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11 February 2021

Dear Councillor

Your attendance is requested at a **virtual MEETING of the GWERSYLLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL** to be held on **WEDNESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2021 at 7.00 p.m.** for the transaction of the business specified below.

Yours sincerely



Clerk to the Council

Note: In accordance with previously agreed arrangements, the Council will endeavour to complete its business by 8.45 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence:
2. Declarations of Personal Interests:
3. Public Questions: Any Members of the public wishing to make representations, ask questions or give evidence should advise the Clerks to the Council by not later than 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 16 February.
4. Minutes: To receive and, if found correct, confirm the Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on 20 January 2021 (Copy attached).
5. Policing in the Community:
 - (i) Update from PCSO Lana Kelleher – Lightwood: (Copy attached).

(ii) **Purchase of Speed Guns - Costings:** To consider the attached information from PCSO Lana Kelleher – Lightwood.

(iii) **Damage to Gresford Colliery Bowling Club:** To consider the attached correspondence from Mr. Tom Roberts, Treasurer/Secretary of the Bowling ClubC,

6. **Community Agent:** To receive an information report from the Community Agent for the month of January 2021.

7. **Street Lighting - Faulty Lights:** Members to report any issues giving cause for concern.

8. **Bank Reconciliation and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Quarter Ended 31 December 2020:** Clerk to report.

9. **New Draft Guidance from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales on the Code of Conduct for Members of Community/Town Councils:** The draft guidance can be viewed via the following website:

<https://www.ombudsman.wales>

10. **Staffed Play Provision:** To consider the attached report of the Clerk.

11. **Call Companions:** To consider the attached correspondence from Julia Hobbs, Project Manager (Wales).

12. **Vacancy – Gwersyllt South Ward:** To note that the Gwersyllt South By-Election will be take place on Thursday, 18 March 2020 and that the deadline for nominations is 4.00 p.m. on Friday, 19 February 2020.

13. **Planning Matters:**

(i) **Applications for Planning Permission:** To consider any applications for planning permission:

(ii) **Section 78 Appeals:**

(a) **Whittington Cottage, Top Road, Summerhill:** Clerk to report.

(b) Land Adjacent to Llay Hall Riverside Business Park, off Mold Road, Cefn-y-Bedd: To note the attached letter from the Local Planning Authority.

(c) Land Adjacent to Greenacres, Bottom Road, Summerhill: To note that the Ministerial target date for a decision on the appeal is Thursday, 11 March 2020.

14. Members' Issues/Concerns:

(i) Public Footpath Issues: A note from Councillor Phil Rees highlighting issues for discussion is attached.

(ii) Call Blockers: Item placed on the agenda at the request of Councillor Arfon Jones. Information about the trueCall Call Blocker, received from Councillor Jones, is set out below:

trueCall Call Blocker is like having a home receptionist who lets calls from your friends and family straight through, blocks unwelcome callers, and asks unrecognised callers to identify themselves before it puts them through. This gives you peace and quiet at home.

trueCall Call Blocker is easy to set up – you just plug it in between your phone and the wall socket and it quickly learns who you like to speak to and who you don't. You decide how you want it to handle your calls, and trueCall Call Blocker does the rest.

It doesn't end there - you can optionally manage and control your trueCall unit online through your personal Internet Control Panel. This allows you to view a log of all your incoming and outgoing calls, edit your trusted callers list and change your configuration settings. Online access is free for the first year after which there is an annual charge of £20. (NWP have the control panel access for free on each blocker for 2 years).

The victims we set the box up for will need a plug socket next to their main incoming phone line to power the box.

They also need caller ID enabled.

The blocker sends an update back to the central control once a week (usually during the early hours of the morning on a Monday). This is at a cost to the IP but is the charge of a local call lasting about 2 minutes.

They can be set up in various ways but at their basic will block automated calls and play a recorded message stating that the calls are being monitored and the caller should hang up if they are a cold caller.

They can be set to screen out international calls.

For the most vulnerable people the blocker can also be set so that only specific numbers can contact the IP e.g. family, doctor etc. They can even be programmed with a message asking callers to contact a trusted person rather than speak with the victim direct

(iii) **Other Issues/Concerns:** Members to report accordingly.

15. **Clerk's Update:**

16. **Information Items:**

- **Consultation – Ministerial Advisory Forum on Ageing:** Launch of Public Consultation on Strategy for an Ageing Society
- **Gwersyllt Outreach Project:** To note the attached monitoring statistics for the period 1 October - 31 December 2020
- **AVOW Launch 'Volunteering Passport' for Wrexham Community Response Team:** To note the attached press release.

17. **Accounts for Payment:** Clerk to report.

**Minutes of a (virtual) Meeting of Gwersyllt Community Council
held on Wednesday, 20 January 2021**

Members

Councillor Mike Wilde, Chair
Councillor David Edwards, Vice-Chair

Councillors *Annette Davies
Martyn Davies
David Griffiths
*Raymond Hughes
Arfon Jones
Arthur Jones
*Gwenfair Jones

Councillors Mrs Sheelagh Jones
*Jayne Parlour
Phil Rees
Jackie Roberts
Louise Roberts
*Barrie Warburton
*Dennis Wynne

* Absent

74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Reminding Members that this meeting had been convened in accordance with The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020, the Clerk reported apologies for absence from Councillors Annette Davies, Raymond Hughes, Gwenfair Jones, Jayne Parlour, Barrie Warburton and Dennis Wynne, which the Council found acceptable.

75. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

No personal interests were declared.

76. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Clerk advised that no public questions had been received for discussion at this meeting.

77. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9 December 2020 be received and confirmed as a correct record.

Matters arising –

Page 4 – Minute 68 (i) – Nomination for Community Champion Award – The Clerk advised that the Council's Certificate of Appreciation, for presentation to the recently approved nominee, was ready for the Chair to sign on the Council's behalf.

Page 4 - Minute 68 (v) – Lighting in Subway Between Mold Road and Delamere Avenue/ High Street – Councillor Arthur Jones reported that the subway lighting was now working.

Page 5 - Minute 72 – Quotations for Resurfacing the Mini Football Pitch at Tan-yr-

Allt - The Clerk reported that he had received a response from the Gwersyllt Housing Estate Office, advising that it had no objection to this scheme. In addition, he reported on recent, further discussions with Wrexham Council's Environment Department about the various quotations received by that Council under its Framework Agreement. In particular, it was noted that if the Community Council did not wish to approve the acceptance of the lowest quotation in light of a Member's previously expressed comments then it would have to have to start afresh and carry out its own tendering exercise.

RESOLVED – That Wrexham Council be advised that the Community Council supports the acceptance of the lowest quotation in the sum of £13,265.76, subject to contractor in question undertaking to provide a 5 year guarantee in respect of the works.

78. POLICING IN THE COMMUNITY

(i) Funding for Target Hardening Products - A note from Police Sergeant Katie Davies, enclosing information about target hardening equipment, was submitted for Members' consideration.

It was noted that these products, which included dual activation door handle alarms, door intercom systems with batteries and garden shed door contact alarms, were intended for local residents who were considered vulnerable. Two package options were available, one costing £1000.00 and one costing £500.00.

RESOLVED - To approve the purchase of the £500.00 package and that, subject to take up, the purchase of a further £500.00 package be considered.

(ii) Damage to Daisy Field, Summerhill – A Member reported extensive damage to this site by quad bikes and asked that the matter be taken up with the Police.

79. COMMUNITY AGENT'S REPORT

The Community Agent's report for the month of December 2020 was submitted.

No issues were raised by Members and the report was noted.

80. STREET LIGHTING

Responding to Members' comments, the Clerk reported that Jones Lighting Ltd. had undertaken a lot of repair work in the past month or so, adding that there was now only one light on the footpath from the Gwyn Evans Pool site to Church Street that needed to be repaired along with the light outside Summerhill Institute.

81. DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2021/22

The Clerk's report on the draft budget for the Council for the financial year 2021/22, estimated initially at £245,451, was submitted for Members' consideration. In addition,

Members were provided with detailed estimates for the financial year 2021/22 together with a budget summary and a recast budget.

In introducing the report, the Clerk made particular reference to the following:

- the intention to reduce the overall budget requirement for 2021/22
- the need for the Council to review its balances on a regular basis
- the assumptions made in the draft report that the Council would want to continue to provide funding support to enable Wrexham County Borough Council to secure the retention of a number of key local services
- a suggestion that the repayment of the remainder of the SALIX loan relating to the Council's completed LED street lighting project be met from the Council's reserves and not from the annual budget, thus reducing the budget requirement to £235,222 for 2021/22
- a proposal to increase the annual allocation for grants to £25,000 (with £8,000 of this amount ring-fenced to take account of the ongoing and expanding role of the Well-being Sub-Committee)
- the provision made in the draft budget for the implementation of a 3% increase in funding for the Gwersyllt Outreach project in line with the expectations of Citizens Advice Wrexham
- the recommended use of reserves to offset the Council's precept requirement

In thanking the Clerk for his report, Members agreed that the Council should make a contribution of £13,750 from its reserves, to reduce its precept requirement and thus minimise the impact on local residents.

The Clerk also reported receipt of a Notice of Assignment and Transfer from SALIX Finance Ltd. giving notice that it had assigned absolutely to the Welsh Government all of its right, title and interest in all Loans and the Underlying Loan Terms with effect from 15 January 2021 and requesting that the Notice be acknowledged by the Council and a copy signed on its behalf. It was noted in particular that the Notice had been made without prejudice to the terms of the Loan made to the Council in respect of its LED street lighting project.

RESOLVED –

(i) That, taking account of the amendments agreed by Members, the budget requirement for the Council for the financial year 2021/22, totalling £235,222, be agreed.

(ii) That £13,750 be allocated from the Council's reserves to reduce the precept requirement to £221,472.

(iii) That the repayment of the outstanding amount of £56,257.41 of the interest-free SALIX loan be allocated from reserves for the remainder of the term.

(iv) That, in the light of the decisions contained in (i) to (iii) above, the Head of Finance, Wrexham County Borough Council, be advised that the Community Council's precept requirement for 2021/22 is £221,472 (representing a community council tax of £56.28 for Band D properties).

(v) That the Notice of Assignment and Transfer received from SALIX Finance Ltd. be signed by the Chair on the Council's behalf.

82. INSPECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF PLAY AREAS

The Clerk submitted, for Members' consideration, the proposed service level agreement, drawn up by Wrexham County Borough Council, with respect to the inspection and maintenance of play areas in Gwersyllt in the financial year 2021/22. The cost of this service would be £15,010.00 (plus VAT), provision for which had been made in the Council's approved budget for the next financial year. .

RESOLVED – That the service level agreement for 2020/21 be approved and that the Clerk be authorised to sign it on the Council's behalf.

83. GRESFORD UNITED CHARITIES TRUST

The Clerk reported receipt of annual dividend monies of £907.00 from the Gresford United Charities Trust, to be used for the benefit of elderly/old people.

RESOLVED – That the Trust be thanked for its generosity and that the monies available for distribution be topped up to £1800.00 to enable donations of £200.00 to be made to each of the following:

- Bradley Village Hall
- Gwersyllt Luncheon Club
- Bradley Thursday Club
- Gwersyllt Parochial Church Council (to be used for the benefit of elderly parishioners)
- Royal Court Sheltered Housing Unit
- Glan Aber Court Sheltered Housing Unit
- Gwersyllt Over 60s Club
- Summerhill Institute
- Gwersyllt Congregational Church

84. NHS, SOCIAL CARE AND FRONTLINE WORKERS' DAY – MONDAY, 5 JULY 2021

The Clerk submitted correspondence from One Voice Wales, advising that local councils, communities and others throughout Wales were being encouraged to play a leading role in the NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers' Day on Monday, 5 July 2021 which was being arranged as a tribute to health sector workers and others that work so tirelessly on the frontline. It was suggested that, among other things, councils should raise a unique flag at 10.00 a.m. to mark the start of the occasion, which, it was hoped, would become an annual event.

RESOLVED - That the matter be referred to the Well-being Sub-Committee for discussion and report.

85. PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Applications for Planning Permission:

The Clerk sought Members' instructions on a number of recent applications for planning permission.

RESOLVED –

(i) That the Local Planning Authority be advised that the Council has no objection to the following applications for planning permission:

P/2020/0854 - Erection of 20M High Monopole and Associated Equipment - Parry's Retail Furniture Warehouse, Mold Road, Gwersyllt

P/2020/0862 - Two Storey Side Extension at Woodstock, Vicarage Close, Summerhill

P/2020/0877 - First Floor Side Extension at 29 Pendine Way, Gwersyllt

(ii) That, in the case of the following application, the Local Planning Authority be advised that the Council will support the application provided that a condition is imposed requiring the applicant to use the other vehicular access to the property instead of the access directly opposite the roundabout, which is the one highlighted in the application. The vehicular access favoured by the Council was put in place following a dispute over the position of the roundabout and is considered to be a far safer option from a road safety point of view.

P/2020/0820 - Erection of Garage at Bluebell Cottage, Bluebell Lane, Pandy

(iii) Section 78 Appeals – The Clerk reported that the Council had re-affirmed its previous objections to the planning application relating to the proposed development of land adjacent to Llay Hall Riverside Business Park, off Mold Road, Cefn-y-Bedd, adding that, in case of the application relating to land adjacent to Greenacres, Bottom Road, Summerhill, the Council's objections had been re-affirmed with the addition of some recent observations made by Councillor Phil Rees.

86. MEMBERS' ISSUES/CONCERNS

(i) Provision of Replacement Bench in Rhosrobin - A Member called for a new bench to be provided to replace the old bench by Star Cleaners. This was **agreed** and the Clerk was asked to seek quotations and report back.

The Clerk reported that, in accordance with Members' previously expressed wishes, he was looking into the possibility of the Council planting a tree at a suitable local site to commemorate those who had fallen victim to covid 19.

(ii) Jackie Naylor - Councillor Arfon Jones referred, with regret, to the recent passing of Jackie Naylor, formerly a volunteer worker at the Gwersyllt Community Resource Centre.

Members expressed their sympathy and the Clerk was asked to circulate Sandra Davies' recent note about Jackie's passing.

(iii) **Defibrillators** - In answer to a Member's query, the Clerk advised that one of the recently purchased defibrillators had been allocated to the local Congregational Church, one was to be installed at the shop in Wheatsheaf Lane hopefully and another was earmarked for the Estate Agents building in Bradley. He added that it might be possible to purchase additional defibrillators via a charity linked to the Ambulance Service.

(iv) **Pothole Problems** - Members expressed concerns about pothole problems at a number of sites, including Rhosrobin Hill, Wheatsheaf Lane by the War Memorial, and Pandy, and about the poor quality of the repairs recently undertaken in Heol-y-Ffynnon, Bradley. The Clerk was asked to take up Members' concerns with the relevant Head of Department at Wrexham County Borough Council.

(v) **Unauthorised Parking - Grassed Area in Rogers Lane, Gwersyllt** - A Member reported that unauthorised parking at this location was giving cause for concern and suggested that large rocks be put in place to prevent this practice.

(vi) **Gwersyllt Community Resource Centre - Flagpole** - The Clerk was asked to obtain costings for the provision of a new flagpole at the Resource Centre for Members' consideration.

87. **CLERK'S UPDATE**

(i) **Network Rail's Track Renewals in Gwersyllt** - The Clerk reminded Members that he had previously circulated information from Network Rail about this scheme. He advised that he had since received further details from the company and that he would see that this was brought to Members' attention.

(ii) **Postponement of Local Government By-Elections** - The Clerk reported receipt of a recent communication from the Welsh Government, advising that, having regard to the level 4 Covid 19 restrictions now in place in Wales, it was proposed to bring forward new Regulations that would move the window for postponed elections to 1 March 2021 – 6 May 2021. As a result, it would not be possible to hold by-elections in February once the Regulations had come into force.

(iii) **Police and Crime Commissioner's Online Survey 'Have your say'** - It was noted that all Members had been invited to respond to this survey.

(iv) **Bellevue Football Club partners with Football versus Homophobia** - The Clerk reported on Bellevue Football Club's decision to support the Football versus Homophobia campaign, adding that the Council had been requested to publish the Club's recent press releases on its website.

Members welcomed the Club's decision to support the campaign and asked the Clerk to arrange for the Club's press releases to be published on the Council's website.

(v) **Play Areas Sub-Committee** - The Clerk reported that arrangements were to be made for the Sub-Committee to meet in the near future.

(vi) **Royal Court Sheltered Unit - Installation of Street Lights** - The Clerk reported that a site meeting had taken place with Councillors Gwenfair Jones and David Griffiths on Monday, 18 January 2020, and that the matter would be referred to the Street Lighting Sub-Committee for further discussion.

88. INFORMATION ITEM

It was **agreed** that the recently announced 'Ministerial Advisory Forum on Ageing – Launch of Public Consultation on Strategy for an Ageing Society' be brought to Members' attention.

89. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED –

(i) That payment of the following accounts be approved:

- Wrexham County Borough Council – Recharge for Gwersyllt Community Council Precept Payments 03/12/20 - £22.03 (£18.36 +VAT)
- Wrexham County Borough Council – Inspection & Maintenance of Play Areas – Half-yearly Payment (October 2020-March 2021) - £8,834.70 (£7,362.25 +VAT)
- Wrexham County Borough Council – Supply and install new gate hinge at St. Giles Play Area - £118.54 (£98.78 +VAT)
- Wrexham County Borough Council - Supply and Installation of Replacement Wobble Dish Spinning Top for Play Item at Alyn Waters Country Park - £679.00 (£565.83 +VAT)
- Wrexham County Borough Council - Management and Maintenance of CCTV Cameras 01/04/20-31/03/21 - £10,800.00 (£9,000.00 +VAT)
- Jones Lighting Ltd. – Monthly Maintenance of Street Lights – December 2020 - £556.56 (£463.80 +VAT)
- Scottish Power – Street Lighting invoices for the period 30/11/20-31/12/20 - £665.82 (£554.85 +VAT)
- Wrexham and District Citizens Advice Bureaux - Gwersyllt Outreach Project - Grant Payment for the Period 1 Jan. to 31 March 2021 - £1,854.82 (no VAT)
- Caia Park Partnership – Quarter 4 (January-March 2021) - £8,527.73 (no VAT)
- R.J. Miles (James Garden Services) – Maintenance of the Memorial Garden – December 2020 - £157.50 (no VAT)
- P. J. Mullen – Petty Cash Imprest - £100.00
- P.J. Mullen - Reimbursement of Postage Costs (paid on 14 Jan. 2021) - £21.18

(ii) To endorse the action taken since the last meeting in approving payment of the following:

- AVOW – Salary Costs & Payroll Charges (January 2021) – £2,945.41
- Dragon Dinners – Meals for 40 local residents - £305.41

UPDATE

ITEM 5 (i)

- **What you have been up to** – This month I have received a complaint in relation to youths gathering at Gresford Colliery club and previously caused damage, in response to this I have advised the informant of what he can do to assist NWP in deterring the youths away from the location, I have carried out patrols during my shifts and sent an email out to local officers to also do patrols when they can and asked for feedback to be sent to me when they do speak with youths on the carpark. Visits home have been carried out to 2 youths who have been congregating there for words of advice to stay away from the location.
- I have provided words of advice and information on the current guidelines for a business which remained open during the current lockdown.
- Patrols have also been carried out at Alyn Waters for walkers who are driving to the location instead of walking.

- **Crime Trends / Emerging issues** – This year with CV restrictions we have had a reduction in burglary offences but have seen an increase in online fraud offences and bogus traders. Over the weekend of 6th February NWP received a phone call of an attempted burglary in Summerhill where by 3 males have tried patio door handles, and a sus circs where by matching the same description as the attempt, a male has started to walk up a driveway and noticed the ring doorbell attempted to cover their face and walked back off before leaving. ASB has continued to be low but a joint visit with housing has been conducted to 1 youth and after having a conversation with Youth Justice Services they will begin to work with the youth, with me also helping to support with family.

- **Good News Stories** – A drugs warrant was carried out at an address just off First Avenue which was positive and a large amount of drugs were recovered and a male arrested, enquiries are still ongoing.
- I would like to also thank you for securing target hardening funding and once this arrives I will have a discussion with members from each ward to see if you would think any persons will benefit from any of the equipment which has been ordered, and I will attend to provide them with what we deem necessary. A log will be kept by myself of what items have gone to what address' and will be available for yourselves to view when asked for.
- 1 positive drink driving offence.

- **What can you do to help??** – In order to progress matters and take positive action re drug dealing / ASB / Other crime trends etc we need community intelligence to support our targeted patrols, stop searches and warrants, so if you do have any complaints from members of the community please pass my details on to them or if they are not happy to report the matters to myself encourage them to contact 101 or crime stoppers.

- **Questions** - If you have any concerns regarding crime figures or incidents in your ward please just let me know and I will provide an update ahead of the CC meeting.

- **Walk Around/Speed checks:** – I would be happy to meet with you to have a walk around or conduct speed checks around the area whenever you are available, just let me know.

ITEM 5 (ii)

RE: Proposed Purchase of Speed Gun

Kelleher-Lightwood, Lana (PCSO 3679) <Lana.Kelleher-Lightwood@nthwales.pnn.police.uk>

Tue 24/11/2020 11:30

To: 'gweryllcommunitycouncil@outlook.com' <gweryllcommunitycouncil@outlook.com>

Hello,

Please find below speed guns with other community councils have purchased and the one that I use in Gweryllt with Gwenfair and Phil.

Seem to have gone up a little in price.

Thank you

Lana

From: Davies, Katie (PS 2997)

Sent: 24 November 2020 11:19

To: Kelleher-Lightwood, Lana (PCSO 3679)

Subject: RE: Proposed Purchase of Speed Gun

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Best match



Bushnell 101911 Speed Gun

£148.88 eBay

***** 249 product reviews

Met de **Bushnell Velocity** snelheidspistool kun je gemakkelijk de snelheid van jouw favoriete coureur meten of de fastball van ...

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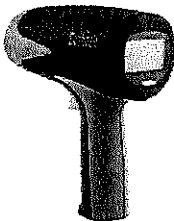
Other matches



Bushnell Velocity Value Kit Bushnell 101911 Radar Gun w/ FREE

£159.00 DirectNine UK

The **Bushnell Velocity speed gun** is easy to use with its point and shoot pistol grip and can be used for all kinds of sports ...



Bushnell Velocity Speed (Radar) Gun

£218.95 Demon Tweaks 92% positive (3,265)

Accurate, easy to use, lightweight and compact this **Bushnell Velocity Speed Gun** can be used to measure the speed of a moving ...



Bushnell Easy To Use Velocity Speed Gun W/large Clear Lcd Display

£143.28 + tax (US\$191.09 + tax) eBay - urban_achievers

***** 249 product reviews

Easy-to-use, point-and-shoot pistol grip Large, clear LCD display Displays fastest speed once trigger is released Auto racing ...

From: Kelleher-Lightwood, Lana (PCSO 3679)

Sent: 24 November 2020 10:38

To: Davies, Katie (PS 2997)

Subject: FW: Proposed Purchase of Speed Gun

Am I right in thinking that the other councillors bought them from Amazon?

From: Peter Mullen [mailto:gweryllcommunitycouncil@outlook.com]

Sent: 24 November 2020 10:16

To: Kelleher-Lightwood, Lana (PCSO 3679)

Cc: Davies, Katie (PS 2997)

Subject: Proposed Purchase of Speed Gun

Lana,

AGENDA ITEM 10

REPORT TO: Gwersyllt Community Council
DATE: 17 February 2021
TITLE: Staffed Play Provision in Gwersyllt

INTRODUCTION

At the November 2020 meeting, the Council considered two letters from Wrexham Council about play work provision in the financial year 2021/22. Council resolved (Minute 45):

- (i) That a meeting of the Play Areas sub-committee be arranged to discuss the matter in more detail with a view to possible options being agreed for consideration by Council
- (ii) That the Clerks seek the views of Wrexham Council's Play Development team as to the success of the playwork project in Sydallt.

CURRENT POSITION

1. There have been no open access play sessions during 2020/21 due to the pandemic. The budget for this financial year of £12,011 will not be spent and the Play Development Team has suggested that this could be ring-fenced for ongoing play provision in the future.
2. An allocation of £12,011 has also been put in the budget for 2021/22.
3. The pattern previously agreed by Council is as follows: Pendine Park (Mon & Tues), Bradley Fields/Wauns (Weds & Thurs) and New Road, Summerhill (Fri) plus Thursdays during term-time at Sydallt. An annual monitoring report on activities is normally provided and Council received the report for 2019/20 in November 2019.
4. Specifically relating to the Sydallt sessions, Wrexham CBC officers described the response by local children as "wonderful" and described how the provision brings this small community together.
5. The Play Development team are gearing up to deliver play provision during the Easter school holidays although this will obviously depend on the overarching health position.
6. Council has agreed (November 2019 – Minute 100) to a 3-year Service Level Agreement from April 2020 although the start of this agreement could now be delayed until April 2021. A 3-year agreement enables the Play Development team to plan activities on a long-term basis and arrange storage facilities for equipment.
7. An additional £1,201 is available to the Council from the All Wales Play Opportunities Grant for 2020/21. In discussion with officers at Wrexham CBC, it is suggested that this amount is used for additional play equipment at play areas.

8. A Play Areas Sub-Committee was held via Zoom on 25/01//21. Members expressed concerns that significantly increased provision may not prove (financially) sustainable in the longer term. It was agreed that the Clerks should discuss possible options for a pilot extension of the current provision with WCBC Play Officers, particularly as children emerge from lock-down. It was emphasised that play provision should be provided equitably across areas/Wards. Extended provision during dark autumn/winter evenings was not considered practical.
9. In discussion, the Play Development Team have only limited capacity to extend current provision but that this could be improved through the 3-year SLA and long-term planning. In terms of enhancing or extending current provision, the Play Development team advocate that the current length of each session (2 hours) is ideal and that it would be flexible in responding to the Council's wishes for additional sessions, especially during term-time, and as a pilot project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) That the Council agrees to a baseline provision of 5 sessions per week throughout Easter, Whit, Summer and October school holidays at the existing locations at Pendine Park (Mondays & Tuesdays), Bradley Fields/The Wauns (Wednesdays & Thursdays) and New Road, Summerhill (Fridays) plus Thursdays during term-time at Sydallt. The provision will be subject to the health guidelines in place at any time.
- b) That the Council re-affirms its intention to enter a 3-year Service Level Agreement for play provision, commencing in April 2021 and subject to a detailed SLA based on the current pattern and with an annual monitoring report.
- c) That the Council considers an enhancement of the current provision (a "wish-list") and requests that Wrexham Council provide estimated costs for any potential enhancement of the current provision.

ITEM 11

Call companions

Julia Hobbs <Julia.Hobbs@reengage.org.uk>

Wed 03/02/2021 10:14

To: gwerylltcommunitycouncil@outlook.com <gwerylltcommunitycouncil@outlook.com>

1 attachments (377 KB)

Call companions leaflet - Welsh-English ONLINE.pdf

Dear Peter

I'm contacting you from national charity Re-engage to tell you how we have adapted our National Lottery funded service in your area.

As our tea parties, book clubs and other social gatherings were put on hold last year, we set up a free **call companions** service. Our call companions are supportive volunteers who, once matched to an older guest, phone every week or so to enjoy a warm, friendly chat. Calls last for around half an hour and bring comfort and peace of mind to older people who feel lonely or isolated.

Just as our social gatherings make a difference, our call companions service reduces the number of older people who report feelings of loneliness and isolation while increasing their sense of wellbeing. Our guests enjoy intergenerational contact and become more optimistic about the future. Developing friendships during these extraordinary times gives people hope that once social activities resume, they'll feel confident, engaged and connected to their community.

The service is specifically designed for people aged over 75 who live alone, though exceptions to these criteria are considered.

We've had such positive feedback from people who are receiving calls that the call companions service will continue after it's safe for our groups to meet again. Guests can remain with the service for as long as they wish. Family, carers, agencies and older people themselves can register for a call companion.

In case you encounter people who might value phone interaction, it's easy to make an online referral through our website. You'll find answers to frequently asked questions here too: <http://reengage.org.uk/> or you can call us on **0800 716 543**. Our staff are always happy to help.

I've attached a leaflet, in Welsh and English, with more information.

My very best wishes,

Julia Hobbs

Project manager (Wales)

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Dear Sir/Madam

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 SECTION 78 APPEAL

Address of site to which the appeal relates:

Whittington Cottage, Top Road, Summerhill, Wrexham

Proposed development: Attic conversion, two front dormer windows and rear extension

Appellant's name:

Mr Daniel Rawlinson

Appeal reference number: H6955/D/20/3264517

Appeal starting date: 29/01/21

I refer to the above details. An appeal has been made to the Welsh Ministers against the decision of Wrexham County Borough Council to refuse to grant planning permission.

The appeal will be determined on the basis of **written representations**. The procedure to be followed is set out in Part 1 of the Town and Country Planning (Referrals and Appeals) (Written Representations Procedure) (Wales) Regulations 2015.

There is no opportunity for you to submit comments at appeal stage only to withdraw any previous comments, however we have forwarded all the representations made to us on the application to the Planning Inspectorate and the appellant. These will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal.

If you wish to withdraw any representations you made on the application, you must make this request to the Planning Inspectorate by **4 weeks from the start date shown above**. You can do this by emailing wales@pins.gsi.gov.uk (quoting the appeal reference). If you do not have access to the internet, you can write (quoting the appeal reference) to:

The Planning Inspectorate
Crown Buildings
Cathays Park

Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

The Planning Inspectorate will publish appeal documentation, including copies of representations received, on the Appeals Casework Portal. Information provided in your representation will be published. This may include your name and address, but personal telephone numbers and email addresses and signatures of individuals will be removed. If you object to publication in this way, please contact the Planning Inspectorate.

The documents relevant to this appeal can be viewed via the Planning Portal using the following link <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> and entering the last seven digits of the planning inspectorate reference number in the "Search for a Case" box.

Alternatively you can view the Appeal form and accompanying documents on our website www.wrexham.co.uk/plans quoting the planning reference number.

The "Guide to taking part in planning appeals" can also be viewed using the following link www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/guidance/guidanceontheappealprocess

The Planning Inspectorate aims to deal with appeals following this procedure within 12 weeks of the appeal start date. When made, the decision will be published on the Planning Portal.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Jones' or similar, written in a cursive style.

Head of Environment and Planning

ITEM 14 (i)

Public Footpath Issues, Gwersyllt Community

Link to PRoW definitive map:

<https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/service/public-rights-way-definitive-map>

Stansty to Rhosddu Industrial Estate, GWE47

The stile at SJ 32500 52175 (crossing the field boundary, not the one by the bungalow) is broken - just about usable at present, but unstable and deteriorating.

Behind Summerhill Park to bottom of Chestnut Avenue, GWE 9

The path is not regularly maintained, and was 'impassable' (as confirmed with WCBC Rights of Way Officer) for many months from late summer 2020. Are WCBC able to confirm that it is now included on their regular maintenance schedule?

From Llay New Road through Fishpond Wood to Glanllyn Road, GWE 20

Where the path meets the track (around SJ 32551 53441) , the route is unclear. An unofficial path to the left (if coming from Llay New Road direction) can lead people incorrectly onto private property and a locked gate on Rhosrobin Road. Better signage directing people to the right would be useful.

(On the map, there's two paths approaching this point – the official PRoW and an unofficial one. On the ground, the unofficial path is the clearer one. Legally, the sign may need to be further towards Llay New Road, on the official path)

From Plas Acton Road through Wilderness Wood to River Alyn, GWE 21, part of Wat's Dyke Way

For a relatively short stretch where the path through the wood meets the river (around SJ 33300 53371) the ground is particularly wet, the path has been eroded, and detours are causing further damage. The area would benefit from a properly constructed path and/or duckboarding.

'Summerhill Wood' (the Summerhill end of Moss Wood) – GWE 17

(The Golf Course is in Bryn Cefn Ward, Broughton Community, but the whole of that end of the wood is in Gwersyllt North)

The status of the footpaths through this wood is unclear. There are three PRoWs – GWE 7 from Westminster Rise and GWE 6 from the King William pub which both lead to the Golf Club, and GWE

17 from near the start of the 'lane' part of Top Road into the wood, then back up to a point further along the lane.

There's also a footpath which leads through the wood, joining GWE 6 to GWE 17, not marked on the map, but with WCBC signage, so presumably a Permissive Path.

In reality on the ground this path continues beyond GWE 17 through the wood (from SJ 30817 53957 to SJ 30748 54277) coming out near Ffos y Go, just short of other PRoW's – GWE 18, GWE 44, and BRO 23. Small parts of the path are on steep ground and difficult to negotiate but could be fairly easily improved.

Could this part be made into a permissive path, joining the existing permissive path, which would then create a complete route, mainly through woodland, of nearly 2½ miles from the B&Q roundabout to Ffos y Go, and then join up with other routes?

Statistics for October to December 2020

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Oct - Dec, Gwerysllt.png;

Good Afternoon

We have attached the statistics for the last quarter for Gwerysllt area, these are based on phonecalls due to Covid 19.

The Benefit Gains for area are £22923

Debt Recorded in the area £93064

Keep Safe

Kind Regards

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Lesley

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In this Ward we helped

Clients	69
Issues all	359

Top Issues

Debt	121
Benefits & tax credits	80
Benefits Universal Credit	49
Employment	37
Consumer goods & services	21

Top 5 benefit issues

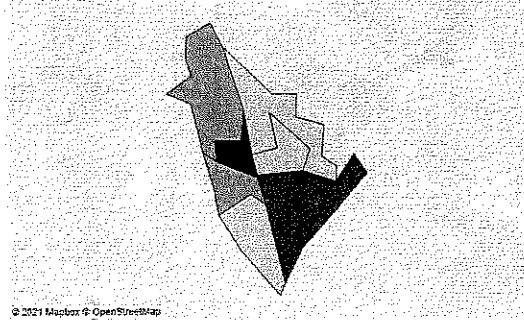
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Top 5 debt issues

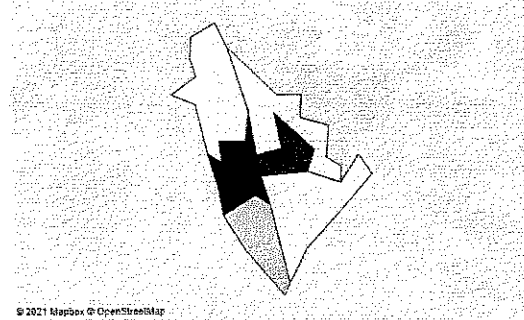
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99 Other	11

Homelessness

Clients seen



Index of multiple deprivation



The darker colours on the IMD map show higher levels of deprivation

Gender



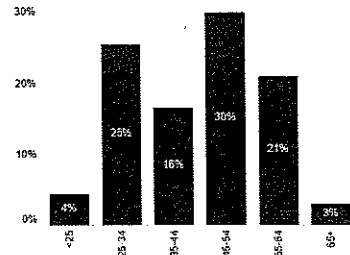
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Disabled or Long term health



Age group





PRESS RELEASE

Date 4th February 2021

HEADING: AVOW Launch 'Volunteering Passport' for Wrexham Community Response Team

Following the remarkable COVID-19 volunteer response, The Association of Voluntary Organisation in Wrexham (AVOW) are establishing a Wrexham Community Response Team.

AVOW successfully received funding from Welsh Government to develop the Wrexham Community Response Team. This initiative is a continuation of the work we have been involved with during the COVID-19 pandemic. The team will work in close partnership with regional emergency response services and local community contacts to respond to local emergencies such as flood, missing person searches or extreme weather situations and would be able to offer volunteers for the correct support to the Public and Emergency Services.

The Wrexham Volunteer Centre are now recruiting a bank of volunteers from across Wrexham County Borough. Volunteers will be able to develop a Volunteering 'passport' for the area which will include a current DBS certificate and access to a wide variety of training and qualifications, all free of charge. There will also be the opportunity to carry out further training for more specific qualifications.

As well as ongoing training and volunteering experiences in preparation for emergency circumstances team members will be offered the chance to volunteer at one-off community events, such as fundraising or sports events, supporting voluntary organisations and community groups within the area.

Wrexham's Member of the Senedd, Lesley Griffiths, said: "Throughout the coronavirus pandemic, AVOW and its team of volunteers have stepped up and done an incredible job, offering invaluable support to our local communities in these extremely difficult circumstances.

"It is fantastic to see Welsh Government funding making a positive difference in Wrexham. I hope this grant will allow our wonderful volunteers to gain even greater insight and teach them new skills, ultimately enabling them to provide even better services for people in and around Wrexham."

AVOW are developing the Wrexham Community Response Team in collaboration with Wrexham County Borough Council, local Community Councils, Community Agents and Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB). The opportunity is being led by the AVOW Volunteer Centre.

To apply for the opportunity please follow the link to register as a volunteer at the volunteering-wales website at: <https://bit.ly/AVOWVW> and sign-up for the opportunity to become part of the Wrexham Community Response Team at: <http://bit.ly/AvowCRTVW>.

Voluntary organisations and community groups can also benefit from this funding from Welsh Government. Any current volunteers can access the Volunteering 'Passport' and receive an up-to-date DBS (dependant on the role) and access these training opportunities.

There is also additional training available for organisations such as Good Governance, How to Find a Trustee and Looking after your Assets. Further information and booking for this training can be found at <https://wrexham-volorgs-training.eventbrite.co.uk>.

For more information about the initiative and if you have any other questions, please contact Wrexham Volunteer Centre by email Volunteer.centre@avow.org

Notes to Editors:

AVOW (Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham) is the County Voluntary Council (CVC) for Wrexham County Borough. There is a network of 19 similar organisations covering the whole of Wales and between us and our National body WCVA (Wales Council for Voluntary Action) we provide support and advice to Voluntary and Community groups.

AVOW consists of: Community Development Department; NE Wales Wellbeing Team; The Volunteer Centre; Business Support, The Play Team, Shopmobility, and Little Sunflowers Childcare.

AVOW is the organisation that connects voluntary and community organisations and activities in Wrexham. Taking the lead in promoting citizenship, volunteering and social enterprise AVOW brings together advice, information, financial and community development support services for charities and community groups. Our extensive networks enable us to consult and champion the sector and citizens locally, regionally and nationally. Whilst our extensive knowledge and expertise ensures that AVOW is well placed to sign post individuals to appropriate sources of support and to deliver high quality services to carers, citizens with particular needs and those seeking employment.

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