

13 March 2025

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a **HYBRID** meeting of **ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL** to be held in accordance with Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 on **WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2025** at **6.30pm**. The Meeting will be held in the **TRAINING ROOM** at **ACTON COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE**, Overton Way, Acton, Wrexham, LL12 7LB.

For anyone unable to attend the meeting in person you can join the hybrid Meeting online by using this [hyperlink to join the Hybrid Council meeting on Wednesday 19 March 2025](#) or use the Zoom Meeting ID: 868 7299 9519 and Passcode: 046640. Please note that the Meeting and those participating in person and 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. COMMUNITY POLICING MATTERS: To receive a verbal update from any of the Acton Community Police Officers that may be present at the Meeting.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: To receive the Minutes of Council meeting held on 19 February 2025(Copy attached)

6. INFORMATION FROM 19 FEBRUARY 2025 MINUTES:

7. UPDATES ON WORK OF TASK & FINISH GROUPS: Clerk to provide updates on the following meetings

1) Little Acton Community Centre – 25 February 2025

2) Play area – Acton Park : 12 March 2025 – to consider the options provided by Wrexham CBC and determine the Council's preferences to take this Project forward (details Circulated separately)

Please contact Carole Roberts, Clerk to the Council on: 07913 071470 or

E-Mail: clerk@actoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk with any apologies or requests for further information.

You can also write to the Clerk at Little Acton Community Centre, The Green, Little Acton, Wrexham LL12 8BH

- 8. PROCEDURAL MATTERS:** Clerk to report on the following procedural matters:
- 1) COMMUNITY AGENT:** Rhian Jones the Acton Community Agent has provided the attached report for March 2025
 - 2) 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 (extract attached) and to make the required determinations in response. The report can be read online. It should be noted that [All other Determinations set out in 2022 to 2023 and 2023 to 2024 remain valid and should be applied.](#) This is the Panel's last Annual Report, before its functions transfer over to the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru (DBCC) from 1 April 2025. The Panel has produced a [Legacy Report](#) to aid the transition of functions to the DBCC. This report includes all relevant information on the work to date of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales and the areas of interest identified for future consideration by the DBCC.
- 9. 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
- 10. 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)
- 11. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** To receive a report from the Clerk to the Council in connection with the making of any grants under Section 137 Local Government Act 1972. Details Attached.
- 12. REPORT FROM CLERK:** Clerk to report on correspondence, consultations and other information that has been received since the last meeting. Details attached.
- 13. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:** To note details of any payments received and authorise any outstanding debtor or other payments and to give approval for replenish of the Council's current account to meet all expenditure expected to 31 March 2025
- 14. 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):

Case Number/ Address / Proposed Development	Decision
P/2024/0166: Water filling station, the Gate Hangs High, Rhosnesni Lane, Wrexham LL13 9ES. (Planning decision – CAS-03661-S4W8X0)	To note outcome
P/2025/0150: Two storey front and side extension, 85 Ffordd Garmonydd, Wrexham LL12 8JE	
P/2024/1708: Single storey side and rear extension and replacement boundary retaining wall and fence, 46 Park Avenue, Wrexham LL12 7AH	
P/2025/0200: Variation of Condition 5 of Planning Permission P/2024/1640 to amend wording of condition, 1 Camberley Crescent, Wrexham LL12 7LR	
P/2025/0213: Works to trees protected by tree preservation order WCBC 21, 3 Holly Walks, Wrexham LL12 7AJ	

**the plans and documents for these applications can be viewed online [by clicking here](#) and selecting Category of Planning Applications then scroll to the Application Status box and select "Under Consultation" then scroll down to the Community box and select the Community of Gwaunysterfyn /Acton for the search. The Clerk requests an extension of the 21 day consultation period where appropriate*

15. 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.

16. STAFFING COMMITTEE MINUTES: To receive the Confidential Minutes and recommendation of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 12 March 2025 (Copy to follow)

Minutes of the hybrid Meeting of Acton Community Council held Wednesday 19 February 2025 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
"	T Coxon	"	P Lloyd *
"	M Davies	"	Ms B Martin
"	Ms S Edwards	"	Ms D Wallice
"	Mrs A Evans		
"	A Gallanders		
"	Ms H Hewitt		

3 Vacancies

* Absent

Also Present:

Mr Wayne Price

Nicola Ellis and Lisa Quinton, Wrexham CBC Officers

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

126. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Lloyd.

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

97. 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.

98. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors A Gallanders, Ms B Martin and Ms A Evans all declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of Agenda item 7.1.a), in that the applicant David Wayne Price was known to them. They indicated that they would take no part in the discussion or voting his application.

99. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. The Minutes of the hybrid Council Meeting held on the 15 January 2025 were received.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the hybrid Council Meeting held on the 15 January 2025 be received and confirmed as a correct record.

130. PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – that the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the next item of business only as it is likely that, if they were present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960.

2. The Confidential Minutes and recommendations from the Staffing Committee meetings held on 4 December 2024 and 6 January 2025 were received.

RESOLVED – that the Confidential Minutes of the Staffing Committee meetings held on Wednesday 4 December 2024 and Wednesday 6 January 2025 be received and noted.

PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED - That the Press and Public be readmitted for the remainder of the meeting.

3. The Minutes and recommendations of the hybrid Youth Committee meeting held on 12 February 2025 were received.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes and Grant decisions of the hybrid Youth Committee held on 12 February 2025 be received and noted.

100. INFORMATION FROM 15 JANUARY 2025 MINUTES

There was no additional information from the Minutes of 15 January 2025 that had not already included on the agenda.

101. ACTON PARK MATTERS

The Chair welcomed Nicola Ellis and Lisa Quinton to the meeting who gave an update on the Ranger's role, events in the Park and answered members questions on the following matters related to Acton Park:

1. **SLA Q3 REPORT ACTON PARK RANGER:** The Park Ranger elaborated on the report previously circulated to Members, providing details of the work completed to date and the contacts made with local schools. A survey was being completed regarding what members of the public would like to see in the Park. Early results suggest that clean and clear signage and clear paths are a priority.
 - i) **PLAY AREA** – Members commented on the mud in the play area which was off putting to parents wanting to take their children there. Senior Wrexham CBC Officers had been to site to inspect the area and quotes were being obtained to install and improve the drainage on the site.
 - ii) **GREEN FLAG STATUS** – A Management Plan had been prepared and submitted prior to inspection and judging which would take place in May 2025. Ongoing work within the Park was continuing.
2. **OLD SENIOR PLAY AREA** – now used informally as enclosed Dog walking area: Wrexham CBC Officers put forward three options for improving and making safe the dog walking area of Acton Park. These options were discussed by Members with option 3 proving the most popular and cost effective. This would involve the Park Rangers replacing the wooden posts and removing the matting that is a trip hazard.

RESOLVED – that the Community Council support these improvements to the fencing at the Dog Walking area and the Clerk be authorised to approve repair work up to the value of £1,000 from the Community Initiatives Budget to enable the fencing to be made safe and secure

3. **ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN PARK** – Reference was made to the impact of a small group of Youths on Bikes. It was noted that confrontation should be avoided and the matter reported to the Police as a "Crime in Progress".

RESOLVED that the remedies available to apprehend and prevent this antisocial behaviour in future be raised with the Acton Policing Officers when they attend the March 2025 meeting of the Council.

The Chair thanked the officers for their attendance and report and indicated the Council was fully supportive of their efforts for Acton Park to be awarded Green Flag status in 21025 and to endorse the use of Environmental friendly options in the Park

102. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The Clerk reported on the following procedural matters.

1. S116 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURE 2011 – BORRAS PARK WARD

Members were advised that two suitably qualified persons had expressed an interest in putting their name forward for co-option to fill the vacancy for Councillor for the Borrás Park Ward. Copies of their applications had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members proceeded to consider the applications and invited the one applicant who was in attendance to give a short address to the meeting in support of his application.

PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – that the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the next item of business only as it is likely that, if they were present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960.

Members discussed the merits of the two applications received and then proceeded to consider the filling of the casual Borrás Park ward vacancy by a show of hands.

RESOLVED – unanimously that Sarah Bailey, of 18 Eagles Court, Eagles Meadow, Wrexham be co-opted as a Member of the Community Council to fill the casual vacancy for the Borrás Park Ward on the Council and the Clerk arrange to witness her acceptance of Office and for her to receive an Induction.

(Councillors A Gallanders, Ms B Martin and Ms A Evans having declared their personal interests in respect of the application from David Wayne Price as he was known to them, took no part in the discussion or voting on his application.)

PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED - That the Press and Public be readmitted for the remainder of the meeting.

Mr Price was invited back into the meeting and upon his return to the meeting, he withdrew his application.

2. **ACTON CENTRAL WARD:** Notification has been received from the Returning Officer that no electors have come forward to request an election and this vacancy must now be filled by co-option.

RESOLVED – that the Clerk proceed to make the necessary arrangements to fill this casual vacancy by co-option and issue the relevant Public Notice.

3. **S85 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED) VACATION OF OFFICE – BORRAS PARK WARD:** Members were advised that in accordance with the Section 85 requirements, Councillor Karen Spiers had not attended any Council Meetings since 17 July 2024 and accordingly she had vacated her seat and ceased to be a member of Acton Community Council. This has created a casual vacancy for her seat in Borrás Park Ward.

RESOLVED –that the Clerk now take the necessary steps to advertise and fill this Casual Vacancy for the Borrás Park Ward.

4. **SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT REPORTING: CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX – ACTON OUTREACH SERVICE:** Members considered and discussed the Q3 2024/25 SLA report that had been received and circulated and welcomed the detailed financial benefits stated in the report.

RESOLVED – To receive and note the Q3 SLA Report on the Acton Outreach Service provided at the Acton Community Resource Centre.

5. ACTON COMMUNITY AGENT: Members considered the Community Agent Reports for January and February 2025. The Chair commented that the Community Agent and AVOW staff were working well together on sessions at Little Acton Community Centre.

RESOLVED – that the Report be noted.

6. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR: The Council considered and undertook an annual review of the Council's arrangements for Independent Internal Audit testing during 2025/26 on its accounts for 2024/25 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 2025/26 for its 2024/25 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 2025/26 as reported to the meeting be signed by the Clerk and Chair to the Council and forwarded to JDH Business Services Ltd***

103. KEY ACTON ISSUES

1. COUNCIL TAX - It was noted that the 2025/26 Wrexham CBC Council Tax had been increased by 9.5%

2. BELLWAY HOMES DEVELOPMENT ON DEAN ROAD: Members discussed a number of matters arising from the development off Dean Road. Residents had questioned if the developers would be able to access the site via the Dean Road entrance, Wrexham CBC Councillors confirmed that this would not be the case. Members noted that the developer had applied for planning permission to demolish their half of the squash court building. Members expressed concerns about the protected horse chestnut tree in a corner of the development and the Wrexham CBC local Members would raise these concerns with the Arboricultural Officer.

104. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PROGRESSION OF ANNUAL REPORT PRIORITIES

1. EVENTS AT ACTON PARK: A recent Valentine themed event had taken place on Sunday 16 February. The weather was very cold, consequently the turnout had not been as large as at previous events.

2. PROGRESS OF ANNUAL REPORT PRIORITIES:

- i) NEW PLAY AREA ACTON PARK:** Members noted that the Task and Finish Group are due to meet with Carla Hinde, Wrexham WCBC Officer, in Acton Park during March.
- ii) LITTLE ACTON COMMUNITY CENTRE:** The Task and Finish Group for Little Acton Community Centre will take place week on 25 February 2025. Members discussed the Schedule of Condition with the need to be mindful that the Schedule mirrors the exact condition of the building on signing of the Lease and that money could not be spent on improvements to the Building or its fabric until the lease has been executed.

RESOLVED – that the Clerk confirm with Wrexham CBC that the cost of all the current outgoings for Little Acton Community Centre are being recharged to the Community Council.

105. REPORT FROM CLERK

1. **SLCC PRACTITIONER'S CONFERENCE 28 – 30 JANUARY 2025:** The Clerk reported on her attendance and the various workshop sessions she had participated in. Additionally she had met with exhibitors including Unity Bank and been provided with a checklist to enable an account to be opened online and confirmation the current account has the ability to take card payments. The Clerk had also met with Creative Play, Cloudy IT and PS TAX. In particular the Clerk had highlighted a VAT training need in preparation for invoicing for Little Acton Community Centre room bookings.
An outcome from the workshops had identified it was good practice to have a Menopause Policy. Councillor Jarvis confirmed that she would be happy to inspect a Draft Policy.
2. **CORRESPONDENCE** - The Council received a report from the Clerk detailing consultations and other correspondence that has been received since the last meeting as follows:

Organisation	Details
CONSULTATIONS: Members are requested to submit any comments they may wish to make on the undermentioned Consultations	
1. Wrexham CBC	Ombudsman Consultation on informing Members of Complaints – ends 31 January 2025: email dated 16 January 2025 with details of this consultation closing on the 31 January 2025. <i>Consultation noted – Members to respond on an individual basis</i>
2. One Voice Wales	1. Area Committee Survey: email dated 14 January 2025 with a link to a One Voice Wales Survey of Member Councils and engagement with Area Committees https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QYR53NX 2. Shaping my work as Older People's Commissioner: email dated 3 February 2025 with a questionnaire and information pack attached. <i>Consultation noted – Members to respond on an individual basis</i>
3. Ambition North Wales	Request to share Public Consultation on the future of Transport: email dated 24 January 2025 containing details of this Consultation which ends on the 14 April 2025. <i>Consultation noted – Members to respond on an individual basis</i>
4. Boundary Commission for Wales	2025 Electoral Review Programme: email dated 11 February 2025. The DBCC has published its Policy and Practice Document in preparation for the 2025 Electoral Review Programme. The Commission is seeking your views on this Document and the closing date is 24 March 2025. <i>Consultation noted – Members to respond on an individual basis</i>
CORRESPONDENCE	
5. Planning Aid Wales	1. Want more information on Section 106 Obligations: email dated 20 January 2025 with details of this event on the 12 February 2025. 2. Understanding the Planning System – your questions answered: email dated 6 February 2025 with details of their latest events. <i>Above information noted</i>
6. AVOW	1. AVOW Make a Difference Grant 2025: email dated 20 January 2025 with details of this grant provided by AVOW. 2. Commissioning Conversation: AVOW workshop 18 February 2025 10am – 12pm: email dated 22 January 2025 with details of this workshop. 3. Members Mailout January 2025: email dated 29 January 2025 with their latest Newsletter. <i>Above information noted</i>
7. Ron Bailey – Parliament	Safety of Lithium – Ion Batteries: email dated 20 January 2025 with information on this campaign. <i>Information noted</i>
8. One Voice Wales	1. Cost of Living Crisis Project 'Working with Partners: To Deliver Cost of Living

	<p>Support to your Community' Webinar: email dated 17 January 2025 with more information on this Webinar on the 6 February 2025.</p> <p>2. Unjumbling the Jargon: email dated 17 January 2025 with a list of useful acronyms.</p> <p>3. Llais y Goedwig – Networking days local to you: email dated 14 January 2025 with details of two networking days.</p> <p>4. Larger Local Councils Meeting Wednesday 12 February via Zoom: email dated 5 February 2025 details and a Zoom link to this meeting.</p> <p>5. Online Free Asbestos Awareness Training: email dated 29 January 2025 with details of a free Asbestos Awareness training course and a list of available dates.</p> <p>6. One Voice Wales AGM online 11 March 2025: email dated 29 January 2025 containing an invitation to the OVW AGM on 11 March 2025.</p> <p>7. Vacancy – Public Appointments: email dated 4 February 2025 with details of a vacancy for a Chair to Natural Resources Wales, the closing date is 7 March 2025.</p> <p>8. One Voice Wales and Planning Aid Wales Joint Event 27 March 2025: email dated 5 February 2025 with details of this event.</p> <p>9. Reminder Area Committee Survey: email dated 7 February 2025, with a reminder to complete this survey by 28 February 2025.</p> <p>10. Training Dates – February – March 2025: email dated 5 February 2025 with a reminder of the latest training dates. <i>Above information noted</i></p>
9. Play Wales	<p>1. January e-bulletin: email dated 6 January 2025 with the latest e-bulletin.</p> <p>2. Playing Outdoors in Early Years Settings: email dated 29 January 2025 with details of this new toolkit. <i>Above information noted</i></p>
10. Llais Cymru	<p>1. Lung Cancer Screening Survey Reminder end 14 Feb 2025: email dated 3 February 2025 with a reminder for this survey. <i>Information noted</i></p>
11. Repair Cafe Wales	<p>1. Get involved with Fix It Feb: email dated 23 January 2025 with details and resources on becoming involved with Fix It Feb.</p> <p>2. 2025 – 2030 Our Five Year Vision: email dated 27 January 2025 sharing their five year vision. <i>Above information noted</i></p>
12. Menter Iaith Fflint a Wrecsam	<p>Invitation 2025 St David's Day: email dated 28 January 2025 with an invitation to the Mayor of Wrexham's St Davids Day Celebrations on Saturday 1 March 2025. <i>Information noted</i></p>
13. Wrexham CBC	<p>Monthly Event List for 2025: email dated 29 January 2025 with the monthly event list from Wrexham CBC. <i>Information noted</i></p>
14. Welsh Government	<p>Ready...Set....Jet: Newsletter dated 30 January 2025 from Welsh Government. <i>Information noted</i></p>
15. Audit Wales	<p>Audit Wales: January Newsletter: Newsletter dated 30 January 2025 from Audit Wales. <i>Information noted</i></p>

106. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk reported on Payments received and bank charges made since 15 January 2025. Reference was also made to known payments due for Service Level Agreements and other committed expenditure before 31 March 2025, and requested authorisation to pay such costs on receipt and also to make any outstanding debtor or other cheque, BACS and debit card payments as set out in the schedule below.

RESOLVED –

- i) *That the Clerk be authorised to pay and report in March 2025 any committed expenditure invoices received to ensure they are paid before the end of the financial year.*
- ii) *to approve the making of payments for February 2025 as set out in the schedule reported to the meeting as set out below;*

Voucher/Payment Ref & Payee	Details	Amount
124. BACS ref 88.2.25 Carole Roberts	Salary & office expenses for February 2025 to include 22 hours for Conference attendance 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)
125. BACS ref 89.2.25 Michelle Williams	Salary for February 2025 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)
126. BACS ref 90.2.25 Clwyd Pension Fund	Pension payments for February 2025 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	(as per Payroll schedule)
127. BACS ref 91.2.25 HMRC	Payroll payments for February 2025 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	(as per Payroll schedule)
128. BACS ref 92.2.25 Wrexham & District Citizens Advice	SLA Q3 Payment Acton Outreach Service Section 142 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£1,746.25 (Vat= £0.00)
129. BACS ref 93.2.25 Wrexham & District Citizens Advice	SLA Q4 Payment Acton Outreach Service Section 142 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£1,746.25 (Vat= £0.00)
130. BACS ref 94.2.25 One Voice Wales	January 2025 Training Costs - RH Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended))	£40.00 (Vat= £0.00)
131. Cheque 202377 CPD Dinas Wrecsam	Youth Committee Grant Section 19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1972 (as amended)	£1,333.00 (Vat= £0.00)
132. Cheque 202378 Acton Football Club	Youth Committee Grant Section 19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1972 (as amended)	£1,333.00 (Vat= £0.00)
133. Cheque 202379 1 st Acton Rainbows	Youth Committee Grant Section 19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1972 (as amended)	£1,333.00 (Vat= £0.00)
134. Cheque 202380 Wrexham CBC	SLA 2024/25 -Contribution to costs of play services at the Green Little Acton Section 19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1972 (as amended)	£9,581.03 (Vat= £0.00)
135. BACS ref 78.1.25 Carole Roberts	Clerk's Expenses for January 2025 S112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£15.00 (Vat= £0.00)
136. DC13.2.25 Tesco Stores Ltd	Phone & stationery S112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£ 44.80 (Vat= £4.97)
137. BACS ref 96.2.25 Wrexham CBC	Q3 Sla School Crossing patrol Costs S137 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£4,455.00 (Vat= £0.00)

139. PLANNING RELATED MATTERS AND 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. P/2024/1557: Works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order WCBC231, 94 Dean Road, Wrexham LL13 9EL	<i>No objections subject to the Council's Arboricultural Officer being satisfied that such works are necessary to ensure the health of the tree and any works are carried out under his supervision and direction</i>
2. P/2025/0087: Single storey rear extension and installation of a pitched roof over existing flat roof to garage, 79 Norfolk Road, Wrexham LL12 7SB	<i>No observations</i>
3. P/2025/0111: Single storey front and side extensions, 4 Brecon Close, Wrexham LL12 7TL	<i>No observations</i>
4. P/2025/0104: Prior notification for demolition of garages, land to the south east of 3 Gladwyn Road, Wrexham LL12 8BA	<i>No observations</i>

***Councillor Kevin Roberts
Chair***

Signed as a correct record this 19th day of March 2025

Presiding Chair

REPORT FROM COMMUNITY AGENT

Hello Everyone,

We have had Warm Space at Little Acton every Monday until end of March, we have had around 12 people weekly, they are enjoying a hot drink and a warm meal also they are enjoying socialising. AVOW have had volunteers helping with the food and drinks. We have had Groundwork for 6 weeks doing a craft in the morning. I have also had my craft group every Monday 1pm – 3pm at Little Acton, we have between 5 – 8 every week.

Coffee Morning Acton Resource Centre every Wednesday at 11.30am – 1pm with Jane from Avow, we are getting around 16 total, they are coming out of Active Futures and stop for a coffee, letting them know what activities are on in Acton.

I have done some home visits in Acton, Borrass and Rhosnesni, clients asking for blue badge, Attendance Allowance, Pension Credit, Citizen's Advice, Active Futures activities in the area. I have new clients coming in weekly doing home visits.

I have recently done a First Aid Course with Groundwork.

I am on annual leave 12th March until 23rd March 2025

Rhian Jones

Acton Community

COMMUNITY COUNCIL DETERMINATIONS [EXTRACT FROM IRPW ANNUAL REPORT 2025 TO 2026]

Community and Town Councils

9.24 The Panel continues to mandate payments for the extra costs of working from home and payments for office consumables. There is no change to the Determination made last year.

Mandatory Payments:

Determination 7

Payment for extra costs of working from home

9.25 All councils must pay their members £156 a year (equivalent to £3 a week) towards the extra household expenses (including heating, lighting, power, and broadband) of working from home.

Set payment for consumables

9.26 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.

9.27 It is a matter for each council to make and record a policy decision in respect of when and how the payments are made and whether they are paid monthly, yearly, or otherwise. The policy should also state whether and how to recover any payments made to a member who leaves or changes their role during the financial year.

Attendance Allowance

9.28 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 compensation will not be entitled to claim attendance allowance for the same event.

9.29 As the payment for attendance is optional, the council, at its first Annual Meeting, should formally decide whether or not to make these payments.

9.30 If the council decides in favour of attendance allowances, it must produce a Scheme for formal adoption, make provision for it to be publicly available and inform the Independent Remuneration Panel.

9.31 The mandatory maximum for each qualifying event is £30. There is no stipulated minimum.

9.32 Payments for attendance must be in respect of official business or approved duty which are identified in the council's Standing Orders or alternatively by specific resolution. The scheme should specify for which events payments will

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be made.

9.33 All members of the council will be entitled to the payment for attendance at the events specified in the scheme, but an individual member may decline to receive payment by informing (in writing) the proper officer.

Compensation for Financial Loss:

Determination 8

9.34 Compensation for financial loss is an optional payment.

9.35 The Panel has determined that this payment should be aligned to the daily rate of ASHE and will be £126.74 for a full day and £63.37 for a half day.

Table 8: 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
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

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Type of Payment	Group	Requirement
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
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
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

Type of Payment	Group	Requirement
Cost of Care or Personal Assistance	5 (Electorate less than 1,000)	Mandatory

9.36 There have been no changes made to payments for undertaking senior roles; allowances for Travel and subsistence; Care and Personal Assistance or Attendance allowance. All current Determinations are published on our website.

10. Summary of Determinations 2025 to 2026

Determination 1

10.1 The basic level of salary for elected members of principal councils is set at £19,771.

Determination 2

10.2 The salary of a leader of the largest (Group A) council will be £74,141. All other payments have been decided in reference to this. All payments are set out in Table 1.

Determination 3

10.3 The salary of a chair of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be £9,886.

10.4 The salary of vice-chair will be £4,943.

Determination 4

10.5 The basic pay of members of National Park Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities has been increased. All payments are set out in Tables 4 and 5.

10.6 All current Determinations, including restrictions on receiving double allowances, will be published on our website. Other than the above increases, there are no changes proposed this year.

Determination 5

10.7 For coopted member payments, there is no change in the level of payments. These are set out in Table 6.

Determination 6

10.8 Coopted lay members of a Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) will be paid on the same basis as coopted (lay) members with voting rights of other bodies within the local government family, as set out in Table 7.

10.9 Each authority, through its Democratic Services Committee or other appropriate committee, must ensure that all voting coopted members are given as much support as is necessary to enable them to fulfil their duties effectively. Such support should be without cost to the individual member.

Determination 7

10.10 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.

10.11 Members of Community and Town Councils are appointed office holders. Whilst not employees, their remuneration is still subject to PAYE rules. Section 316A ITEPA 2003 states no liability to income tax arises in respect of a payment an employer makes to an employee in respect of reasonable additional household expenses which the employee incurs in carrying out duties of the employment at home under homeworking arrangements. This arrangement will apply to the £156 payment made under this Determination.

Determination 8

10.12 Compensation for financial loss is an optional payment.

10.13 The Panel has determined that this payment should be aligned to the daily rate of ASHE 2022 to 2023 and will be £126.74 for a full day and £63.37 for a half day.

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 **six** 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 and to consider the release of the £2,500 One off budget allocation in 2024/25 to assist with the costs of staging the 2025 National Eisteddfod in Wrexham.

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 2025 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 £10.81 per person of the Community Councils' population is permissible for 2024/25. The total number of Acton Community electors at 1 January 2024 is 10,256. 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 £110,867.36 in 2024/25), 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 no 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 2022/23 and 2023/24.
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 2024/25.
Members should note that an **additional one-off sum of £2,500** was included within the 2024/25 budget to enable a significant grant to be made **towards the costs of staging the 2025 Eisteddfod at Wrexham**.
7. During 2024/25 the Council has considered grant applications at its June, September and December 2024 Meetings totaling £3,150. Those decisions are set out below:-

Organisation	Details	Decision
1. Wrexham Sounds	Provision of free 'Music for Well-being' sessions to children from low-income families facing hardships during the current economic climate.	£250
2. Wrexham Dragons Netball Club	Purchase of equipment and other costs for this new netball club.	£500
3. Your Space	Grant to support the opportunities and activities for children and young people with autism and or other related neuro diverse conditions. In particular financial assistance to restart the popular Teens Club, following the end of Lottery Grant funding.	£500
4. Nightingale House Hospice	Contribution towards the cost of an electrocardiogram (ECG) machine as currently the Hospice does not have an ECG machine and this would be a new piece of equipment.	£500
5. Wrexham Premier Radio	Grant to support essential work to this Radio Station established in 2020, broadcasting 24/7 from its Studios in Eagles Meadow shopping centre, and run entirely by volunteers.	£100
6. Cerebral Palsy Cymru	Grant towards extra therapists to enable them to treat over 700 children from all over Wales who have cerebral palsy with the aim of improving their quality of life.	£200
7. Gate Hangs High Bowling Club	Grant to assist with Membership and Match fees. In addition the purchase of fertilizer and dressing for the Green which is in need of repairs and maintenance. The work will be carried out by the Members.	£350
8. AVOW	Community Hub to provide refreshments for residents who access opportunities in the Acton Community Resource Centre, which will give them a chance to socialise together during or after an activity. This can reduce barriers and improve community engagement.	£500
9. Dance Empire	To purchase new equipment to support students progress and continue to offer classes at reduced rates to families that need that support.	£250
	TOTAL	£3150

8. Application forms have been available via the Council's Website to all local Clubs and Organisations, and several were sent in response to other general requests for financial assistance submitted to the Clerk to the Council. Each applicant has been sent a standard letter and the guideline document setting out the Council's Policy as adopted on 1 April 2019. I have received six completed forms in the current quarter as listed below. The full application form is attached to this report and a copy of the supporting accounts and any other information provided will be available at the meeting.

Members are **REQUESTED TO DETERMINE** the following seven applications for financial assistance:-

Organisation	Details	Decision
2025 National Eisteddfod – Wrexham	Release of £2,500 One off budget allocation towards the costs of staging the 2025 National Eisteddfod in Wrexham	
1. Purple Orchids Monthly Lunch Club	Grant to enable the Group to offer the attendees their lunch at a reduced cost over the winter months to assist with the cost of living.	
2. Purple Orchids Art Group	Financial support towards the room hire costs for the Art Group which takes place every week. In addition financial support is requested towards the coach hire cost for a trip to the Lady Lever Art Gallery in May 2025	
3. Wales Air Ambulance	Financial support towards upgrading aircraft from "D2" to "D3" models which will add a fifth rotor blade to their existing 4-bladed H145 helicopters. The impact, will be significant.	
4. Helping Hands Wrexham CIC	Financial support to run events at Acton Community Resource Centre to show the benefit of their work and hopefully involve more volunteers. This Charity renovates and repairs toys, clothes and household appliances which they then distribute to local families.	
5. Theatr Bara Caws	Financial support to enable this travelling theatre company to continue travelling all over Wales to deliver events, shows and theatrical experiences mainly in the Welsh language.	
6. 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	
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 2025 meeting.

APPENDIX 1

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. 1 st 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

Financial Assistance Grants		
Organisation	Details	Decision
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 equipment, pay for badges, and organise visits.	£500.00
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

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN DURING THE 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR:-

1. Financial Assistance Grants

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
12. Acton Rainbows	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	£500.00
13. 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	£200.00
14. Miners Rescue Project	It is the 90th anniversary of the 1934 Gresford Colliery Disaster in which 266 people died in 1934. A grant is sought towards the cost of design, producing and printing of leaflets and general running costs.	£500.00
15.Wrexham National Eisteddfod 2025	Support sought this year and in the next financial year, to help achieve a local target of £400,000. All contributions, big or small, will go entirely to the Wrexham Fund and to the work of the Eisteddfod locally.	£500.00
	Total Donations under S137 Powers for 2023/24	£6,750.00

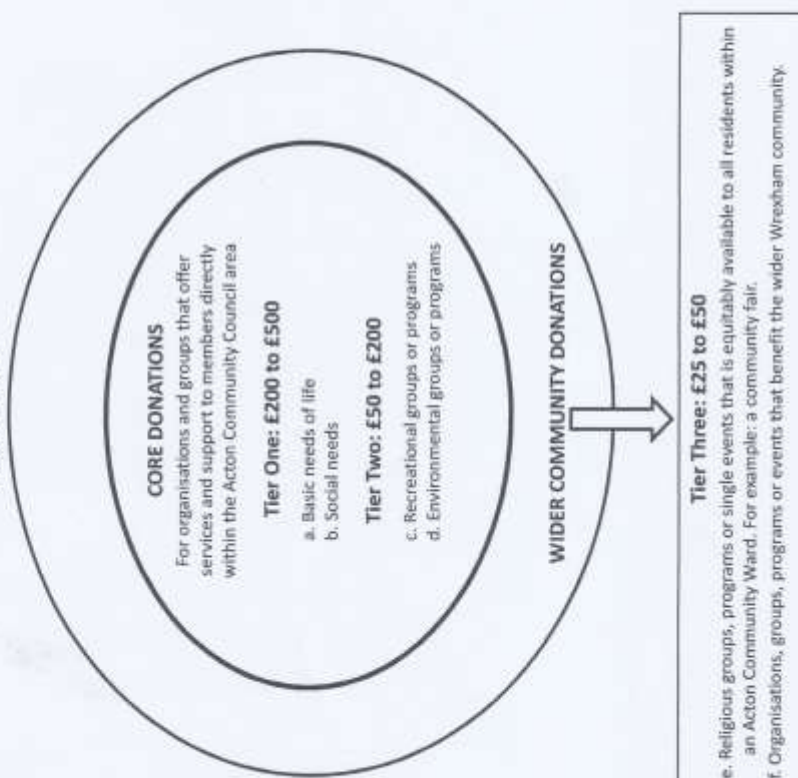
Organisation	Details	Decision
Note: the Power of Wellbeing which the Council has previously relied on, was superseded by the General Power of Competence from 1 April 2022 and therefore as the Council has not declared itself to be a competent Council, there is nothing to be included for such spending under Section 137 Powers and limits during 2023/24		
2.Add Service Level Agreement spending using Section 137 Powers during 2023/24:-		
16. Wrexham County Borough Council	SLA costs for School Crossing Patrols in the Acton Community (reduced amount due to in-year vacancy savings)	£ 8,698.42
Total Additional Spending under S137 powers for 2023/24		£ 8,698.420

Total Spending using Section 137 Powers in 2023/24 = £ 15,448.42

~Statement prepared by Mrs C Roberts Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer on 14 May 2024~

Acton Community Council Guidelines for S137 Grants/ Donations

(Adopted April 2019)



ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL – S137 GRANT /DONATION APPLICATION GUIDELINES

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

The following guidelines have been adopted by Acton Community Council with effect from 1 April 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 FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
(MADE UNDER SECTION 137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, AS AMENDED)
NAME OF ORGANISATION:**

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

Richarda Williams c/o Purple Orchids 9 Acton Gate, Ux. M. 441 2PP

2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

.....Purple Orchids group organise a monthly lunch group which consists of a main meal, dessert and tea and coffee for around 15-20 people who enjoy eating and socialising together during the lunch. We would like to offer people who attend the lunch, a reduced cost of the lunch to help with the cost of living over the winter months and this is why we are approaching Acton Community Council.....

Contribution of £2.50 towards lunch over 6 months for 20 people = £300.00

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?

.....Purple Orchids are an established group that have run from Acton Community Resource Centre for several years. Although a few other people attend, it is mostly Acton residents that benefit from the lunch and we would welcome more residents to attend if they wish. It is mostly the elderly population that attend and benefit from socialising and eating with others and having a hot meal cooked for them.

The group also provides a creativity craft activity for participants if they wish and a fun quiz. A monthly raffle is also provided for with funds from the group

4. CAN ANYONE JOIN? YES WHO CAN BENEFIT? Anyone...

5. HOW MANY RESIDENTS FROM THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA ARE MEMBERS OF OR BENEFIT FROM YOUR ORGANISATION? Approximately 12 people from Acton.....

6. IS YOUR ORGANISATION A REGISTERED CHARITY? NO

IF YES PLEASE GIVE THE REGISTERED CHARITY No:

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

.....no.....

8. TELL US ABOUT THE SIZE OF YOUR ORGANISATION:

A. HOW MANY STAFF DO YOU EMPLOY?Not employed the group is run by volunteers.....

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

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

IF YES, PLEASE STATE SUPERVISING BODY:

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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM:

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:£30 petty cash £750.....

B. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS:no.....

C. OTHER INVESTMENTS:no.....

12. HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION'S PROFIT LAST YEAR?above.....

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:

...Purple Orchids.....

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

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I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT

SIGNED: B. Mulcano DATE: 10. March 2025

POSITION IN ORGANISATION: Treasurer

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: 07779916977

Please return this application form with supporting accounts to:

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

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

.....Barbara Tasker c/o Acton Community Resource Centre, Overton Way, Wrexham.

2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

.....Support with room hire costs to allow the group to continue running.

.....The weekly cost for room hire is £33.00 and we each pay a weekly amount to cover this cost. However, if only a few people can make the group (due to sickness, appointments etc) we struggle to cover this cost and with the cost of living and bill increases we are finding it increasingly hard to cover costs ourselves. If Acton Community Council were to support the group, the funds would go towards a contingency fund. We want the group to continue to run in the future as it has done for many years and would like to secure funding to keep it going into 2026.

£33.00 x 12 ~~months~~ = £396.00.

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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 Art Group has been running for several years at Acton resource centre and benefits people from Acton through a joint interest in art and crafts. Many of the group walk to the community resource centre to attend.

We meet every Friday 10-12pm and only close during Easter and Christmas. The group have a variety of skills we share from drawing, painting, watercolours, portraits and various craft projects and the group has also become a place to socialise and have a hot drink and chat together out of the house as a few of us live on our own.

The group is well established and has regular participants that have been coming over the years, but we also enjoy meeting new people at the group and welcome new participants with open arms.

4. CAN ANYONE JOIN?

YES

beyond.....

WHO CAN BENEFIT?Adults from Acton and *LOCAL AREA*

5. HOW MANY RESIDENTS FROM THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA ARE MEMBERS OF OR BENEFIT FROM YOUR ORGANISATION?8.....

6. IS YOUR ORGANISATION A REGISTERED CHARITY?

NO

IF YES PLEASE GIVE THE REGISTERED CHARITY No:

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

.....no.....

8. TELL US ABOUT THE SIZE OF YOUR ORGANISATION:

A. HOW MANY STAFF DO YOU EMPLOY?None. group is led by myself a volunteer.....

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

.....n/a..... VOLUNTEERS

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

IF YES, PLEASE STATE SUPERVISING BODY:

CONTINUED OVERLEAF/

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM:

10. PLEASE **SUPPLY COPIES** OF YOUR ACCOUNTS FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS [ENCLOSED? **YES/NO**] (e.g.: AUDITED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AND BALANCE SHEET)

11. TELL US ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL HOLDINGS. HOW MUCH MONEY DOES YOUR ORGANISATION HAVE?

A. PETTY CASH AND CURRENT ACCOUNTS: 130

B. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS:

C. OTHER INVESTMENTS:

12. HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION'S PROFIT LAST YEAR?

Or LOSS LAST YEAR? NONE

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/NO**

14. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL, PLEASE STATE BELOW THE **PAYEE NAME** FOR THE CHEQUE:

B.M. Wilson 10/3/25 BARBARA E. TASKER. PURPLE ORCHIDS

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

The art group have a trip planned in May 2025 to the Lady Lever Art Gallery. This is also available for Purple Orchid Members family & friends. Due to the fact that initially there were about 18 interested members, a coach was to be booked rather than a minibus, this is at a cost of £310.00. Any contribution towards this would be appreciated.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT

SIGNED: B. Galko DATE: 11/10/24

POSITION IN ORGANISATION: organiser

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: 07873672309

Please return this application form with supporting accounts to:

The Clerk to Acton Community Council, c/o Little Acton Community Centre, The Green, Wrexham, LL12 8BH
(or email: clerk@actoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk)

APPLICATION NO.3 – MARCH 2025

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL (MADE UNDER SECTION 137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, AS AMENDED) NAME OF ORGANISATION: Wales Air Ambulance

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

Ms H Mitchell, Grants & Trusts Fundraiser, Ty Elusen, Ffordd Angel, Llanelli Gate, Dafen, Llanelli. SA14 8LQ

2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

At Wales Air Ambulance, our mission is to deliver lifesaving advanced medical care to people across Wales whenever and wherever they need it. We are embarking on some exciting upgrades to improve our aircraft, and we invite you to “get on-board” with the project. We rely on our aircraft to cover all of Wales 24/7. They need to handle challenging conditions and be able to land in different environments. We now have four H145 helicopters plus one reserve, however, two of the aircraft need upgrading from “D2” to “D3” models. The upgrade is relatively simple, adding a fifth rotor blade to our existing 4-bladed H145 helicopters. The impact, however, will be significant:

- **Using Less Fuel:** D3 helicopters can go further and travel a greater range of distance, whilst consuming less fuel, making each mission more economical.
- **Increased Comfort:** The upgrade will reduce vibration and result in a smoother ride for the medics, pilots, and most importantly, the patient on board.
- **Increased Weight Capacity:** The D3 model will be able to carry a heavier load, such as more medical kit or personnel.

“Reducing vibration significantly enhances patient care; lower vibrations result in a smoother ride, which is crucial for patient comfort, especially those that are already in pain or distress.” Jason Hughes, Clinical Operations Manager, EMRTS Cymru. As a pan-Wales service, our dedicated air ambulance crews, regardless of where they are based, will travel the length and breadth of the country to deliver emergency lifesaving care. We are looking to raise £60,000 toward the cost of the upgrades to enhance our service that will benefit the Acton community. Any amount of donation to the project would be gratefully received.

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?

Wales Air Ambulance delivers advanced lifesaving medical care to people across Wales 24/7. We are the only air ambulance charity, based in, and dedicated to, the people of Wales and rely entirely on charitable donations to keep the helicopters in the air and fleet of rapid response vehicles on the road.

The Charity was formed on St. David’s Day, 1 March 2001 and operates from bases across Wales. Since its inception, the Charity has completed over 50,000 missions and is on standby to attend those suffering a life or limb-threatening injury or illness.

Our service is delivered via a unique Third Sector and Public Sector partnership. The Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service (EMRTS) supplies highly skilled NHS consultants and critical care practitioners, who work on board the Charity’s vehicles.

With bases across Wales, the highly skilled crew on board can carry out medical procedures which would usually only be available within a hospital setting. They can deliver blood transfusions, administer anaesthesia and undertake emergency operations at the scene of an incident, before taking the patient directly to specialist care. For the patient, this can mean hours saved in receiving the appropriate treatment when compared to standard care.

4. CAN ANYONE JOIN? N/A WHO CAN BENEFIT? Anyone in Acton with a life or limb-threatening illness or injury

5. HOW MANY RESIDENTS FROM THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA ARE MEMBERS OF OR BENEFIT FROM YOUR ORGANISATION? [... In 2024 we attended 3635 missions, with 99 in the region of Wrexham which includes the Acton community.....]
6. IS YOUR ORGANISATION A REGISTERED CHARITY? [YES]
IF YES, PLEASE GIVE THE REGISTERED CHARITY No:1083645.....]
7. IS YOUR ORGANISATION PART OF A LARGER ORGANISATION AND IF SO WHICH ONE? [...N/A.....]
8. TELL US ABOUT THE SIZE OF YOUR ORGANISATION:
- A. HOW MANY STAFF DO YOU EMPLOY? [.....104.....]
- B. [ARE THEY QUALIFIED & HAVE THEY RECEIVED APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND IF APPROPRIATE, THE NECESSARY SECURITY CHECKS?
.....Yes.....]
9. IS THE WORK OF YOUR ORGANISATION SUPERVISED BY AN OFFICIAL BODY? YES/ NO
IF YES, PLEASE STATE SUPERVISING BODY: [..... The Charity is governed by a Board of Trustees and regulated by the Charity Commission and Fundraising Regulator.....]
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: In 22/23 accounts, the charity held £16.1M in fixed asset funds, restricted funds, designated funds and general funds. Due to rising costs and change of aviation contract in 2024, we anticipate that the Charity will be making loss over the next 4 years.
- B. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS: [.....]
- C. OTHER INVESTMENTS: [.....]
12. HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION'S PROFIT LAST YEAR?£711,000.....]
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:
[...Welsh Air Ambulance Charitable Trust.....]
15. PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED ABOVE THAT YOU THINK MAY SUPPORT YOUR APPLICATION:

We will be able to provide mission figures for the Acton postcode area in a report. Please note that our 23/24 accounts are currently being audited, and will be available in April.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT

SIGNED: [.....H. Mitchell.....] DATE: [...13/02/2025.....]
POSITION IN ORGANISATION: [.....Grants and Trusts Fundraiser.....]
CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: [.....07973882440.....]

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Wrexham, LL12 7LB (or email: clerk@actoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk)**

APPLICATION NO.4 – MARCH 2025

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

NAME OF ORGANISATION: HELPING HANDS WREXHAM CIC

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE: Helping Hands Wrexham CIC 13 Stratford Close,
Wrexham LL127UR

2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

We will be organizing free events for everyone.

since July 2017, our group started unofficial work for the residents of our city and surrounding areas and provided humanitarian aid.

from July 2022, our organization was officially registered. Today we would like to organize events at the Community Acton Rescue Center and show the local community the benefits of our work. We renovate toys, clothes and household appliances. Then we distribute to people. Our activities help families save money and support environmental protection in our city. In total, we have already donated over 190 tons of items that were supposed to land on the skip

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?

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We renovate toys, clothes and household appliances. Then we distribute to people. Our activities help families save money and support environmental protection in our city. In total, we have already donated over 190 tons of items that were supposed to land on the skip. So far, we have supported everything with private money. Covid time was very expensive. all clothes and plush toys had to be washed at high temperatures, ironed and sterile packed. Many organizations have already used our storage for families, including Salvation Army, Children's Word Wrexham Hospital, Hope House, Multi cultural Hub, Refugee Kindness North Wales, Pisc, an orphanage. We also organized humanitarian aid for an orphanage in Abuja and victims of the war in Ukraine.

We also sent the items we repaired to volunteers from the Siepomaga.pl Foundation. Thanks to our support, 24 children raised money for life-saving surgeries. We support events in our city. We would like to continue our great work and invite people to cooperate

4. CAN ANYONE JOIN? YES/NO WHO CAN BENEFIT?YES.....

5. HOW MANY RESIDENTS FROM THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA ARE MEMBERS OF OR BENEFIT FROM YOUR ORGANISATION? ...Many, many families and organizations. there are over 200 names on our list....

6. IS YOUR ORGANISATION A REGISTERED CHARITY? NO

IF YES PLEASE GIVE THE REGISTERED CHARITY No:

7. IS YOUR ORGANISATION PART OF A LARGER ORGANISATION AND IF SO WHICH ONE? One of the groups that works with the North East Wales Multi cultural Hub

8. TELL US ABOUT THE SIZE OF YOUR ORGANISATION: 0

A. HOW MANY STAFF DO YOU EMPLOY?0.....

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

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

IF YES, PLEASE STATE SUPERVISING BODY:

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM:Helping Hands Wrexham CIC...

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: 297.21£.....

B. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS:

C. OTHER INVESTMENTS:

12. HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION'S PROFIT LAST YEAR?0.....

Or LOSS LAST YEAR?.....0.....

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:
.....Helping Hands Wrx CIC sort code : 30- 99-50 account nr: 21611460

15. PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED ABOVE THAT YOU THINK MAY SUPPORT YOUR APPLICATION: Our organization has not received any financial support so far. We recently received a grant of £500. For this money we are planning an event that will take place on April 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Acton Community Resource Center. We need financial support to continue our work and be able to organize further events for the local community.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT

SIGNED:DymnickaPaulinaDATE: 21/02/2025.....

POSITION IN ORGANISATION:Director/Secretary

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER:07517 231162.....Aleksandra Griffin

Please return this application form with supporting accounts to:

**The Clerk to Acton Community Council, c/o Little Acton Community Centre, The Green, Wrexham, LL12 8BH
(or email: clerk@actoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk)**

APPLICATION NO.5 – MARCH 2025

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

NAME OF ORGANISATION: Theatr Bara Caws

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE: Theatr Bara Caws, Unit A1, Cibyn, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 2BD

2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

Because of the special and invaluable service that Bara Caws offers to the communities of Wales we beg you as a community council to give serious consideration to our application this year. Accepting a contribution from your Council would ensure the continuation of our vital service of promoting culture and entertainment in the Welsh language. The plans underway to secure a new workplace are exciting and innovative. Being able to move to a new home will offer invaluable opportunities for the company to develop in new and exciting ways, exploiting the capabilities and possibilities of a community theatre company's service to the fullest.

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?

Bara Caws, established in 1977, is a community theater company that presents original and relevant work, mainly in the Welsh language, to the widest possible cross-section of the community, and giving as many people as possible the opportunity to enjoy and participate in the arts have been at the core of the Company's ethos since the very beginning. We offer first class theatrical experiences that bring entertainment and excitement, ingenuity and relevance to the heart of Welsh communities.

Developing and presenting the arts is an integral part of reviving and enriching our communities, and if we want to contribute to a fair and equal country the arts must be easily available and accessible to everyone. Bara Caws was established in order to take Welsh plays to all corners of Wales, from the biggest towns to the smallest villages. No other company travels so widely visiting a variety of communities from North to South, and from East to West, including remote and rural areas. It is essential to ensure that everyone, wherever they are, has the opportunity to experience artistic events through the Welsh language.

4. CAN ANYONE JOIN? Yes WHO CAN BENEFIT? The whole community

5. HOW MANY RESIDENTS FROM THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA ARE MEMBERS OF OR BENEFIT FROM YOUR ORGANISATION? We try (when every possible) to ensure that we come to the county with every show (at least 3 shows a year)

6. IS YOUR ORGANISATION A REGISTERED CHARITY? YES

IF YES PLEASE GIVE THE REGISTERED CHARITY No: 1062896

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? 6..

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

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

IF YES, PLEASE STATE SUPERVISING BODY: Part of the Arts Council of Wales's portfolio.

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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM: [.....Theatr Bara Caws

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: [£30,580.40 on 06/03/2025.]

B. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS: [n/a...]

C. OTHER INVESTMENTS: [£42,661.47 in reserve account on 06/03/2025]

12. HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION'S PROFIT LAST YEAR? [Around £300,00 turnover]

Or LOSS LAST YEAR? [.....]

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

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

On behalf of Bara Caws, I would like to thank the Council for considering us. We appreciate that times are tough on every organization so we appreciate any support that can go towards ensuring that Bara Caws continues to offer plenty of offer and entertainment in your area and areas across Wales.]

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:
[Theatr Bara Caws cyf]

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

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT

SIGNED: S.O.Williams DATE: 06/03/2025

POSITION IN ORGANISATION: Administration and Finance Officer

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: 01286 676335

Please return this application form with supporting accounts to:

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

NAME OF ORGANISATION: SSAFA , the Armed Forces charity, Wales region

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE: Annie Lawrie, Regional Fundraising Officer,
Dantwyn, Pencelli, Brecon LD3 7LX

2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity, is a trusted source of practical, emotional and financial support for serving personnel, veterans and their families in their time of need. We are appealing for a financial contribution towards the operational costs of our Wales regional hub where our specialist advisors receive calls, emails and web enquiries asking for assistance.

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?

SSAFA exists to relieve need, suffering and distress amongst the Armed Forces, veterans and their families in order to support their independence and dignity. We understand the unique demands of service life, whether it's on UK soil or overseas.

Our regional hub in Wales receives calls, emails and web enquiries, currently numbering around 500 per month. These are triaged by our specialist advisors and details passed to our caseworkers. They then get in touch with the beneficiary to determine the best source of support. This may include financial assistance (which could help cover rent arrears, funeral costs, school uniform, utility costs), food vouchers, specialist mobility equipment, adjustments at home, support with transitioning to 'civvy street' and welfare support. We have a network of over 130 partner charities, to which we may refer beneficiaries, ensuring their needs are met quickly by those with the most relevant expertise. Very often our help can prevent their situation from deteriorating further, thereby relieving pressure on the NHS and local social services. In 2024 we assisted 391 individuals/families in Wales, drawing down over £620,000 worth of support for them including 62 in your area of Clwyd.

The cost of running our Wales hub which receives the initial calls is approximately £150,000 per year, covering staff and operational costs. Any contribution towards these costs would be greatly appreciated. According to the 2021 Census 3.8% of the population in England and Wales were veterans, which is almost 1 in 25. The serving population of the UK Armed Forces in 2022 was over 193,000.

4. CAN ANYONE JOIN? YES/NO WHO CAN BENEFIT? Support from SSAFA is available for people at any stage in their military career; from the youngest recruit to the oldest veteran, no one's service is ever forgotten.

5. HOW MANY RESIDENTS FROM THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA ARE MEMBERS OF OR BENEFIT FROM YOUR ORGANISATION? Last year we helped 62 families/individuals in the Clwyd area.

6. IS YOUR ORGANISATION A REGISTERED CHARITY? YES
IF YES, PLEASE GIVE THE REGISTERED CHARITY No: 210760

7. IS YOUR ORGANISATION PART OF A LARGER ORGANISATION AND IF SO WHICH ONE? The Wales region is part of the UK wide SSAFA organisation.

8. TELL US ABOUT THE SIZE OF YOUR ORGANISATION:

A. HOW MANY STAFF DO YOU EMPLOY? 393

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

9. IS THE WORK OF YOUR ORGANISATION SUPERVISED BY AN OFFICIAL BODY? YES/ NO
IF YES, PLEASE STATE SUPERVISING BODY: The Charity Commission of England and Wales

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM: SSAFA

10. PLEASE SUPPLY COPIES OF YOUR ACCOUNTS FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS [ENCLOSED? **YES**
<https://www.ssafa.org.uk/about-us/reports-and-publications>
(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: Please see accounts attached

B. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS:

C. OTHER INVESTMENTS:

12. HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION'S PROFIT LAST YEAR?

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:
SSAFA Wales

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

More information about our work can be found at www.ssafa.org.uk ...

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT

SIGNED: A Lawrie

DATE 11/03/25

POSITION IN ORGANISATION:

Regional Fundraising Officer, Wales

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER:

07971 527660

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)**

Organisation	Details	Notes
CONSULTATIONS: Members are requested to submit any comments they may wish to make on the undermentioned Consultations		
1. Wrexham CBC	<p>1. Involvement News 17 February 2025: email dated 17 February 2024 containing a link to Wrexham CBC draft strategy on Public Toilets.</p> <p>2. Community Review: email dated 3 March 2025 with a questionnaire attached regarding the type of Community Review that Wrexham CBC needs to complete. Members are requested to let the Clerk know their views on the Questionnaire prior to the Council Meeting, so that a composite response, if required can be sent prior to the closing date of 27 March 2025.</p>	
CORRESPONDENCE		
2. AVOW	<p>1. Safeguarding Group B Training: email dated 24 February 2024 with dates for this training course and a link to book on to this event.</p> <p>2. Members Mailout February 2025: email dated 25 February 2025 with the latest AVOW Newsletter.</p>	
3. One Voice Wales	<p>1. NFWI-Wales event to mark Neurodiversity Celebration Week: Event 17 March 7pm – 8.15pm: email dated 14 February 2025 with details of this event and a link to book on to it.</p> <p>2. Senedd report published on Role, Governance and Accountability of Community and Town Council</p>	

	<p>Sector: email dated 11 March 2025 with a link to this report.</p> <p>3. Draft diversity and inclusion guidance for registered political parties – summary of responses to the consultation: email dated 10 March 2025 with a link to this draft guidance.</p> <p>4. Training Dates – March – June 2025: email dated 11 March 2025 with the latest training dates from One Voice Wales.</p> <p>5. Child Poverty Innovation and Supporting Communities Grant Fund: email dated 11 March 2025 with details on the amounts and availability of this grant.</p>	
4. Llais Cymru	IMPACT Llais Monthly Newsletter: email dated 14 February 2025 containing their monthly newsletter.	
5. IRPW	<p>Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Annual Report 2025: email dated 25 February 2025 with information on and a link to the Annual Report for 2025 to 2026.</p> <p>(Also referred to in the Clerk’s Procedural Matters Agenda Item)</p>	
6. Police and Crime Commissioner	North Wales Police and Crime Plan: email dated 24 February 2025 with the North Wales Police and Crime Plan attached. This plan will guide the work of North Wales Police over the next 3 years.	
7. Wrexham CBC	Involvement News 10 March 2025: email dated 10 March 2025 with a newsletter from Wrexham CBC	
8. Play Wales	Careers Week 2025: email dated 5 March 2025 with the latest newsletter from Play Wales.	