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29 September 2022

Dear Councillor

Your attendance is requested at a **MEETING of GWERSYLLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL** to be held at the **GWERSYLLT COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE** on **WEDNESDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2022 at 7.00 p.m.** for the transaction of the business specified below.

A separate note will be sent to Members about the arrangements to allow people to join the meeting from another location.

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, 4 October 2022.

4. **Minutes:** To receive and, if found correct, confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 20 July 2022 (Copy attached).

5. **Policing in the Community:**

(i) **Update from PCSO Lana Kelleher – Lightwood:**

(ii) **Members' Issues/Concerns:**

6. **Gwersyllt Outreach Project - Monitoring:** Monitoring statistics for Quarter 4 (Jan. – Mar. 2022) and Quarter 1 (April – June 2022) attached.

Gaynor Roberts of Citizens Advice Wrexham will be in attendance for this item.

7. **Street Lighting Issues:**

(i) **Faulty Street Lights:** Members to report any issues giving cause for concern.

(ii) **Installation of New Lighting Columns:** To receive an update.

8. **Open Access Youth Provision in Gwersyllt – Monitoring:** To consider the attached report for Quarter One (April – June 2022).

9. **Supporting White Ribbon UK:** To consider the attached motion submitted by Councillor Arfon Jones.

10. **Road Safety:**

- Vehicle Activated Signs

11. **Applications for Financial Assistance:**

(i) **Share Your Skills:** To consider the attached application.

(ii) **Review of Current Policy:** Clerk to report.

12. **Member Training:** Clerk to report.

13. **Remembrance Service – Sunday, 13 November 2022:** Clerk to report.

- Parade/Road Closures

- Lamp Post Poppies

**14. Planning Matters:** To consider the following applications for planning permission:

- P/2022/0742 – Widening of Existing Vehicular Access – 4 Maes Alyn, Rhosrobin Road, New Rhosrobin
- P/2022/0743 – Construction of a New Access off a Classified Highway to Create off Road Parking – 9 High Street, Gwersyllt
- P/2022/0778 – Change of Use of Building from Class A2 (Financial and Professional Services) to Class A3 (Food and Drink) – Corbett Bookmakers, Unit 2 Dodds Lane, Gwersyllt
- P/2022/0772 – Demolition of Existing Changing Area and Construction of New Cricket Pavilion – Cricket Ground, Park Wall Road, Bradley

Details of the above-mentioned applications can be viewed at [www.wrexham.gov.uk/plans](http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/plans)

**15. Members' Issues/Concerns:**

**(i) Warm Places Project:** To discuss the attached note from Jayne Rodgers, Wrexham County Borough Council.

**(ii) Benches in Pandy:** Item placed on the agenda at the request of Peter Howell.

**(iii) Noticeboards:** Item placed on the agenda at the request of Councillor Peter Howell.

**16. Clerk's Update:**

- Alyn Waters Country Park – Repairs to Ground Wind Pipe Keys
- Play Areas Sub-Committee – Update
- Defibrillator Training
- Tree Council – Branching Out
- Resilient Communities Fund

**17. Accounts for Payment:**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 THE PUBLIC AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS AS PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST BECAUSE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED.

**18. Audit of the Council for 2021/2022:** To consider the Internal Auditor's Report for 2021/22 (To follow) and Approval of Annual Return (To follow).

**19. Community Agent Scheme:** To receive an update.

**20. Succession Planning for the Community Council:**

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**Minutes of a (virtual) Meeting of Gwersyllt Community Council**  
**held on Wednesday, 20 July 2022**

**Members**

Councillor \* David Edwards, Chair  
Councillor Gwenfair Jones, Vice-Chair

Councillor Aled Canter  
Annette Davies  
Martyn Davies  
David Griffiths  
Emma Holland  
\*Peter Howell  
Arfon Jones  
\*Arthur Jones

Councillor Sheelagh Jones  
\*Tina Mannering  
Jayne Parlour  
Phil Rees  
Jackie Roberts  
\*Barrie Warburton  
Michael Wilde  
Dennis Wynne

\* Absent

(In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair presided)

**41. SYMPATHY**

The Presiding Chair referred, with regret, to the recent death of former Councillor Bob Gray and, in response, a moment of silence was observed by Members and Officers as a token of sympathy.

**42. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors David Edwards, Tina Mannering and Barry Warburton.

**43. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**

Councillor Gwenfair Jones gave notice that she proposed to declare a personal interest in respect of Agenda Item 9 (Application for Financial Assistance – Ysgol Bro Alun PTA).

**44. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

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

**45. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 15 June 2022 be received and confirmed as a correct record.**

**Matters arising -**

**Page 1 – Minutes 27 and 10(i)(a) – Annual Appraisals of the Clerks** – It was confirmed that the Chair had met with the Clerks to discuss their workload and other related issues, including how the Council might assist them in carrying out their role.

**Page 2 – Minutes 27 and 10 (i)(a) – Peace Garden, Old Mold Road, Gwersyllt** – In replying to Members' comments, the Clerk advised that the Community Council's business case in support of its request to take over the above site had been resubmitted to Wrexham County Borough Council some time ago and that when he last checked on progress he was informed that the matter had been referred to the legal services team. The Clerk undertook to chase up the matter again.

**Page 5 – Minute 35 – Flying of Flags** – The Clerk reported the recent purchase of a flag to mark NHS Day adding that he would take steps to fly the Council's Gay Pride flag as soon as possible.

**Page 6 – Minute 38 (ii) - Play Inspection Reports** – The Clerk confirmed that the annual play inspection reports had been circulated to Members in readiness for the Play Areas Sub-Committee's site meeting on 27 July 2022, adding that he had since received more information from Carla Hughes at Wrexham Council for circulation to the Sub-Committee.

**Page 8 – Minute 40 – Former Councillor Raymond Hughes** – Following a brief discussion, it was –

**RESOLVED – That book tokens to the value of £100.00 be purchased for presentation to Raymond at the Council's next meeting to mark his retirement as a long serving Member of the Council.**

#### **46. POLICING IN THE COMMUNITY**

An apology for absence was received from PCSO Lana Kelleher – Lightwood.

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Sergeant Nathan Harvey of the Wrexham Rural Police Team. Sergeant Harvey outlined his role and assured Members that they were free to contact him direct about any issues giving cause for concern. He referred, briefly, to the recent removal of itinerants from The Wauns playingfield in Bradley. Commenting further, he said that over the last month or so no major problems or concerns had been reported to the Police.

During discussion, Members expressed concerns about bottle throwing incidents in the Sherbourne Avenue area and reports of young people starting fires in the Moss Valley area. Sergeant Harvey undertook to look into these matters.

Sergeant Harvey was thanked for his attendance and said that he would provide the Clerk with his contact details for circulation to Members.

#### **47. STREET LIGHTING**

**(i) Faulty Street Lights** – A Member took the opportunity to report that the vehicle activated sign in Blue Bell Lane, Pandy, on the approach to Plas Acton Road, had yet to be repaired. The Clerk undertook to contact Wrexham Council.

Referring to street light faults in the Top Road area, a Member advised that she had provided complainants with the contact details for Wrexham Council.

**(ii) Street Lighting Provision** – The Clerk gave a brief update on progress, adding that it would be necessary to formally consult with a number of local residents about the Council's proposals.

A Member remarked that the absence of street lighting in Walkham Court needed to be addressed as this was a community safety issue, with another Member suggesting that Wrexham Council's refusal to allow a connection to its electric supply should be challenged. Councillor Emma Holland said she would be happy to raise the matter at a meeting of Wrexham Council's Homes and Environment Scrutiny Committee.

#### **48. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AND BANK RECONCILIATION FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

The Clerk presented a statement of income and expenditure and bank reconciliation for the Council for the quarter ended 30 June 2022.

In introducing the statement, the Clerk advised that the Council's expenditure for the quarter ended 30 June totalled £50,913.30 and drew attention to the main elements of expenditure, including provision of funding support for Wrexham Council services and street lighting related spending. Members were also advised that grants totalling £2100.00 had been made to various local schools and community groups to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

**RESOLVED – That the Clerk's Statement be received.**

#### **49. APPOINTMENTS TO ONE VOICE WALES MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED –**

**(i) That Councillor Peter Howell be appointed to represent the Council at meetings of the One Voice Wales Wrexham/Flint Area Committee with Councillor Phil Rees acting as the Council's substitute Member for this purpose.**

**(ii) That Councillor Arfon Jones be appointed to represent the Council at meetings of the One Voice Wales Larger Councils' Committee with Councillor Peter Howell acting as the Council's substitute Member for this purpose.**

#### **50. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – YSGOL BRO ALUN PTA**

The Clerk submitted an application from Ysgol Bro Alun PTA for a donation of £200.00 to help fund the purchase of gazebos, a slow cooker and an urn for use at School events.

**RESOLVED – That a donation of £200.00 be made to Ysgol Bro Alun PTA for this purpose pursuant to the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.**

((In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, Councillor Gwenfair Jones declared

a personal, but non-prejudicial interest in this item of business by reason of her role as member of the School's Governing Body and remained in the meeting, taking part in the discussion and voting thereon).

## **51. ROAD SAFETY**

The Clerk reminded Members that, in accordance with previous instructions, this was a standing item of business for discussion at meetings of the Council.

(i) **Faded Road Markings** – Following discussion, the Clerk was asked to consult Wrexham Council, as Highway Authority, regarding Members' concerns about faded road markings at the following locations:

- Little Mountain area
- Dodds Lane (including the speed humps)
- Wheatsheaf Lane (including the speed humps) – a suggestion was made that the speed humps near the junction with Old Mold Road should be removed altogether

(ii) **Pavement Parking Outside Schools and at Other Locations** - It was explained that complaints about pavement parking should be taken up with the local PCSO.

(iii) **Parking on Double Yellow Lines** – Members were advised that complaints of this nature should be referred to Wrexham Council's Enforcement Team.

## **52. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021: STATUTORY GUIDANCE**

Drawing Members' attention to this legislation, which provides for the establishment of a new and reformed legislative framework for local government elections, democracy, governance and performance, the Clerk submitted the statutory guidance drawn up by the Welsh Government to support community and town councils in implementing the relevant provisions of the Act.

During discussion, Members made particular reference to the following:

- potential benefits associated with the introduction of the General Power of Competence
- newly introduced qualification for council clerks
- requirements for multi-location meetings
- need to consider the use of the Welsh language when the Council comes to review and improve its website provision

**RESOLVED - That the statutory guidance be noted.**

## **53. PLANNING MATTERS**

The Clerk reported receipt of recent applications for planning permission.

**RESOLVED - That the Local Planning Authority be advised that the Council has no objection to the following applications:**



- **P/2022/0590 - First Floor Window in Side Elevation - 23 Caer Haf, Summerhill**
- **P/2022/0570 - Two Storey Side Extension - 8 High Street, Gwersyllt**
- **P/2022/1034 - Amended Plans - Approved Extension to Provide Two, 2 Bedroom Dwellings in Retrospect - Court Hey, 3 Hillcrest Cottage, Mold Road, Cefn-y-Bedd**

#### **54. MEMBERS' ISSUES/CONCERNS**

(i) **Gwersyllt CP School - Vacancy for Community Governor** - Councillor Martyn Davies, as Chair of Governors, asked whether any Member would be interested in joining the School's Governing Body as a Community Governor. In reply, Councillor Peter Howell said that he would contact Martyn off-line to discuss the matter.

(i) **Bottom Road, Summerhill - Possible Provision of Visibility Mirrors** - Councillor Emma Holland indicated that she was looking into this matter. Reference was made to overgrown hedges at this location and it was suggested that the matter should be referred to Andy Hughes of Streetscene (Wrexham Council) to see if he could help.

(iii) **Heol-y-Parc, Bradley - Fencing** – A Member asked whether a section of fencing in Heol-y-Parc could be removed as lorries were currently unable to turn.

(iv) **Wrexham Foodbank** - Councillor Sheelagh Jones said that she had asked for this matter to be included on the agenda as she was in regular contact with Wrexham Foodbank as a donor of food items and suggested that the Council might wish to consider assisting the Foodbank financially given that it was providing a vital local service.

**RESOLVED - That a donation of £1000.00 be made to Wrexham Foodbank, subject to submission of a formal application for financial assistance.**

(v) **Noticeboards** – A Member asked for an item on this matter to be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

#### **55. CLERK'S UPDATE**

(i) **Council's Website** - The Clerk reported that the Council's website provider, One I Resourcing, had advised that the website had crashed leading to the loss of all the published information. Accordingly, discussions were taking place with the provider as to the possible provision of a new site taking account of all relevant new requirements, including those relating to accessibility. The Clerk added that it would be helpful to know which aspects of the old site Members found useful and whether they had any suggestions or ideas for discussion with the provider. Members were asked to submit their suggestions or ideas, if any, to the Clerk by the end of July.

(ii) **One Voice Wales Local Places for Nature Officer, Rachel Carter** - The Clerk reported that 'Local Places for Nature' was a capital funding programme set up by the Welsh Government to halt and reverse the decline of biodiversity in Wales. The Welsh Government was making funding available (from £10,000 to £25,000 for larger projects) to assist councils in maintaining and enhancing biodiversity and to this end the Local Places

for Nature Officer, Rachel Carter, was willing to meet council representatives to help identify potential areas that might benefit from diversity enhancements. The Clerk added that Rachel Carter was working closely with Wrexham Council officers.

Arising from the Clerk's comments, a Member commented, briefly, on the possible provision of wildlife corridors and said that he would be interested to hear Rachel Carter's views on this. Following discussion, it was **agreed** that if possible arrangements be made for the Local Places for Nature Officer to attend a future meeting of the Council to discuss how the Council might best take this initiative forward and that the relevant officers at Wrexham Council be invited to participate in any future discussions on this matter.

**(iii) The Finance and Governance Toolkit for Community and Town Councils** - The receipt of this new toolkit, jointly developed by One Voice Wales, SLCC and the Welsh Government, was reported, with the Clerk adding that the toolkit would assist councils in carrying out their financial management and governance responsibilities.

**(iv) Provision of Lamp Post Poppies** - The Clerk reported the recent purchase of 120 lamp post poppies from the Royal British Legion and advised that he would be seeking suggestions from Members as to where they would wish the poppies to be located.

**(v) Invitation from The Army Engagement Team** – The Clerk reported receipt of an invitation from Colonel Sion Walker, Deputy Commander 160 Brigade (Wales), for the Council to be represented at a Reception and Briefing by The Army Engagement Team to be held at Wrexham Glyndwr University on Wednesday, 7 September.

The Clerk was asked to forward the invitation to the Chair.

**(vi) Welsh Government Consultation - 'Shaping Wales' Future : Using National Milestones to Measure the Nation's Progress** - The Clerk drew attention to this consultation, the closing date for which was 12 September 2022. It was explained that Members were free to respond to the consultation on an individual basis as the Welsh Government wanted to draw upon the views and experiences of people across Wales.

**(vii) Provision of Defibrillators** – Commenting on the possible provision of a defibrillator on the Rhosddu Industrial Estate, the Clerk reported that the necessary site works alone, involving the installation of a feeder pillar, coupled with other works, would cost in the region of £1753.00. A Member remarked that Sydalit was another location in need of consideration.

## **RESOLVED –**

**(a) That the provision of defibrillators at the Rhosddu Industrial Estate and in Sydalit be approved and that the costings for the necessary site works at the former location be agreed.**

**(b) That the Clerk report to a subsequent meeting on the provision of defibrillator training.**

## **56. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**RESOLVED –**

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

- Wrexham County Borough Council – Recharge for Council Agenda – June 2022 - £54.54 (£45.45 +VAT)
- Wrexham County Borough Council – Supply & Install Cradle Swing Seat at Blue Bell Estate Play Area - £118.10 (£98.42 +VAT)
- Scottish Power – Street Lighting invoices for the period 31/05/22 to 30/06/22 - £2,397.28 (£1,997.73 +VAT)
- R.J. Miles (James Garden Services) – Maintenance of the Memorial Garden – June 2022 - £157.50 (no VAT)
- Caia Park Partnership Ltd. – Open Access Youth Service – Quarter 1 (April to June 2022) - £8,900.75 (no VAT)
- Caia Park Partnership Ltd. – Open Access Youth Service – Quarter 2 (July to September 2022) - £8,900.75 (no VAT)
- Wrexham & District Citizens' Advice Bureaux – Gwersyllt Outreach Service – Quarter 1 (April to June 2022) - £1,854.82 (no VAT)
- Wrexham & District Citizens' Advice Bureaux – Gwersyllt Outreach Service – Quarter 2 (July to September 2022) - £1,854.82 (no VAT)
- Rawson Digital – Photocopier Usage Charges – 22/05/22 to 27/06/22 - £25.88 (£21.57 + VAT)
- Mr P.J. Mullen - RBL Poppy Appeal – 120 Events Poppies - £360.00 (no VAT) (Paid by Credit Card)
- Mr R.D. Hughes – ZOOM Annual Subscription – 10/07/22 to 09/07/23 - £143.88 (£119.90 +VAT) (Paid by Credit Card)
- Mr P.J. Mullen – Petty Cash Imprest - £100.00

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

- AVOW – Salary Costs (July 2022) – £2,650.99
- Selectamark Security Systems plc- Selecta DNA Defence Spray - £648.00 (£540 + VAT) (as per Minute 30 of the Council's Meeting held on 15 June 2022)
- Red Dragon Flagmakers Ltd. – NHS Flag and Pride Flag - £263.16 (£213.88 + £6.50 +VAT) (as per Minute 35 of the Council's Meeting held on 15 June 2022)

## **57. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED – THAT, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960, THE PUBLIC AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM OF BUSINESS AS PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST BECAUSE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED.**

**58. SAFEGUARDING ISSUE**

The Clerk gave an oral report to update Members with respect to the safeguarding issue previously reported to Council.

**RESOLVED – That the Clerk’s report be noted and that the action taken in this matter, including that of accepting the resignation of the member of staff involved, be endorsed.**

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 APR 11-JUNE 2022

Ward 1

QUARTER 1

ITEM 6

# Ward Dashboard

More than one ward



## In this Ward we helped

Clients	99
Issues all	514

## Top Issues

Benefits & tax credits	244
Benefits Universal Credit	70
Debt	67
Financial services & capability	24
Housing	21

## Top 5 benefit issues

21 Personal independence payment	126
01 Initial claim	32
28 General Benefit Entitlement	27
15 Disability Living Allowance	19
19 Employment Support Allowance	14

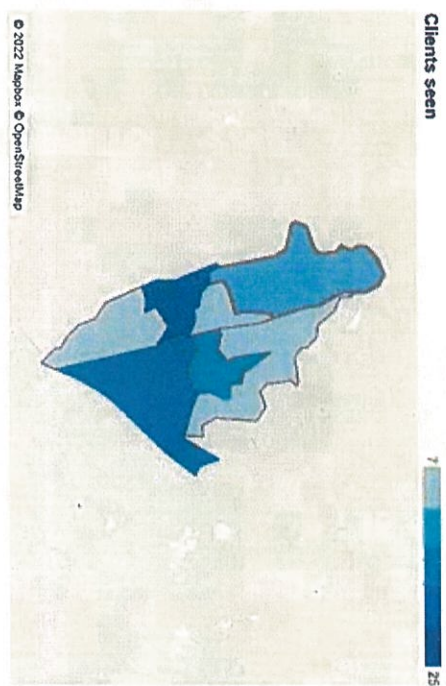
## Top 5 debt issues

04 Fuel debts	9
99 Other Debt	8
06 Rent arrears - LAs or ALMOs	6
09 Council tax arrears	6
60 Debt Assessment	5

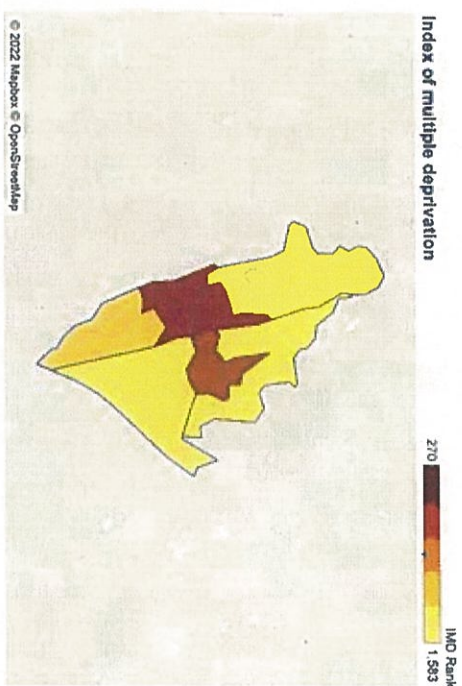
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02 Actual homelessness	1
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## Clients seen



## Index of multiple deprivation



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

## Gender



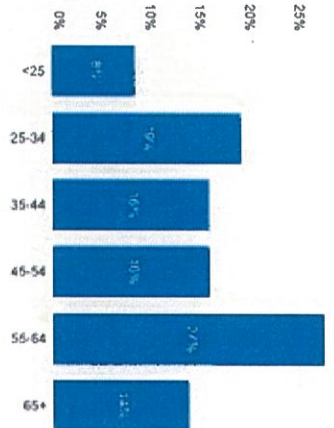
## Ethnicity



## Disabled or Long term health



## Age group



Gains £32919  
 Debts £150



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QUARTER 4

Q4

# Ward Dashboard

More than one ward



## In this Ward we helped

Clients	122
Issues all	661

## Top Issues

Benefits & tax credits	209
Debt	148
Benefits Universal Credit	89
Utilities & communications	40
Financial services & capability	36

## Top 5 benefit issues

21 Personal independence payment	67
28 General Benefit Entitlement	29
22 Localised social welfare	27
01 initial claim	24
19 Employment Support Allowance	18
99 Other benefits issues	18

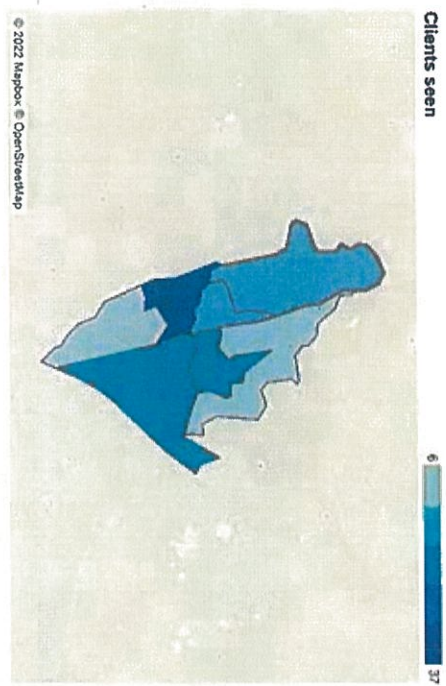
## Top 5 debt issues

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49 Debt Relief Order	18
60 Debt Assessment	15
99 Other Debt	12
15 Catalogue & mail order debts	10
16 Water supply & sewerage debts	10

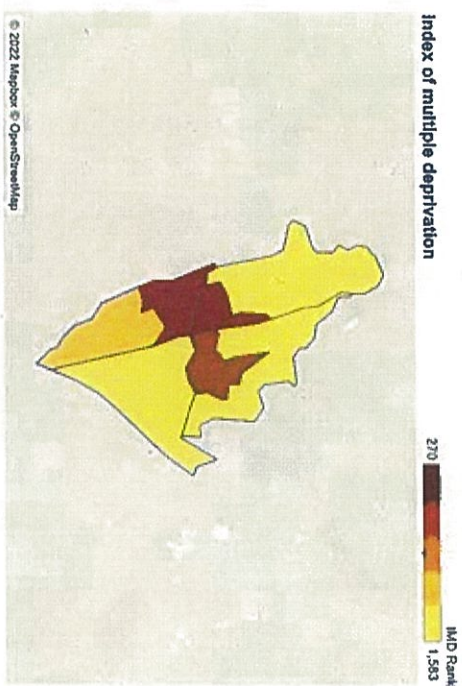
## Homelessness

03 Threatened homelessness	3
02 Actual homelessness	1

## Clients seen



## Index of multiple deprivation



## Gender



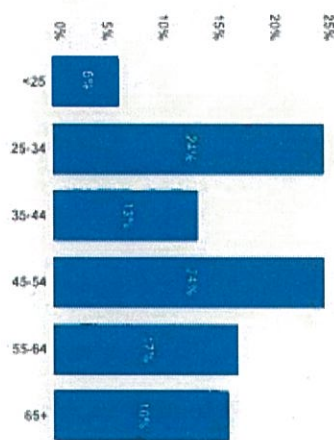
## Ethnicity



## Disabled or Long term health



## Age group



Gains £28850  
Debts £20201

**CAIA PARK PARTNERSHIP LTD:  
YOUTH TEAM**

**Contract Monitoring  
between  
Gwersyllt Community Council  
and  
Caia Park Partnership Ltd  
for  
Open access youth provision in  
Gwersyllt Community Council Wards.**

**2022-23**

**QUARTER ONE**

Monitoring Period: Apr-Jun 2022





## Quarter 1

As we entered the first quarter of this new financial year, the team saw the levels of engagement increasing in both youth clubs, much as we had hoped, based on the upwards trajectory, figures had been on, since reopening services fully in the new year.

Moving into Quarter one, the team had some real hopes that the ongoing engagement work throughout the Covid pandemic, coupled with ongoing detached efforts to spread word of the Youth Club sessions restarting, would see us return to the engagements levels we were experiencing before the enforced closures.



We are happy to inform the council that our hopes and expectations have been surpassed greatly, with as many as 35 young people now regularly attending our Gwersyllt club. The numbers in Bradley have not been as high but this club traditionally deals with fewer numbers so at this point, the team do not see it as any cause for alarm.

The levels of engagement once word spread of our reopening, has been massively uplifting for the team as a whole, as this rise in numbers is something we have experienced across many of our Open Access sessions, across all of our various SLA's.

I have spoken in the past, of the camaraderie within both groups when they first formed as clubs, and since reopening it has been a joy for us, as a team, to watch strong friendships develop again as both groups have expanded and new members have joined across this quarter.

As mentioned in the previous report, Jon Stumpp has taken over as Senior Worker again for the Youth Club sessions. Jon has a familiarity with the club, having been involved in setting up the sessions a number of years ago and continuing through until lockdown began in 2020. Although many of the young people attending now are new, there are still several that know Jon and he has settled back into the role well, gaining some good relationships with both those attending the sessions and also, many of the parents that now drop their children off each week.



## Recruitment

Our staffing levels were further impacted during this quarter, as two of the Gwersyllt team, Sav and Tony took a 3 month break to go and work for Camp America and Camp Canada respectively. We were able to overcome this as Julie Jones has now returned to the team in the short term and Chris Jones has also come in to support sessions. Sav and Tony will return during the next quarter and the team look forward to them re-joining us and telling both us and the young people about their experiences over the Summer.



## Detached work

The detached sessions continued to promote the club session on Mondays and Wednesdays and continue to offer support to as many local businesses as possible in regards to dealing with any Anti-Social behaviour issues.

There have been several reports of issues around the Leisure Centre on weekend evenings and the team have advised the staff at the centre in regards to reporting any criminal activities taking place around the centre. The team continue to monitor all areas known historically for ASB but have found instances to be fewer over recent months, though this could just be down to word not getting back to us in some cases.

Any issues that arise continue to be reported to the centre based teams, who then try to address any such issues within our programme of activities and planned sessions.

The ongoing detached work has seen a number of new people begin attending sessions and numbers have risen to as high as 35 on occasion at our Gwersyllt club.

### Gwersyllt Youth Club

Since its initial opening after the pandemic, this provision has continued to run successfully during Q1 of this contractual year. Attendance figures are regularly in the 20s and on some occasions the club has seen over 35 young people attending,

Due to the setup of the building, managing large groups of young people on an open access basis can be difficult at times, but consistent boundary setting and behaviour management strategies help to maintain a controlled environment. We also have the benefit of regular volunteer support, which helps with continuing activities if

the youth workers are called to deal with any situations that

arise. During this quarter the youth workers had to hold a 'Behaviour and Consequences session' due to the previous week's behaviour, young people were asked to come up with their own ground rules as well as going over our already existing behaviour contract and

ground rules. This was well received with everyone having to sign the behaviour and consequences sheet.



The staff team have maintained a good working relationship with both the centre manager and the caretaker, with a consistent stream of communication to ensure the smooth running of the provision whilst in the building.

As well as the general youth club activities such as table tennis, playstation 5, games, and bingo; other activities have included a jubilee party, various different arts and craft sessions, and discussions



around 'Healthy Alternatives to Take Away' and 'Healthy Living', most sessions have included some sort of cook and eat session, mainly due to the fact that through conversations during occasional cook and eat sessions many young people divulged that they had not had tea, and some had said that other than the meal they get in school they don't eat much throughout the day, or that if they do have food its unhealthy or takeaways which can be expensive, therefore without the stigma of specifically targeting those that we feel would benefit from food, we try and deliver sessions that revolve around food regularly, but that also teach young people the skills they need to make low cost meals and snacks, and cheaper/healthier versions of takeaways which have included; Healthy Pitta Bread Pizzas, Healthy Wraps, Fruit kebabs, Fruit Smoothies, Toasties, amongst others. Learning outcomes from these sessions include but are not limited to: Basic Food Hygiene, Health and Safety in the Kitchen, Using Kitchen Equipment Safely, Using Utensils Safely, The Benefits of a Health Diet, Homemade vs Shop Bought Takeaway, and Shopping on a Budget. Our hope is that young people can take this knowledge home and share with parents and/or family members.



Due to the pandemic it has been a while since the club had a trip, but now restrictions have eased, young people were consulted with and plans have been made to go on a club trip to Flipout Chester in the summer holidays during the next quarter, as spaces will be limited to 20, priority will go to those that have attended most regularly, and when

another is carried out in the next half term, those who were not able to attend will get first refusal. The summer trip will be reported on in the next quarterly monitoring report.

## Bradley YC

Over the course of the last quarter, Bradley YC has carried on much as we did after re-opening. The numbers are historically lower than at our Gwersyllt session, so the detached team have taken extra steps to promote the club to the young people they meet while out on their rounds.

The club regularly has around 10 young people attending and for a while, we did see a number of young people also accessing the centre, who normally attend at Gwersyllt.



The team have been able to deliver a range of activities over the quarter including a range of art and craft sessions focussing on various holidays/celebrations ranging from Mothers Day, Fathers Day, Chinese New Year to Burns Night.

The team also arranged an easter egg hunt around the centre and the outside area which the young people really enjoyed taking part in.

The team set the trail up in advance of the young people arriving and when it was time, they were invited to find as many of the hidden eggs/treats as they could.

As is normal, the team try to include some form of cook and eat sessions during each quarter and Q1 included sessions in which the young people were able to make Pancakes, Healthy Wraps and decorate cupcakes. The team also held a number of firepit sessions and those attending were able to cook hotdogs, pitta pizzas and roast marshmallows over the open flame.

Early in the quarter, the team arranged a multi club trip to Tenpin Wrexham in which 7 young people attended as part of a larger group. The team often work to bring members of different clubs together when arranging local activities as we find it a useful tool in introducing members to new people and also offers an insight into some of our other services, opening doors for any of our Gwersyllt/Bradley young people to attend other sessions and clubs that we operate.

Unfortunately, we were forced to cancel 2 sessions at Bradley during Q1, as a member of the team contracted Covid 19. As an organisation, we are still addressing the risks of C19 on a regular basis. Staff are still testing themselves regularly and we have a policy that all staff adhere to, to reduce the



risks of passing it on to other team members and/or the young people we work with on a regular basis.



The teams plans for the next quarter include some trips further afield during the Summer holidays, including a possible trip to a theme park (Alton Towers/Drayton Manor) and one of the group suggested a litter pick around Alyn Waters Country Park. This was mentioned after they had taken their dog for a walk with their family and noticed there was a lot of rubbish not being properly

disposed of. The team aim to arrange this activity for some point during the Summer Holidays and have already spoken to Andy and Ali from our PHT team about the loan of gloves, litter pickers and other equipment needed.

The team have noticed more and more young people using energy drinks over this past quarter. The use of them in our centres is not permitted and it has been a recurring theme across many of our centres since they re-opened. The team plan to deliver a session focussing on energy drinks, in particular the cheap ones, to highlight the health risks they pose when not used responsibly, especially in regards to younger people.

Badminton has long been a popular activity at the centre and the team are hoping to hold a competition over a number of weeks during the next quarter.

## Moving forward into the next quarter

As we move into the next quarter, the team do so with confidence that we can build on the good work carried out over the course of the last 3 months. The clubs continue to develop at a steady rate, with good numbers across both sessions.

Our detached team will continue to raise awareness that both sessions are open again, whilst still



striving to offer support to young people on the streets and any local businesses they are able to offer support to.

With the Summer Holidays approaching, we do expect to see a drop in numbers attending across both centres. This is something that tends to happen across all of our SLA's and is not uncommon as many young people will be away on holiday/ taking part in other activities or even

staying with other family members as a means of childcare whilst parents work through the holidays. This does pose the obvious problem that some who would normally attend regularly may miss out on certain trips but this has been discussed within the team and those unable to attend due to reasons such as this, will be given priority when our next trips are arranged.

The team look forward to continuing to deliver services over the next quarter and again, thank the Community Council for the continued funding through what has been a difficult 2 years for everyone.

**Overall Combined Figures for April - June 2022**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Number of sessions provided</b>	<b>Number of Contacts Made</b>
April-June 2022	36/40 (some sessions didn't run due to staff annual leave and some isolations due to C19)	441

**Age Ranges of Young People Engaged With for April - June 22**

**Table A - Number of contacts**

	<b>8-10 years</b>	<b>11-12 years</b>	<b>13+ years</b>	<b>Total</b>
Male	91	105	55	<b>251</b>
Female	62	85	43	<b>190</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>441</b>

**FW: White Ribbon Member Organisation.**

Arfon Jones <arfon55@btinternet.com>

Mon 05/09/2022 13:31

To: Peter Mullen <gweryslltcommunitycouncil@outlook.com>

As discussed.

Diolch,

Arfon.

## **Motion to Council**

That Gwerysllt Community Council becomes a Supporter Organisation of White Ribbon UK

## **Background Information**

White Ribbon UK is a movement which aims to end men's violence against women. Our mission is for all men to fulfil the White Ribbon Promise to never commit, excuse or remain silent about male violence against women. We act as a catalyst, encouraging people, and especially men and boys, to individually and collectively take action and change behaviour.

We work towards wholesale culture change to prevent violence before it starts.

Because most violence against women is committed by men it is important that all men realise that they can take responsibility for thinking about their own actions, promote equality and respect, and are prepared to call out harassing, sexist and violent behaviour when they see it in others.

Our voice is strengthened by working together with many women and men, supporters, organisations, ambassadors, champions and policy makers, to raise awareness, educate and campaign to bring about change. These partners are working with us right across England and Wales engaging with many thousands of people to change the cultures that lead to violence against women and girls. Together we can prevent violence happening in the first place.

If you are an organisation with less than 250 staff show your commitment to ending men's violence against women by becoming a White Ribbon Supporter Organisation. You will agree to take actions that will raise awareness and show that you are working to end violence.

The actions include:

- encouraging all staff to make the White Ribbon Promise to never commit, excuse or remain silent about male violence against women
- recruiting at least one volunteer male White Ribbon Ambassador (or woman Champion if there are no male staff who can undertake this role)
- hold at least one awareness and fund raising event or activity a year
- ensuring that women who are experiencing violence know where to get help



**GWERSYLLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**1. What is your organisation's name and address?**

Organisation name

SHARE YOUR SKILLS

Organisation address

RESOURCE CENTRE  
GWERSYLLT

**2. What type of organisation are you?**

Voluntary or community organisation

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Sports club/group

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Senior citizen's club/group

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School

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Health body

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Other (please specify)

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3. Are you a registered charity? No ☒ Yes ☐

If yes what is your registration number

When did your organisation start? Month  Year

Are you a branch of a larger organisation? No ☒ Yes ☐

If yes, what is the name of your larger organisation?

Are there any restrictions on who can join your organisation? No ☒ Yes ☐

If yes, what are they and why do you have them  
(maximum 50 words)

4. Does your organisation have a website? No ☒ Yes ☐

If yes, what is your website address?

5. What does your organisation do?  
(maximum 50 words)

FORTNIGHTLY RENTAL OF

6. How much are you applying for?

£

RESOURCE CENTRE

7. If your application is successful, what do you intend to do with the Council's grant?

(maximum 100 words – bullet points acceptable)

THE GRANT WOULD BE USED  
FOR THE HIRE OF THE  
RESOURCE ON WEDNESDAY  
MORNINGS 10 am to 12 noon

8. Have you applied for a grant from other sources?

No



Yes



If yes, provide details  
(maximum 50 words)

9. Financial information

Please enclose relevant financial information as listed below.

Latest bank statement or audited accounts

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Your organisation must have a recognised bank account into which all transactions can be tracked.

Bank Name

LLOYD BANK

Bank Address

LLOYDS BANK PLC  
VICTORIA (309 897) BRANCH  
P.O BOX 1000 BX1 1LT

Account Name

SHARE YOUR SKILLS

Account Number

648 12662

**10. Certifying (and Countersigning) the Application**

I certify that all the information contained in this application is correct.

Name

MAIR V. JONES

Signature

Mr. Jones.

Position in organisation

SECRETARY

Contact details

325, CHESTER ROAD  
WREXHAM  
LL12 8EA

Date

12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2022

Every application for financial assistance must be endorsed by a countersignatory. The countersignatory must be someone who is resident in the County Borough. He/she should be of 'good standing' in the community and preferably hold a substantive position (e.g. Member of Parliament, Minister of Religion, Doctor, Dentist, Lawyer, Justice of the Peace, Lecturer, Teacher, Accountant, Established Civil Servant, Senior Manager).

Application Countersigned by:

Name GERAINT WYN EDWARDS

Signature 

Position Relief Company Accountant

Date 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

- ① NUMBER OF MEMBERS APPROX 12-14
- ② NUMBER LIVING IN GWERSYLT 6-8.
- ③ MEMBERS ARE ACTIVELY TRYING TO RECRUIT NEW PEOPLE, IT IS PROVEN DIFFICULT TO RECRUIT AFTER COVID  
A. POSTER IS GOING TO BE DISPLAYED ON THE NOTICE BOARD AT THE RESOURCE CENTRE TO ATTRACT PEOPLE WHO CAN TO PAY THEIR RENT ETC.
- ④ THIS ORGANISATION NOT ONLY SHARE SKILLS, THEY COME ALONG FOR A DRINK & CHAT AS A SOCIAL OCCASION ESPECIALLY IF THEY LIVE ALONE, AND REALLY ENJOY THE COUPLE OF HOURS EVEN IF THEY DON'T CRAFT.

## Re: Warm places project

Jayne Rodgers &lt;Jayne.Rodgers@wrexham.gov.uk&gt;

Fri 29/07/2022 15:57

Dear All

My apologies for contacting you out of the blue but in response to the cost of living crisis and rising cost of energy and at the request of local councillors, Wrexham County Borough Council are working on a campaign to help people by signposting them to money and energy saving advice and guidance. As part of this campaign we are also commencing the provision and promotion of a project around [warm places which has been undertaken in Bristol](#) – which we are hoping to replicate if possible.

The idea being that people are invited to community spaces that are already being heated to come and get warm as winter comes in, places that will be open and heated already. Initially this would be signposting and as a quick win, it's a relatively simple idea and can help support efforts to get people back into community spaces and reduce isolation. The aim would be to save them from having to heat their own homes so frequently or where they are unable to afford to heat their own homes as frequently as they perhaps need to. With a co-objective of signposting to advice and guidance on energy efficient interventions they can take to save money and use less energy and reduce the cost of living.

If these projects were successful, we could look out for and let your organisation know of any funding streams we become aware of to take this to the next level through the upgrading of the community buildings to low carbon heating and higher levels of energy efficiency and/or to set up dedicated spaces using refurbished and recycled furniture and equipment to create energy efficient warm places for people to come to in winter. As part of this project and where feasible, we can look out for funding that would enable the introduction of community growing spaces and diversity rich, insect friendly community outdoor spaces and herb based sensory gardens for people that do not have access to outdoor spaces where they feel safe and so that the local community can access free vegetables.

If you have any suitable space that is already being heated and if you are interested in being identified as part of this first tranche of identifying and signposting to community warm places let us know location details and times when the space will be available and we can incorporate your setting into our webpage and promotional campaign currently being developed.

I am sure that I will not have been able to identify everyone, so if you are aware of any other organisations that may wish to be involved, please feel free to share this with them.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

Jayne

Jayne Rodgers

Rheolwr Newid Hinsawdd a Lleihau Carbon | Climate Change and Carbon Reduction Manager



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