

**Minutes of the Meeting of Acton Community Council held remotely via Zoom on Tuesday 18 January 2022**

Present:

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

\* Absent

Also Present:

Mrs Carole Roberts, Clerk to the Council

## **110. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Philip Lloyd (Illness) and Mike Pritchard

***RESOLVED – that the apologies be received and accepted.***

## **111. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

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

## **112. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interest were made at this stage of the proceedings. The Clerk to the Council reiterated previous advice about the public interest test that should be considered by Members when determining whether or not they wish to declare an interest. The present position was noted.

## **113. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the remote Council meeting held on 14 December 2021 were received

***RESOLVED that the Minutes of the remote Council meeting held on 14 December 2021 be received and confirmed as a correct record.***

## **114. INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES**

**1. Minute 102.2 - Community Defibrillators for Acton Community Wards:** An update was given at the meeting and the Clerk was arranging for a slot to be reserved to enable the electrical installation for up to three of the Defibrillators. A response had not yet been received from Wrexham CBC consenting to the installation of a Defibrillator at the Little Acton Community Centre. The installation cost for each Defibrillator was variable with an estimated maximum cost of £260 plus vat.

***RESOLVED - to note progress made to date for the three identified defibrillator locations at the Cunliffe, Little Acton Community Centre and the Maesydre Powerhouse; and to await a response from the Gatehouse Veterinary Practice regarding use of its Borrass Park premises to locate the fourth defibrillator.***

2. **Minute 102.3 - Annual Accounts 2020/21 Conclusion of Audit:** It was noted that the External Auditor's report had not yet been received and the Audit had still not been concluded.

3. **Minute 105.2 Pupil Safety due to Parking and congestion outside Barkers Lane and other Schools:** A copy of a letter of response from Mr D Williams, Chief Officer Environment & Technical, Wrexham CBC was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

**RESOLVED - to note with regret the letter of response from Mr D Williams, Chief Officer Environment & Technical and Members seek to promote and raise awareness of the School Crossing Patrol vacancy currently being advertised.**

## 115. COMMUNITY POLICING MATTERS

The Monthly Policing and Operations report provided by the PCSOs on Crime issues and Trends in each of the five Acton Community Wards was received and considered. The Report also referred to other news and PCSO activities relating to work with residents linking in to Operation Blue instinct, high visibility patrols to deter burglaries; promotion of the new Community Alert system; and encouragement for members of the public to complete the Safer Streets Survey: [www.police.uk/streetsafe](http://www.police.uk/streetsafe); the outcomes of which will inform where improvements to safety are needed.

Members then raised various local concerns regarding reports via 101 about individuals begging in the Acton Community. Members also expressed gratitude that Officers from the Acton Sector Team were regularly attending the Friday Coffee Mornings at the Little Acton Community Centre. It was noted that the new Town Inspector was encouraging outreach work within the Community area.

**RESOLVED – that the Monthly Policing report be received and noted and the new Acton Sector Police Inspector be invited to visit the Maesydre Power House with a view to reinstating the previous Licence arrangement with North Wales Police.**

## 116. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The Service Level Agreement reporting as set out below was considered:-

### 1. Acton Community Resource Centre

**RESOLVED: To note this report is overdue pending a meeting of the Management Committee, and the Chair and Vice Chair will report on the outcome of their meeting with Wrexham CBC and the other Resource Centre representatives to the next meeting of the Community Council.**

### 2. Open Access Youth Project

**RESOLVED - to note the Service Level Agreement Report will be considered at the Youth Committee meeting to be held on 25 January 2022**

### 3. Acton Citizens Advice Bureaux

**RESOLVED - to receive and note the Quarter 3 Report and outcomes.**

## 117. KEY ACTON ISSUES

The following matters were raised by Wrexham CBC members:

1. **NINE ACRE PLAYING FIELD PLANNING APPLICATION TO BUILD A PRIMARY SCHOOL:** It was noted that this Application has effectively been paused after Welsh Government intervention using powers under the [The Town and Country Planning \(Development Management Procedure\) \(Wales\) Order 2012](#), which allows Welsh Ministers to intervene with granting of planning permission on a local level. No permission can now be granted without 'authorisation' from Welsh Ministers.

2. **BUDGET WORKSHOPS :** It was noted that all Wrexham CBC Members were currently attending workshops as part of the process to achieve a final Budget outcome

**118. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** - The Chair and Councillor E Doherty gave updates on successful events in Acton Park during December 2021, together with forthcoming events planned for the February half term and whether or not to undertake a Review and further Survey as part of the Community Council's commitment to Community engagement with its residents.

**RESOLVED – that:**

- i) The updates given at the meeting be noted and thanks be given to all those involved and to note and endorse the Chair's offer to fund from his Charity account, a Bowling Competition and Prize to the Cunliffe Bowling Club in recognition of the Club facilitating the use of their Pavilion for refreshments at the recent Park events;*
- ii) The Clerk to the Council liaise and clarify with Wrexham CBC Officers about the well-established and historical funding within SLA contract price to meet the costs of all events arranged and carried out by the Seasonal Park Ranger and to ensure the costs for forthcoming events planned for Acton Park by the Park Ranger under the current three year Service level Agreement being managed by Wrexham County Borough Council will be met from within the increased SLA cost for 2022/23 given the Community Council has extended its funding for this Acton Park Ranger post to a full twelve month period with an expectation that at least seven events will be arranged and held in the Park during that time period;*
- iii) Councillor E Doherty to prepare, with input from other Members, a draft for the next meeting, of a second Community Engagement Survey to include an introductory narrative setting out actions taken by the Community Council in response to the outcomes of the first Community Engagement survey; the Community Council will then aim to undertake a second survey concluding the end of March 2022 with a view to receiving a report on the outcomes prior to the forthcoming local Council elections.*

**119. REPORT FROM CLERK**

The Council received and noted a report from the Clerk detailing Consultations and correspondence/ other information that has been received since the last meeting.

**RESOLVED - that the undermentioned correspondence be received and noted**

One Voice Wales	<p><b>1.CONULTATION:</b> <a href="#">The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Draft Statutory Guidance for Community and Town Councils</a>: An email dated 17 December 2021 provided the above link to a Consultation that closes on 17 March 2022 seeking views on draft statutory guidance for community and town councils. Members discussed the administrative resource implications of implementing and complying with the new duties contained in this Act.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED – that Members respond individually to this Consultaiton</b></p> <p><b>2.TRAINING-JANUARY, FEBRUARY &amp; MARCH 2022:</b> Email dated 11 January 2022 providing details of training Courses for the next quarter. <b>Information noted</b></p>
NHS Shared Services Partnership	<p><b>Plas Coch Retail Park Application – Boots UK for inclusion on Register:</b> Email dated 7 January 2022 enclosing a decision letter and informing the closing date for receipt of an appeal is 6 February 2021 <b>Information noted</b></p>
Audit Wales	<p><b>Audit Wales   December Newsletter:</b> Email dated 6 January 2022 circulating this information. <b>Information noted</b></p>
Planning Aid Wales	<p><b>Latest News :</b> Email dated 10 January 2022 circulating the latest newsletter and training dates. <b>Information noted</b></p>
Wrexham County Borough Council	<p><b>1.Local Places for Nature:</b> Email dated 11 January 2021 inviting the Community Council to submit any suitable areas of land in its Community for consideration by Wrexham Council to undertake projects which bring nature to the heart of the Wrexham Community subject to receipt of funds from Welsh Government (for 2022-23 financial year. <b>Information noted</b></p>

Wrexham County Borough Council	<p><b>2. #Wrecsam 25:</b> Email dated 11 January 2022 confirming Wrexham County Borough is one of the final eight places in the UK, longlisted to become 'UK City of Culture 2025'. A survey is now taking place in support of the full application to be submitted in February 2022, The survey contains three simple key questions and residents are being encouraged to answer the survey individually or as part of a group, or both.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Information noted</b></p>
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## 120. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Clerk reported on the following payments received and bank charges and fees since the last meeting as follows and sought authorisation for the Payments to be made in December 2021

### INTEREST PAYMENTS RECEIVED:

1. Deposit Account to 2/12/21 £3.26 & 2. Money Market Account to 31/12/21 £8.68

<b>BANK CHARGES &amp; FEES</b>	27/11/21 to 26/12/21	from Chair's Charity Account	=- £5.40
	4/12/21 to 3/1/22	from Current account	= -£7.80

### RESOLVED –

- To note the Interest payment receipts and the bank charges and fees to be levied on the Council's Bank Accounts and the transfers made between the Deposit and Money Market Accounts; and*
- To approve the payments to made in January 2022 as set out in the schedule below:-*

<b>Current account Payments Made in JANUARY 2022</b>		
Voucher 96 /BACS ref 29.1.22 Carole Roberts	Clerks Salary & office expenses for January 2022 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)
Voucher 97 /BACS ref 30.1.22 Clwyd Pension Fund	Pension payments for January 2022 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	(as per Payroll schedule)
Voucher 98/ BACS ref 31.1.22 HMRC	Payroll payments for January 2022 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	(as per Payroll schedule)
Voucher 99/ Cheque No 202178 Wrexham County Borough Council	SLA 2nd half year payment - Acton Play Areas x3 S19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976	£3,350.40 (vat £558.40)
Voucher 100/ Cheque No 202179 Carole Roberts	Clerks Expenses for January 2022 Section 112 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£91.88 (Vat= £11.15)
Voucher 101/ Cheque No 202180 Wrexham Citizens Advice Bureaux	2021/22 SLA Q4 instalment- Acton Outreach Service Section 142 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£1,630.47 (VAT=£0)
Voucher 102/ Cheque No 202181 Caia Park Partnership Ltd	2021/22 SLA Q4 instalment- Open Access Youth service Provision S19 Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1976	£6,008.12 (VAT=£0)
<b>Chair's Charity Account</b>		
CCA5 -21/22 Cheque No 100035 Shooting Star Cancer Support	Donation in recognition of family Christmas lighting fundraising efforts and in memory of Phyllis Davies of 195 Herbert Jennings Avenue, Wrexham 6 S15 Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)	£100.00 (VAT= £0.00)

## 121. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**RESOLVED – that the Applications received since the last meeting be determined as follows:**

Case Number/ Address & Proposed Development	Decision
1. <a href="#">Planning Application P/2021/1179 - Valid From 10/12/2021</a> : 224, Holt Road, Wrexham, LL13 9EE - erection of dwelling	No Observations
2. <a href="#">Planning Application P/2021/1167 - Valid From 20/12/2021</a> : 97, Jeffreys Road, Wrexham, LL12 7PE - first floor front extension	No Observations
3. <a href="#">Planning Application P/2021/1206 - Valid From 04/01/2022</a> : Ty Nos, Holt Road, Wrexham, LL13 8NE -discharge of condition 7 (drainage) of planning permission p/2021/0263	No Observations
4. <a href="#">Planning Application P/2022/0041 - Valid From 14/01/2022</a> 24, Cardigan Road, Wrexham, LL12 7TS - erection of garage	No Observations

***Councillor Kevin Roberts, Chair***

**Signed as a correct record this 15th day February 2022**

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**Presiding Chair**