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12 February 2015

Dear Councillor

Your attendance is requested at a **MEETING** of the **GWERSYLLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL** to be held in the **GWERSYLLT COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE** on **WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2015** at **7.00 p.m.** for the transaction of the business specified below.

Yours sincerely



Clerk and Financial Officer

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence:**
- 2. Declarations of Personal Interests:**
- 3. Minutes:** To receive and, if found correct, confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 21 January 2015 (Copy attached).
- 4. Policing in the Community:** To consider the crime reports for January 2015 (Copies attached).
- 5. Community Agent Scheme:**

(i) **Funding Agreement for the Provision of a Community Agent in Gwersyllt:**
Clerk to report.

(ii) **Appointment of Sub-Committee/Panel to Interview Applicants and Make an Appointment:** To appoint Members for this purpose.

6. **CCTV Provision in Gwersyllt:** Further information has been requested from the County Borough Council to enable Members to consider this matter further.

7. **Invitation to Renew the Council's Membership of One Voice Wales for 2015/2016:** To consider the attached letter from Lyn Cadwalladr, Chief Executive, One Voice Wales.

8. **Ysgol Bryn Alyn – Possible Purchase of a Remembrance Bench:** To consider the attached letter from Sarah Liddell, History Teacher, Ysgol Bryn Alyn. Further information has been requested.

9. **Appointment of Representatives:** To consider the appointment of representatives to attend the following:

- The Wrexham Town and Community Council Forum to be held in The Guildhall, Wrexham, on Thursday, 12 March, at 6.00 p.m.
- The 3rd Joint Event of One Voice Wales and the Society of Local Council Clerks to be held at the Hotel Metropole, Llandrindod Wells on Thursday, 14 May, at a cost of £69.00 (plus VAT) per delegate. The theme for the event will be 'Community Governance- The Future' and the keynote address will be given by Leighton Andrews, AM, Minister for Public Services.

10. **Street Lighting Maintenance Agreement Contract for 2015/2016:** To consider the report of the Clerk (To follow).

11. **Planning Applications:** To consider the following applications for planning permission:

- P/2015/0071 – Single- storey side extension – 5 Chestnut Court, Summerhill Road, Summerhill

- P/2015/0048 – Single-storey side/front extension - 45 Beech Avenue, Bradley
- P/2015/0083 – Siting of storage container for use in conjunction with Rugby League Club (In Retrospect) – The Park Sports Association, Park Wall Road, Bradleyon gae

Details of the applications can be viewed at www.wrexham.gov.uk/plans

12. Clerk's Update:

13. Members' Issues/Concerns: To report any issues or concerns that need to be brought to the Council's attention.

14. Proposed Forward Work Programme for the Period 1 March to 30 June 2015: To note the attached Programme.

15. Information Item - Frack Free Wrexham: To note the attached correspondence from Frack Free Wrexham.

16. 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 FOLLWING ITEM OF BUSINESS AS PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST BECAUSE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED.

17. Application for Financial Assistance: To consider the attached application from Home Start County Borough of Wrexham.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Gwersyllt Community Council held at the Gwersyllt Community Resource Centre on Wednesday, 21 January 2015

Members

Councillor Michael Williams, Chair
Councillor Bernie McCann, Vice-Chair

Councillors	Martyn Davies	Councillors	* Sarah Morris
	David Edwards		*Charles Rigby
	Bob Gray		*Mrs. Jackie Roberts
	David Griffiths		*Mrs. June White
	Raymond Hughes		Mike Wilde
	Arfon Jones		Maureen Williams
	Mrs. Gwenfair Jones		Dennis Wynne
	* Mrs. Sheelagh Jones		

* Absent

151 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs. Sheelagh Jones, Mrs. Jackie Roberts and Mrs. June White.

152 VARIATION IN ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was **agreed** that Agenda Item 4 (Policing in the Community) and Agenda Item 6 (Gwersyllt Outreach Project) be brought forward and dealt with prior to the other items of business.

153 POLICING IN THE COMMUNITY

PCSO Catherine Griffiths-Hughes was in attendance for this item.

On behalf of the Council, the Chair congratulated PCSO Griffiths-Hughes on receiving the Non Parry Neighbourhood Initiative Award in recognition of her contribution to the work of the Neighbourhood Policing team.

(i) Crime Reports - The crime reports for December were submitted and the following matters raised during the ensuing discussion:

- commenting on recent incidents of anti-social behaviour in Gwersyllt East and South, a Member remarked that he was happy with the response of the Neighbourhood Policing team, but that, in his opinion, all relevant agencies, including the Police, should be working together more closely in an effort to combat this increasing problem;
- PCSO Griffiths-Hughes said that she would alert her colleagues in the Traffic Department to the complaint now expressed by a Member about motor bikes and push bikes without lights being used at night;

- a Member called for Council Members to be provided with alternative contact details for the Police whenever regular members of the Neighbourhood Policing team were not on duty.

The Clerk was asked to take up Members' concerns about anti-social behaviour with Inspector Jacqueline Downes and to invite her to attend a future meeting of the Council to discuss the matter.

PCSO Griffiths-Hughes was thanked for her attendance.

(ii) Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour – The Work of the Youth Service – Mr. Les Williams of the County Borough Council's Youth Service gave a summary of the work undertaken by the Youth Service for the benefit of young people in Gwersyllt and referred to the Community Council's decision to support the graffiti project at The Tunnel in Mold Road, the recent discussions that had taken place with Bradley Bowling Club about a similar project involving the changing rooms adjoining the Club's premises and the Youth Service's close working relationship with the Neighbourhood Policing team.

In response to Members' queries and comments, Mr. Williams advised that the resources at his disposal were limited, but assured Members that the team for which he was responsible was made up of committed and dedicated youth workers.

Mr. Williams was thanked for his attendance.

(iii) Review of Policing Priorities – Members reviewed the Council's previously agreed policing priorities and it was –

RESOLVED – That the Council's previously agreed priorities as set out in the Clerk's note to Members dated 13 January 2015 be re-affirmed.

154 GWERSYLLT OUTREACH PROJECT

(i) Monitoring Information - Lynsey Powell, representing the Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB), submitted monitoring information regarding the Gwersyllt Outreach Project, together with details of a recent case study. A Member remarked that it appeared from the information provided that the number of clients visiting the Gwersyllt Project had dropped and, in reply, Lynsey advised that there had been fewer visits than usual over the Christmas period.

In response to a query, Lynsey confirmed that since November the CAB had been providing a temporary advice service in the local Housing Estate Office for 2/3 hours on Tuesdays, but that this was not as busy as the regular Thursday service in the Resource Centre. She added that the temporary service dealt mainly with housing and housing benefit related queries.

In addition, Members were informed that the CAB would take further steps to publicise the Thursday service by way of leaflets.

The monitoring and other information provided by the CAB was noted and Lynsey thanked for her attendance.

(ii) Payment of the Council's Grant:

RESOLVED – To approve payment of the Council’s quarterly grant of £2354.82 for the period 1 September to 30 November 2014 and the quarterly grant of £2354.82 for the period 1 December 2014 to 28 February 2015.

155 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

Councillors David Griffiths and Bernie McCann advised that they would be declaring personal, but non-prejudicial interests in Agenda Item 12 (Planning Applications), and Councillor McCann indicated that he would be declaring a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 18 (Bradley Bowling Club).

156 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 17 December 2014 be received and confirmed as a correct record.

Matter arising –

Page 3 – Minute 135 – Management and Maintenance of Play Areas – The Clerk reported that the County Borough Council had no objection to Councillor McCann’s offer to arrange and oversee the repainting of the various items of play equipment that were in need of a fresh coat of paint. Councillor McCann said that he had received a specification for this purpose from Manor Coating and would provide the Clerk with a copy.

157 COMMUNITY AGENT SCHEME

Further to the discussion at the last meeting of the Council (Minute 132 refers), the Clerk circulated a response from Delyth Pridding of the County Borough Council’s Adult Social Care Department in reply to the specific issues raised by Members.

Although several Members acknowledged that participation in this 12 month pilot scheme could pose implications, particularly from an employment perspective, it was considered that the Council should support it.

RESOLVED – That the Council’s participation in the pilot scheme with effect from 1 April 2015 be approved and that the matter be reviewed prior to the financial year 2016/2017.

158 DRAFT NATIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2015

In accordance with previous instructions, the Clerk submitted an easy to read version of the Welsh Government’s consultation document on the Draft National Transport Plan and pointed out that the closing date for submission of comments thereon was 11 March 2015.

In commenting on the matter, several Members remarked that, in responding to the document, the Council should express support for:

- improvements to the road network to assist people travelling from Wrexham to Flintshire to access employment;
- the necessary steps to be taken to ensure that Gwersyllt Railway Station is DDA compliant;

- improvements to public transport services to assist those travelling to out of town retail complexes and to access employment.

RESOLVED – That a response be submitted to the Welsh Government highlighting the comments now made by Members and that the relevant Lead Member at the County Borough Council be requested to provide the Community Council with a copy of his response to the consultation document.

159 GRESFORD UNITED CHARITIES TRUST

The Clerk reported receipt of dividend monies of £554.00 from the Gresford United Charities Trust for distribution to appropriate local organisations.

RESOLVED –

(i) That the monies available for distribution be increased to £1000.

(ii) That, having regard to the decision contained in (i) above, a donation of £100 be made to each of the following:

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

160 YOUTH SERVICE PROVISION IN GWERSYLLT – AGREED PROJECTS FOR 2014/2015

RESOLVED – To approve payment of the County Borough Council’s invoice for £2836.80 in respect of the agreed Youth Service projects for 2014/2015 (Minute 237 refers).

161 STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AND BANK RECONCILIATION FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

RESOLVED – That the Clerk’s submitted statement be received and noted.

162 STREET LIGHTING

(i) Night Patrol for December 2014 – The night patrol report for December 2014 was received and noted. Arising from a Member’s comments, the Clerk was asked to request the County Borough Council’s Street Lighting team to clarify what was meant by ‘ladder jobs’ and ‘early morning’.

(ii) Street Lighting Faults – The Clerk was requested to advise the Street Lighting team that the following street lights were out of action:

- Unit 153 at the back of Penrhos/First Avenue, Gwersyllt (previously reported)
- Unit opposite the Olivet Chapel, Main Road, Rhosrobin (previously reported)
- Unit 115 (previously reported)
- Unit in High Street, Gwersyllt opposite Penrhyn Drive
- Unit by the Stone Bridge in High Street, Gwersyllt
- Unit by the property known as Ty Cerrig, Bottom Road, Summerhill – light obscured by overgrown hedge (previously reported)

(iii) Request for New Street Lighting - A Member commented on the need for a street light to be provided on the Summerhill Road, near the Pendine Nursing Home, for the benefit of people using the bus stop for Wrexham town centre and the Clerk undertook to take up the matter with the Street Lighting team

(iv) Service Level Agreement – Update – The Clerk reported that a meeting had been arranged with a representative of Jones Lighting Ltd., to discuss the company’s contract rates for the next financial year and that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of Council to assist Members in coming to a decision in this matter.

163 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members’ attention was drawn to recent planning applications and their instructions requested.

RESOLVED – That the Local Planning Authority be advised as follows:

(i) Although the Council has no objection to outline planning application P/2014/0931 (Proposed erection of up to 85 dwellings on the site of the Westminster Industrial Estate, off Mold Road, Gwersyllt), it will want to comment on the access arrangements and on the issue of affordable housing if and when a detailed planning application is received.

(ii) The Council supports planning application P/2014/0932 (Proposed works to protected sycamore trees on land adjacent to Celtic Road, Summerhill).

(iii) The Council has no objection to the following planning applications:

- P/2014/0944 – Two-storey side extension – 8 Meadway Close, Gwersyllt
- P/2014/0882 – Two-storey extension and alterations – 11 Alyn Close, Pandy
- P/2015/0019 – Change of use to form dance studio and children’s entertainment venue – Unit 3 Rhosddu Industrial Estate

(In accordance with the Members’ Code of Conduct, Councillors David Griffiths and Bernie McCann both declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest in this matter (by virtue of their positions as members of the County Borough Council’s Planning Committee) and remained in the meeting taking part in the item.)

164 CLERK’S UPDATE

The Clerk reminded Members of the decision taken by Council at its meeting on 3 September 2014 (Minute 69 refers) concerning the possible creation of an allotment site or community garden on land off First Avenue and Renfrew Close, Gwersyllt, and indicated

that Councillor Arfon Jones had since taken up the matter with the County Borough Council with a view to such a project being developed under the 'Together in Wrexham' initiative.

As a first step, it was suggested that Councillor Jones and the Clerk meet with Nicola Ellis of the County Borough Council to obtain her advice as to the suitability of the site for allotment purposes.

RESOLVED – Accordingly.

165 CCTV PROVISION

Councillor Arfon Jones gave a brief update on recent discussions at the County Borough Council with respect to the future delivery of the CCTV service.

RESOLVED – That Mr. Simon Roberts of the County Borough Council's Assets and Economic Development Department be invited to attend the next meeting of the Community Council to explain his Authority's plans for this service in more detail.

166 MEMBERS' ISSUES/CONCERNS

(i) Items for Referral to the County Borough Council - Members requested that the following matters be taken up with the relevant departments of the County Borough Council:

- the need for the cycle track on the Llay New Road (between the Toyota Garage and Rhosrobin) to be swept;
- a Member's concerns about vehicles parking on the double yellow lines outside the Pen-y-Maes Health Centre, Beech Street, Summerhill.

(ii) Structure of Agenda for Future Council Meetings - A Member remarked that it would be helpful if in future the agenda for the monthly Council meeting could be structured or reduced as necessary to enable Members to focus on the more important matters facing the Council. In reply, the Chair undertook to discuss the matter with the Clerk.

167 PROPOSED FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED – That the proposed Forward Work Programme for the period 1 February to 31 May 2015 be noted.

168 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED – That the following accounts be paid:

- Wrexham County Borough Council – Recharge for Photocopying (The Luke Jones Concert) and Printing the December Agenda Papers – £77.08 (Cheque No. 102312)
- Wrexham County Borough Council – Inspection and Maintenance of Play Areas – Half Yearly Instalment - £5336.00 (Cheque No. 102313)
- Wrexham County Borough Council – Total Employers Cost Paid in December 2014 - £1393.83 (Cheque No. 102314)
- Ian Clarke – Clearance of Moss at the Memorial Garden site, Old Mold Road, Gwersyllt - £170.00 (Cheque No. 102315)

- Scottish Power - Street Lighting Energy Charges – 30/11/14 – 31/12/14 - £1658.82 (Cheque No. 102316)
- Society of Local Council Clerks – Renewal of Membership 2015 - £149.00 (Cheque No. 102317)
- P. J. Mullen – Petty Cash - £100.00 (Cheque No. 102318)

169 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – 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 discussed.

170 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRESFORD COLLIERY BOWLING CLUB

With reference to Minute 150 of the Council (17 December 2014), Members considered the Gresford Colliery Bowling Club’s application for financial assistance, together with recently received additional information from the Club.

RESOLVED – That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), a grant of £200.00 be made to the Club on this occasion.

171 BRADLEY BOWLING CLUB

The Clerk gave a brief update on this matter, referring particularly to a recent discussion with officers of the County Borough Council.

RESOLVED – That the Bowling Club be advised that the Community Council would support the assignment, to the Club, of the existing lease in respect of bowling green and requests that a joint meeting between representatives of the Council, the Club and the County Borough Council be arranged to discuss the matter further.

(In accordance with the Members’ Code of Conduct, Councillor Bernie McCann declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this matter (by reason of his role as treasurer to the Bowling Club) and left the meeting taking no part in the discussion or voting thereon.)



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ITEM 4

GWERSYLLT EAST AND SOUTH

21/01/2015

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Crimes for JANUARY 2015

Burglary other than Dwelling (Sheds/Garages) - 5

2 x Shed broken into (Bradley) - Undetected

Unknown offender/s have attempted to gain access into shed (Bradley) - Undetected

Shed broken into (Gwersyllt) - Ongoing

Outer building broken into (Rhosrobin) - Ongoing

Burglary - 1

Unknown offender/s have attempted to gain access into property (Bradley) - Ongoing

Robbery - 0

Theft from Vehicle - 0

UTMV - 0

Drugs - 0

Theft Other - 3

3x Shoplifting (Gwersyllt) - Ongoing

Arson - 1

Car set alight (Rhosrobin) - Undetected

Interference with M/V - 0

Criminal Damage - 17

2x Damage caused to vehicle (Bradley) - Ongoing

15x Damaged caused to garden wall (Bradley) - Ongoing

Violence against a person - 1

Domestic (Gwersyllt) - Detected

ASB - 14

2x Youths being a nuisance outside Tesco
 Reports of off road bikes on the slag heap in Pandy - Bikes left prior to police arrival
 3x Report of youths hanging around outside Lidl - Youths moved on
 Reports of youths being a nuisance outside Iceland
 Youths playing knock and run (Gwersyllt)
 2x Reports of youths being a nuisance near the skate park
 Youths hanging around the CP School being a nuisance
 Ice being thrown at persons house (Bradley)
 2x Report of youths throwing snowballs - Area search negative

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
Gwersyllt South&East	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-13	Dec-14	Jan-15	
Burg other than dwelling	4	9	4	7	6	1	5	2	0	3	2	3	5	
Burg Dwelling	0	1	1	0	1	3	1	0	2	0	5	1	1	
Theft from Vehicle	4	4	0	0	0	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Theft and handling	4	4	6	5	9	4	3	3	4	8	3	2	3	
Violence against person	6	4	3	7	4	8	3	4	6	3	6	3	1	
Criminal Damage	9	4	6	2	1	3	5	2	5	9	3	1	17	
ASB	10	14	17	13	9	13	4	3	7	19	16	12	14	
Fraud	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
UTMV	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	
Vehicle interference	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Arson	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	1	
Drugs	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOOTAL	37	41	40	36	31	34	26	18	19	43	36	26	42	

Priorities

Increase public confidence on the Pen-y-Llyn and Maes-y-Coed estate

High Vis patrols have been conducted in the area.

Combat anti-social behaviour problems at the Bradley MUGA site

Patrols are being carried out in the area - All North PCSO have been made aware of the problems

Members from the bowls club have been encouraged to report all incidents.



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GWERSYLLT WEST

03/02/2015

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Total Crimes for January 2015 – 6

Burglary other than Dwelling (Sheds/Garages) – 1
Entry gained to stables items take - Ongoing

Burglary – 0

Theft from Vehicle – 0

UTMV – 0

Theft & Handling – 1
House party - Undetected

Interference with M/V – 0

Criminal Damage – 3
Window Broken - Undetected
Car scratched – Undetected
Stock broken - Detected

Violence against a person – 0

Drugs – 1
Detected

Arson – 0



GWERSYLLT NORTH

06/02/2015

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Crimes for January 2015

OFFENCE	DEC	JAN				
VIOLENCE AGAINST PERSON	7	6				
ROBBERY	0	0				
BURGLARY	0	1				
BOTD	2	7				
DRUGS	0	0				
THEFT FROM VEHICLE	0	0				
UTMV	0	0				
VEHICLE INTERFERENCE	0	0				
THEFT & HANDLING	1	2				
FRAUD	0	0				
ARSON	0	0				
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	1	5				
ASB PERSONAL	5	1				
ASB NUISANCE	2	3				
ASB ENVIRONMENT	1	0				

V.A.P: 4x Domestic related – 2x Charged.

2x On-going.

1x School related – On-going.

1x Offender pushed IP – On-going.

Burglary: 1x On-going.

B.O.T.D: 6x On-going.

1x Undetected.

Cefn-Y-Bedd area targeted

Theft & Handling: 1x Bike stolen from rear garden.

1x Youths stolen sweets from shop.

Criminal Damage: 2x Cars scratched – Undetected.

1x Rear window of vehicle smashed – On-going.

1x School related – On-going.

1x Domestic related – Charged.

ASB:

Personal: *1x Domestic related.*

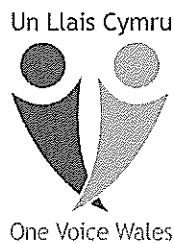
Nuisance: *1x Neighbour Dispute.
1x Fireworks let off.
1x Off-road bike.*

Priorities:

- *Reduce the amount of B.O.T.D (Put forward by Inspector Evans)*
- *Combat the general ASB issues including Off Road bikes*
- *Dog fouling (Priority for whole of Gwersyllt Area)*

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ITEM 7

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2nd February 2015

Dear Chair,

Membership of One Voice Wales 2015-16

I am writing to invite your council to renew its membership or join One Voice Wales from April 2015. Once again, the past year has seen many positive developments to our services, many of which are outlined in this letter, which we believe add significantly to the value for money offered by One Voice Wales membership.

We continue to represent the sector on the **Local Government Partnership Council**, where we ensure that the role of community and town councils is considered in all relevant matters. One Voice Wales is increasing its contributions to public policy developments through our representation on several Welsh Government advisory panels including the **Future Generations Bill Advisory Panel**, **National Assets Working Group**, Community Asset Transfer Working Group and **Welsh Government Cynefin Place Leadership Board**. One Voice Wales is playing an ever increasing role in the development of policy for the sector sitting on the Planning Bill advisory group and we work closely with a range of other bodies including the **Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales**, **Independent Remuneration Panel**, **Public Services Ombudsman and Wales Audit Office**. So our influence continues to grow.

There are exciting and challenging times ahead for Community and Town Councils in Wales and again one of my main aims over the coming year will be to continue to develop our lobbying and representational roles. In the last year we have submitted responses to the **Planning Bill consultations**, **Local Government White Paper** and made representations to the **Minister for Public Services** during our regular briefing sessions on a range of matters but importantly on the devolution of services and assets agenda. During 2014-15 we have increased our **representational role** and through One Voice Wales many councillors across Wales are increasingly able to provide their views across a wide range of policy areas to support our lobbying activities and **influence government and stakeholder organisations** in their decision-making including representation on health trust stakeholder forums. These developments have improved and further developed our representational and lobbying roles and we will seek to further develop in 2015-16.

Some of our other accomplishments over the past 12 months include:

- Completed **Climate Change Project** with NRW and Cynnal Cymru
- Held our second **Larger Councils Conference**; held our second **joint training conference** with the **SLCC** (Society of Local Council Clerks)

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- Developed a number of *new collaborations* including *NEA Cymru and delivered training seminars on fuel poverty; held a seminar with PLANED in Pembrokeshire on asset transfer and devolution of services and ran two seminars with Wales Audit Office on Land Transfer and Asset Devolution*; additionally successfully completed a Climate Adaptation project with Cardiff University funded via an Environment Wales grant
- *Area Committees* continue to play an influential role locally, with many appointments to Local Service Boards, Local Development Plan Stakeholder Groups, Rural Development Partnerships, Standards Committees and the like now being proposed by Area Committees. One Voice Wales has become much more visible at the local level

We will, of course, continue to provide, develop and update the following:

- **Provision of free legal advice** from a team of experienced Solicitors which can save members significant time and cost compared with using local solicitors for advice (These savings can in many cases exceed the membership that is payable)
- **Quality and timely advice and support service** on topics that is relevant to member councils.
- **Training** for members and staff, including policy seminars and new working opportunities.
- **General information via our website including a members' area.**
- Quarterly editions of our newsletter "*The Voice*".
- **Representation** of the sector on the Local Government Partnership Council.
- Create **new opportunities for collaboration** with national organisations across Wales.

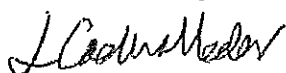
The training and development agenda is another area where much progress has been made during 2014-15. Under the auspices of the *National Training Advisory Group*, chaired by One Voice Wales, we have continued to refine and develop and extend our training provision to the community and town council sector including a successful bid to Welsh Government for support to update and improve the content of our training materials. Once again the breadth of our training programme has been extended and will be available to members throughout the year Furthermore our *Consultancy Services* have been growing at a pace with many councils taking advantage of this service. We are increasingly able to provide 'One Stop Shop' solutions for our members and have supported our councils on *community planning exercises, accountancy and internal audit, HR and personnel matters including representation at Industrial Tribunals*, assisted in *policy development and health and safety* – and at *costs significantly below market rates*. Please contact the Ammanford Office if you would like further details on how we can support you through these services.

I hope that this summary of current and future developments has demonstrated that One Voice Wales continues to do all it can to represent the sector and provide a high class information and support service for our members.

In order for your council to continue to have a voice in the future of this vital sector of local government, and to benefit from the support provided by One Voice Wales, please complete the enclosed Membership Form and return to Tracy Gilmartin-Ward at our office in Ammanford. If you have any further queries relating to membership, please contact the office on 01269 595400 or email: admin@onevoicewales.org.uk

I trust that your Council will give this invitation full consideration and I hope to be able to welcome you into membership shortly. I look forward to working with your council in 2015-16.

Yours sincerely,



Lyn Cadwallader
Chief Executive

ONE VOICE WALES
The Voice of Community & Town Councils
Membership Form

Please enter all details in block letters and return original form for our records

Date:

I write to inform you that my Council has decided to join One Voice Wales for 2015/16

Clerk to the Council Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss (Delete as applicable)

Signed: Please print name:

Name & Address of Council - Enter any amendments clearly alongside

Mr Peter Mullen, Clerk
Gwersyllt Community Council
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Please inform us if any of the above details change

Please tick the preferred language for future correspondence:

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Membership Fee: **£1062**

Based on **3849** chargeable dwellings @ **0.276p** per dwelling
(Based on Valuation List, not Electoral Register)

Please make cheque payable to **One Voice Wales**
Bank details - Account number: 16689360 Sort code: 30-94-85

Please return the form to the following address:
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ITEM 8

Dear Mr Mullen,

I am writing with regards to the project I am currently undertaking in commemoration of World War One in these Centenary years. I am a Teacher of History at Ysgol Bryn Alyn, Gwersyllt and we have numerous projects underway to commemorate the one hundred year anniversary of World War One. In June 2014 was awarded a £1000 grant from the Welsh Government t i part of a Secondary school initiative to aid commemoration work. So far I have organised a project that is currently underway in collaboration with Wrexham Museum and also Oriel Wrexham as well as a local artist. Firstly, 14 year 9 pupils and I spent a day at Wrexham Museum learning about the War, local involvement and enjoyed the collections at the Museum. Currently we are at the second stage of the project whereby we are creating Ceramic poppies with local artist Sara-Jane Harper. At the time I write this letter, 26th January 2015, we have spent one half day at the Oriel in Wrexham and we have created the poppies. Next Friday, the 30th January we will spend our second half day at the Oriel in order to pain the poppies. We plan to hold an opening ceremony at Wrexham museum as we will have a display case containing our art work and also work from the rest of the year group. This project is extremely exciting and the pupils have greatly enjoyed it so far, as have I. We will keep the display work after the Museum case has been changed and display it at the school, as well as contacting the local media to cover the story as it is a fantastic opportunity to involve the local community.

As well as this, the History Department, Horticulture and Prince's Trust departments of the school created a beautiful Mosaic for the outside garden within the school which commemorates the Centenary with poppies and a written remembrance sentence. I must thank Avril Burn's the Horticulture teacher for organising this as it looks fantastic.

So far costs have included 2 days teacher cover for the Museum/Art project, 2 days hire of Sara-Jane Harper to create the ceramic poppies plus material costs. The mosaic was created with minimal costs apart from work done by staff.

As for future plans, I would love to create the ambiance of a Remembrance Garden alongside the Mosaic and this would include a Remembrance bench with a plaque with a few words of commemoration to the people who lost their lives during the First World War. Although I am grateful for the grant I was awarded by the Government, the bench would possibly mean that I would have no money left over whatsoever and so the Project would have to finalise instead of ensuring that the Commemoration money can be spent over a few years to ensure the message is truly entrenched.

Yours Sincerely,

Sarah Liddell

Teacher of History

Ysgol Bryn Alyn

Gwersyllt

GWERSYLLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE PERIOD 1 MARCH TO 30 JUNE 2015

MARCH 2015

SUBJECT MATTER	PURPOSE/DECISION REQUIRED	COMMENTS
Wrexham County Borough Council's Budget Reductions	To consider any issues for the Community Council arising from the County Borough Council's budget reductions.	
Internal Audit of the Council's Activities	To inform Members of the arrangements for the internal audit of the Council's activities if known.	
Grants Scheme to Help Gifted and Talented Young People	To consider a scheme for implementation.	
Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Plan	To review the existing plan and update it as necessary.	
Annual Formal Risk Assessment	To carry out the Council's Annual Risk Assessment	

GWERSYLLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE PERIOD 1 MARCH TO 30 JUNE 2015

APRIL 2015

SUBJECT MATTER	PURPOSE/DECISION REQUIRED	COMMENTS
Wrexham County Borough Council's Budget Reductions	To consider any issues for the Community Council arising from the County Borough Council's budget reductions.	
Internal Audit of the Council's Activities	To update Members.	
Policing Priorities	To review the agreed priorities and set priorities for the next 3 months (i.e. as from 1 May 2015).	
Statement of Income and Expenditure and Bank Reconciliation for the Final Quarter of the Financial Year 2014/2015	To consider the quarterly statement and review the Council's financial position.	
Gwersyllt Outreach Project	To receive monitoring information on the project.	
Annual Investment Strategy	To consider the possible investment of part of the Council's reserves.	

GWERSYLLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE PERIOD 1 MARCH TO 30 JUNE 2015

MAY 2015

SUBJECT MATTER	PURPOSE/DECISION REQUIRED	COMMENTS
Wrexham County Borough Council's Budget Reductions	To consider any issues for the Community Council arising from the County Borough Council's budget reductions.	
Internal Audit of the Council's Activities	To update Members.	
Projects to Commemorate the 100 th Anniversary of the Outbreak of the First World War	To receive an update on progress.	

GWERSYLLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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JUNE 2015

SUBJECT MATTER	PURPOSE/DECISION REQUIRED	COMMENTS
Wrexham County Borough Council's Budget Reductions	To consider any issues for the Community Council arising from the County Borough Council's budget reductions.	
Internal/External Audit of the Council's Activities	To update Members.	

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Frack Free Wrexham

ITEM 15

From: **Borras Head** (borrashead@mail.com)

Sent: 11 January 2015 12:30:32

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1 attachment

20 - Impacts of Shale Oil & Gas Exploration..pdf (134.4 KB)

Frack Free Wrexham.

Dear Clerk,

I write to you on behalf of Frack Free Wrexham, a large group of campaigners/activists who oppose the exploratory drilling for (allegedly) coal bed methane and (more likely) shale gas at Borras Head Farm, Borras. We and thousands of others across the UK object to this dirty and dangerous form of unconventional gas extraction. We further welcome the motion passed by Caia Park Community Council lastweek to declare their area Frack Free and to call upon Wrexham Council and the Welsh Government to do likewise. We believe that if other Community Councils follow Caia Park's lead we could have significant influence on decision maker's both local and national with a likelihood that the message would gain traction and support. Copied below is the actual wording of the motion unanimously passed by Caia Park Community Council on the 8th January 2015. We attach for your information a pdf document outlining 20-Impacts of Shale Oil/Gas Exploration which we hope you will circulate so as to inform your debate.

We very much hope your respective community council can see their way to pass this motion (or similar), so that the residents of this County Borough continue to lead a healthy lifestyle in a pleasant and safe environment.

We would also be grateful if you could advise us in due course of the result of your deliberations.

Yours sincerely,

Frack Free Wrexham.

Motion Passed by Caia Park Community Council 8/1/15

This council recognises the concerns of local residents regarding plans to drill for unconventional gas in the Wrexham area. The drilling process, which may or may not involve hydraulic fracturing ('fracking'), involves pumping a toxic cocktail of chemicals and high-pressure water into the ground to free underground gas. This

process will

Risk pollution of our water supply

Endanger the health of local people and animals

Raise the danger of subsidence due to tremors caused by the process

Threaten the environment

Risk disturbing the last resting place of the victims of the Gresford Disaster of 1934.

The only fracking site in the UK has already encountered problems of leaking at the well and there are several well-documented cases in both the USA and Australia of the water table being polluted by leachate from the wells. Only last month, the mayor of New York banned fracking after a rigorous scientific study.

For these reasons, this council resolves:

To oppose fracking and the drilling for unconventional gas

To express support for the protection camp and local residents peacefully resisting the test drilling at Borrass Head Farm, Commonwood, Wrexham.

To write to Wrexham Council supporting the decision of its planning committee to refuse planning permission and calling for Wrexham to be declared a Frack-Free zone.

To declare Caia Park a Frack-Free zone.

To call on the Welsh Government to declare a Frack-Free Wales and do all within its powers to enforce that.