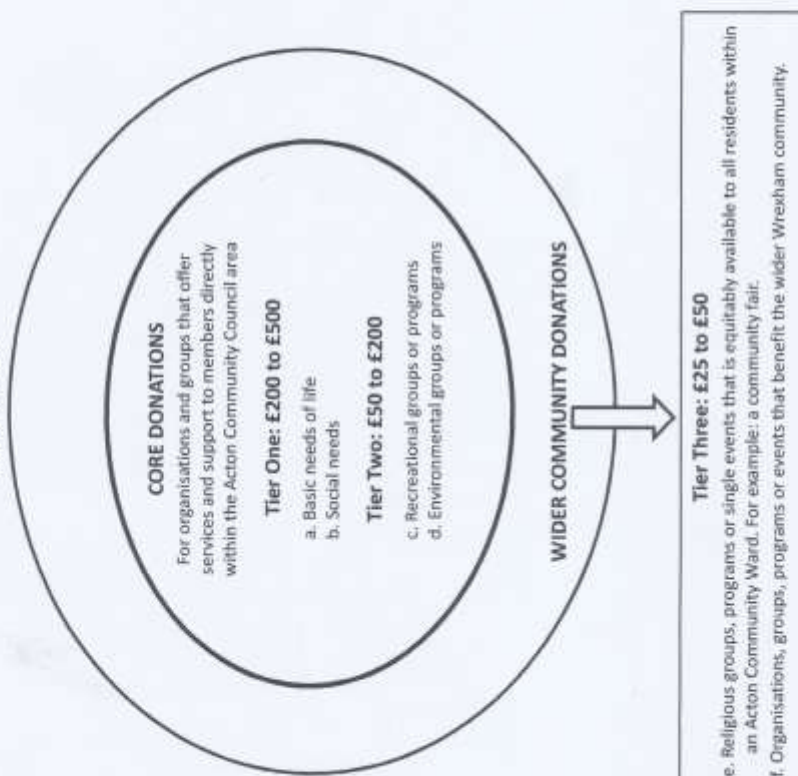
Financial Assistance Grants		
Organisation	Details	Decision
	equipment, pay for badges, and organise visits.	
15. Wrexham Clothing Exchange	Financial Support to start up a 'library of things' where people for a small fee local residents can rent an item they would only use a small number of times. The Exchange has expanded into its own space and plans to increase sustainability and money saving offerings to the community.	£50.00
	Total Donations under S137 Powers for 2022/23	£4,775.00
Other additional spending using Section 137 Powers		
16. Defib Store	Purchase of Zoll AED Defibrillator + Lock Cabinet	£1,575.84
17. Defib Store	Purchase of Defib Lockable Cabinet	£519.84
18. M. Pryde Electrical Services	Install Power/Affix Defib Unit	£198.00
19. Royal British Legion	Donation to 2023 Poppy Appeal	£100.00
	Total other spending during 2022/23	£2,393.68
<p>Note: the Power of Wellbeing which the Council has previously relied on, was superseded by the General Power of Competence from 1 April 2022 and therefore as the Council has not declared itself to be a competent Council, there is nothing to be included for such spending under Section 137 Powers and limits during 2022/23</p>		
Add Service Level Agreement spending using Section 137 Powers during 2022/23:-		
20. Wrexham County Borough Council	SLA costs for School Crossing Patrols in the Acton Community	£ 20,925.50
Total Additional Spending under S137 powers for 2022/23		£ 20,925.50

Total Spending using Section 137 Powers in 2022/23 = £ 28,094.18

~Statement prepared by Mrs C Roberts Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer on 24 May 2023~

Acton Community Council Guidelines for \$137 Grants/ Donations

(Adopted April 2019)



ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL – \$137 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 2019. 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 NO.1 - MARCH 2024

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL (MADE UNDER SECTION 137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, AS AMENDED)

NAME OF ORGANISATION: **Acton Rainbows**

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE: **SUE DAVIES, 7 LAURELS AVENUE, BANGOR-ON-DEE, WREXHAM LL13 0BQ**
2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?: **To subsidise annual membership fees payable to Girlguiding uk (£56 per person in 2024), to cover increased weekly rent and to continue to offer a varied programme of crafts, themed activities, challenge badges and external visits for the group**
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?

^{1st} Acton Rainbows caters for girls aged 4 to 7 years and is the youngest section of Girlguiding UK. We currently have 26 girls, 4 adult volunteer leaders and 1 Young Leader aged 16, all of whom come from the Acton, Garden Village, Borrass Park areas and who attend local schools. We have increased our numbers this year as we have such a long waiting list, but we currently don't take 4 year olds. This Unit was established in 2013 and we meet every Tuesday for 1.5hrs at Bethel Church, Kenyon Avenue. We also have occasional trips/visits outside these times. We always operate to our capacity according to the child : adult ratio specified by Girlguiding. As our Unit was 10 in 2023, we celebrated our birthday with a trip to the Mayor's Parlour which the girls really enjoyed. Throughout the year we have been able to offer various experiences for the girls, including a Coronation Tea Party for parents which the girls catered themselves, a trip to Park Hall Farm with a local Brownie Pack, a bowling night, a trip to the cinema with other Rainbows and Brownies in the area and a visit to the Wrexham Miner's Project for a brilliant arts and crafts session. As well as contributing to the star and angel festival in Bethel Church, we decorated our reindeer Enfys for the Acton Park Christmas event. Acton Park is a favourite trip out and we have been several times this year, linking in the activities with any badges we are currently doing. The girls are encouraged to tackle challenge badges both on their own and with their families and we are fortunate enough to be able to buy all the badges and resources for them without incurring further costs for our families. Although we are a charity group ourselves, we also encourage the girls to raise money for charities of their choice with fancy dress nights, chores at home and a "mad March hair" night. We have now increased our subs to £45 every term, which goes towards rent, badges, trips, treats, and craft items. We try to give all the money back to the girls in some form (several outings a year) and don't ask parents for any further contributions unless absolutely necessary. In order to pay our annual membership fee, we fundraise during the Autumn Term, but this in itself is not sufficient. Our fee this year is £56 per person (child & adult) and we intend using all our Spring subs towards this, subsidised by money in our funds. This means that between January and April, we will not have any revenue from subs and will have to use the limited money left over from 2023. Bethel Church has increased our rent to £20 per week but as this has not gone up since we started using the facilities there, and bearing in mind energy costs, we do not feel this is unreasonable. Several of our families have more than one girl in our organisation and therefore are struggling to pay the fees and membership costs. We would look to help these families wherever possible.

4. CAN ANYONE JOIN? **NO** WHO CAN BENEFIT? **Girls aged 4-7 years**

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

6. IS YOUR ORGANISATION A REGISTERED CHARITY? **[YES]**

IF YES, PLEASE GIVE THE REGISTERED CHARITY No:306016.....

7. IS YOUR ORGANISATION PART OF A LARGER ORGANISATION AND IF SO WHICH ONE?
.....Yes – Part of Girlguiding UK.....

8. TELL US ABOUT THE SIZE OF YOUR ORGANISATION:

- A. HOW MANY STAFF DO YOU EMPLOY? [4 adult volunteers and 1 Young Leader aged 16]
- B. ARE THEY QUALIFIED & HAVE THEY RECEIVED APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND IF APPROPRIATE, THE NECESSARY SECURITY CHECKS? Yes, all DBS checked & trained in Safe Space and First Response. Renewable every 3 years.
9. IS THE WORK OF YOUR ORGANISATION SUPERVISED BY AN OFFICIAL BODY? YES
IF YES, PLEASE STATE SUPERVISING BODY: [.....GIRLGUIDING UK.....]

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM: Acton Rainbows

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:£601.08 (31st Dec 2023).....
- B. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS: [.....N/A.....]
- C. OTHER INVESTMENTS: [.....]

12. HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION'S PROFIT LAST YEAR?Non Profit Organisation
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**
- 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:
[.....1st ACTON RAINBOWS.....]

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

Our accounts for 2022 and 2023 are enclosed with this application. As per Girlguiding rules, our accounts are checked and signed off annually by a designated member of the organisation (not part of our Rainbow unit), and the information is uploaded to our website. 2023 Accounts were signed off in January 2024. Our accounts are also available for parents should they wish to see them at any time. We have been fortunate to obtain grants from Acton Community Council in 2022 and 2023 and this money is very much appreciated. Our programme is designed to encourage the girls to work

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT

SIGNED: [.....S.M. DAVIES.....] DATE: [.....9th February 2024.....]
POSITION IN ORGANISATION: [.....LEADER IN CHARGE.....]
CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: [.....07568 321710.....]

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: **Urdd Fund for All**

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE: Urdd Gobaith Cymru, Gwersyll yr Urdd Gan-llyn, Llanuwchllyn, Y Bala, Gwynedd, LL23 7ST
2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE? Contribution to allow children and young people who live in poverty to have a summer holiday at one of the Urdd's residential Centres Request for £180
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?

The Urdd was founded in 1922 to provide opportunities and experiences, through the medium of the Welsh language, for the youth of Wales to develop into confident complete citizens. The organization offers a wide range of provision for children and young people including:

- Residential Centres in Gwynedd (Glan-llyn), Ceredigion (Llangrannog), Cardiff & Pembrokeshire (Pentre Ifan)
- Sport: through weekly clubs, national and regional events and competitions
- Apprenticeships: offering provision to individuals and employers from all local authorities in Wales, including the essential skills boost
- Arts: by providing year-round activities, the Urdd National Eisteddfod and the TRIBAN festival
- Community and youth work: by offering weekly community provision, residential, school visits, half-term events and accreditations
- International work: trips that give young people experiences and an opportunity for them to be ambassadors for Wales and the language and learn from others
- Outdoor Services: adventure experiences and outdoor challenges
- Magazines: IAW and CIP digital publications

Across the above range of work, the Urdd offers volunteering opportunities including supporting weekly clubs, 'swoggio' in the camps and supporting international trips and one-day trips. The money received will give a holiday to disadvantaged child or young person through the Cronfa i Bawb Fund. With almost one in three children living in poverty in Wales, the Urdd's Cronfa i Bawb fund ensures that children and young people in Wales have the opportunity to enjoy a summer holiday. Your contribution will help us to ensure that the memories of the Urdd's iconic summer camps is part of their childhood memories regardless of their background or circumstances, and to have an unforgettable holiday full of activities. It will include all costs as transport, food and accommodation for a period of up to 5 days at Gwersyll yr Urdd Llangrannog, Glan-llyn, Cardiff or Pentre Ifan.

4. CAN ANYONE JOIN? YES WHO CAN BENEFIT? children and young people 8-25 year old
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5. HOW MANY RESIDENTS FROM THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA ARE MEMBERS OF OR BENEFIT FROM YOUR ORGANISATION? [...100.....]
6. IS YOUR ORGANISATION A REGISTERED CHARITY? [YES]
[IF YES, PLEASE GIVE THE REGISTERED CHARITY No:
...524481.....]
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? [.....362 posts

- B. [ARE THEY QUALIFIED & HAVE THEY RECEIVED APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND IF APPROPRIATE, THE NECESSARY SECURITY CHECKS? Yes, DBS Checked and receive Youth work qualifications and or Outdoor activity qualifications]
9. IS THE WORK OF YOUR ORGANISATION SUPERVISED BY AN OFFICIAL BODY? YES IF YES, PLEASE STATE SUPERVISING BODY: [.....Adventure Activities Licensing Authority AALA.....]

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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM: Urdd Fund for All

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:£1,719,819.83.....on 12-4-24.....

B. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS: [.....£0 on 12-4-24.....]

C. OTHER INVESTMENTS: [.....£3,703,110 on 31-3-23]

12. [HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION'S PROFIT LAST YEAR?£4,480 789.....on 31-3-23.....]

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:


[.....Cwmni Urdd Gobaith Cymru]

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

This funding application is specifically towards a fund to support children and young people who live in poverty and who would not normally be able to afford a summer holiday. The turnover of the Urdd in 2022-23 was £19.6 million and we employ 362 staff in locations across Wales. The 362 staff employed by the Urdd includes 217 full-time, 59 part-time and 86 casual workers. The majority of our Workforce 42% are under the age of 25. Our reserves are £7.6 million which corresponds to 6 months of general expenditure in accordance with the good practice of the Charity Commission and is agreed as a policy by the Board of Trustees of the Urdd. As an organisation our main costs are staff salaries, therefore our reserves includes 6 months of our workforce's salaries which is £4.5 million. The reserve funding has been created to protect

the Urdd and to provide security in times of crisis, following the experience of events such as COVID and a forecast of tough financial times on the horizon.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT

SIGNED: .....
24.....

DATE:12-2-

POSITION IN ORGANISATION: |.....Head of Policy, Grants and Governance
.....|

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: |.....07984148622|

Please return this application form with supporting accounts to:
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Way,
Wrexham, LL12 7LB (or email: clerk@actoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk)

APPLICATION NO.3 - MARCH 2024

**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
(MADE UNDER SECTION 137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, AS AMENDED)**

NAME OF ORGANISATION: **Wrexham Miners Project**

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

|...John Gallanders (Chair), Wrexham Miners Project, 3 Maesgwyn Road, Wrexham, LL11 2AP|

2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

It will be the 90th anniversary of the Gresford Colliery Disaster in which 266 people died in 1934. To commemorate the occasion a number of events are being planned but we would like to produce information leaflets to highlight the link between the Miners Rescue Station and the training of the rescuers (a number of the rescuers would have been from Acton area). The purpose will be to inform local people and visitors of all ages of the significance and to promote the Museum side of the charity. We are seeking £500 towards the cost of design, producing and printing of the leaflets.

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?

Organisation Background:

- Formed in 2014 as Wrexham Warehouse Project, renamed to Miners Rescue Project (MRP) to reflect shift to our move to the Miners Rescue Station to create a heritage preservation project.
- Operates from Grade II Listed Miners Rescue Station in Maesgwyn Road, Wrexham, a significant historical landmark dating back to 1913, initially serving as a training centre for Mines Rescue Teams and then in later years a training base for Clwyd Fire and Rescue Service.
- The charity transitioned from our original industrial estate base to focus on preserving coal mining heritage and fostering community engagement.

Building Restoration:

- Emergency preservation order placed after demolition began due to significant historical value.
- Core aim: Restore the entire building for museum and community use, preserving vital heritage.
- Restoration efforts encompassing the Superintendent's House aim to provide four self-contained flats for supported living, catering to individuals with additional needs.
- Total restoration cost estimated at approximately £1.5 million, reflecting the scale and importance of the project in safeguarding local history and community resources.

Educational, Historical, Museum Resource:

- MRP offers an extensive array of educational programs, interactive exhibits, and community events centered around coal mining heritage.
- These initiatives serve to increase awareness of the region's rich mining history and its profound impact on the local community.
- Guided tours, hands-on activities, and collaborative projects aim to facilitate intergenerational learning and strengthen community cohesion.
- Recent engagement with six schools from the Wrexham area highlights the growing interest in historical education, with plans to expand educational offerings in line with the new School Curriculum from September.

Community Use/ Activity Programme:

- The Rescue Café stands as a vibrant community hub, attracting residents and visitors alike with its offerings and community-centric ethos.
- Beyond providing quality food at affordable prices, the café serves as an educational space, offering sessions to teach basic cooking skills and hosting discussions on mining heritage.
- Future plans involve the creation of additional meeting rooms within the restored building, further enhancing opportunities for community engagement and collaboration across various activities and interests.

DragonChat & Mental Health Support:

- DragonChat, a local mental health support group with ties to Wrexham AFC, recently renovated a dedicated room within MRP's premises to host support meetings and activities.
- This initiative reflects MRP's commitment to supporting mental health and wellbeing within the community, providing a safe and welcoming space for individuals to seek support and connect with others.

Involvement of Acton Community Council area residents:

- Residents from the Acton area frequently visit the Gresford Disaster Memorial Wall, which lists the names, ages, job roles, and addresses of those affected by the disaster, fostering remembrance and reflection.
- Weekly art groups attract residents from Acton and surrounding areas, providing a creative outlet and social space for individuals of all ages and backgrounds.
- Afterschool groups and holiday clubs cater to children and young people from the Acton community, offering engaging activities and educational opportunities.
- Anticipated visits from Acton schools to utilize MRP's educational resources underscore the organization's commitment to serving and engaging with the local community.

This summary overview demonstrates MRP's multifaceted approach to preserving heritage, fostering community engagement, and supporting the diverse needs of residents within the Acton Community Council area and beyond.

4. CAN ANYONE JOIN? YES WHO CAN BENEFIT? All age and abilities

5. HOW MANY RESIDENTS FROM THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA ARE MEMBERS OF OR BENEFIT FROM YOUR ORGANISATION? We cannot be precise but are aware that of the 266 who died in Gresford Disaster at least 40 came from the Acton area and their descendants' relatives visit the centre. All children from schools in the Acton area are likely to engage with the resources

being provided to schools. Residents of the area are able to access any of the activity groups that operate.

6. IS YOUR ORGANISATION A REGISTERED CHARITY? YES
IF YES, PLEASE GIVE THE REGISTERED CHARITY No: 1157895
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? Nil.
- B. ARE THEY QUALIFIED & HAVE THEY RECEIVED APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND IF APPROPRIATE, THE NECESSARY SECURITY CHECKS? The organisation is currently run wholly by volunteers who all undergo appropriate training for their role – Café volunteers (Food Hygiene certificate) Activity Volunteers and Trustees (Safeguarding and DBS s are in place)
9. IS THE WORK OF YOUR ORGANISATION SUPERVISED BY AN OFFICIAL BODY? NO
- IF YES, PLEASE STATE SUPERVISING BODY: The answer is No in respect to any regulatory body for our activities, but the restoration project is subject to listed building regulations that are overseen by WCBC and CADW.

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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM: MINERS RESCUE

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: £5,944....
- B. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS:
- C. OTHER INVESTMENTS:
12. HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION'S PROFIT LAST YEAR? £7,207 ...
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
- 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:
Wrexham Miners Project
15. PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED ABOVE THAT YOU THINK MAY SUPPORT YOUR APPLICATION:

The charity does not underestimate the scale of the overall project both financially and the commitment for volunteers. We are actively working in partnership with a number of organisations and businesses in the area and are very grateful for the support from the community.


Humphrey Kerr Executive Director of Wrexham AFC has recently become the charity Patron which has strengthened our links with the football club- the significance being most of the men killed were doing a double shift so they could attend the Cup game the next day.

Funding applications are being submitted for the large capital element and a grant from Acton CC would help with our revenue costs to fund day to day activities.

There is an open invite for any Member of Acton CC to pop along any day Mon – Fri 9.30 – 3.30 to come and see what we are doing and have a chat about the links with Acton residents.

Additional information is also available on - [Restoration - Wrexham Miners Project](#)

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT

SIGNED:		DATE: 26 th February 2024.
POSITION IN ORGANISATION:		Chair
CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER:		07837 240404

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 NO.4 - MARCH 2024

EISTEDDFOD
Wrecsam
2-9 Awst 2025

February 2024

Dear Mrs Carole Roberts,

Regarding Wrecsam National Eisteddfod, 2025

The National Eisteddfod is coming to Wrecsam in a year and a half, and the awareness and fundraising work to host this world-famous festival has started locally.

We have a local target of £400,000 to raise to ensure the success of the festival. We've already started the work, and over the next few months, we'll be holding hundreds of activities bringing our communities together to socialise in the name of the Eisteddfod. The festival is dependent on the support of local residents, businesses and companies, and the support of local Community Councils is a real boost to the local fund in each area.

The National Eisteddfod was last held in Wrecsam back in 2011, and the area and the Eisteddfod itself have developed extensively since then. The Eisteddfod is a dynamic festival offering over 1,000 activities for people of all ages and backgrounds over a period of eight days, and costs almost £6 million to host annually.

The economic boost from hosting the Eisteddfod locally is huge. Ceredigion saw an economic benefit of £17.5 million during the week of the festival alone. Considering that we'll be organising events and activities across the Wrecsam area for the next eighteen months, the impact on the economy will be much higher.

We're writing to ask for your support this year and in the next financial year, to help us reach our financial goal. All contributions, big or small, will go entirely to the Fund and to the work of the Eisteddfod locally.

Thank you for reading the letter and we kindly ask you to support our local fundraising efforts in the Acton area. If you'd like more information, we're very happy to come and present to the council at your next meeting and to answer any questions you may have about the Eisteddfod and our work locally.

If you wish to contribute, please either send a cheque payable to Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru to Oriel Hughes, at the address on the bottom of this letter. You can also donate via BACS, and the account details are HSBC Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru | Sort code: 40-16-13 | Account number: 81501917, and do please email oriel@eisteddfod.cymru to confirm payment so we can place your donation against the local area.

Thank you very much for your support and yours sincerely,



Chris Evans
Chair of the 2025 National Eisteddfod Local Fund



Gwenllïan Carr
Strategic Director, National Eisteddfod

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Sefydliad Corffordedig Elusennol | *Charitable Incorporated Organisation: 1155539*

ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Consultation and Correspondence Report of the Clerk to the Council

AGENDA ITEM 10**20 March 2024**

Organisation	Details	Notes
CONSULTATIONS: Members are requested to submit any comments they may wish to make on the undermentioned Consultations		
1. Wrexham CBC	City Centre Traffic: email dated 23 February 2024 with a link to a consultation on the proposed changes to the Traffic Regulation Orders in Wrexham City Centre. This closes on 25 March 2024. https://www.yourvoicewrexham.com/survey/2055	
CORRESPONDENCE		
1. Office of Sarah Atherton MP	Wales' Local Places for Nature Capital Fund Reopens for Applications: email dated 16 February 2024 with links https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/local-places-nature to information on this grant.	
2. Play Wales	1. Consultation on the professional registration of playworkers – our response: email dated 21 February 2024 with a link to download Play Wales' draft response to Play Wales draft response to the Welsh Government consultation on the professional registration of play workers. 2. New play deprivation information sheet: email dated 27 February 2024 with a link to a new information sheet on play deprivation. 3. New magazine: Playing and being well – revisited: email dated 1 March 2024 with a link to the new Playing and Being Well Magazine. 4. Survey – Tell us what you think about our information service: email dated 5 March 2024 requesting completion of a survey.	
3. Planning Aid Wales	1. Latest news from Planning Aid Wales: email dated 22 February 2024 with the February newsletter from Planning Aid Wales. 2. Latest news from Planning Aid Wales: email dated 29 February 2024 with the latest Newsletter.	
4. Mentor Mon	February Smart Towns Newsletter: email dated 28 February 2024 with an invitation to attend the first Smart Towns Conference which is being held in Ty Pawb in Wrexham on Friday 15 March 2024	
5. Welsh Government	Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report - February 2024: email dated 29 February 2024 with a link https://www.gov.wales/independent-remuneration-panel-wales-annual-report-2024-2025 to the annual report.	
6. One Voice Wales	Tiny Forest funding is open! 21st Feb – 8th May: email dated 29 February 2024 with information on grant funding available.	

7. Cadwyn Clwyd

CAPITAL FUNDING: email dated 4 March 2024 with information on grants available via
PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES WREXHAM – Key Fund CAPITAL GRANTS