
LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

Meeting of Llay Community Council to be held on **Wednesday** 17th January 2018 at Llay Resource Centre, Llay, at 6.30 pm.

1. APOLOGIES/DOI's
2. APPROVE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER MEETING
3. QUESTION PERIOD
4. MATTERS ARISING
 - a. Red Telephone boxes re-list (RW/All)
5. NEW MATTERS NOT PREVIOUSLY LISTED
 - a. Consider CCTV Options for Llay (PCSO/All).
 - b. Car Park Charges at Alyn Waters (DA)
 - c. Kingdom Security Ltd & lack of visits to Llay (DA).
6. POLICE MATTERS
7. FINANCE AND APPEALS
 - a. Approve Finance figures for December (All).
 - b. Investment Strategy to confirm for 2018/2019.
 - c. Authorisation for Staff Salaries/Councillor Expenses.
8. STREET LIGHTING
9. PLANNING
10. BURIAL MATTERS
 - a. Inspection Report for Jan (SR/SW)
11. REPORTS
12. NEWS/WEBSITE UPDATE
13. CORRESPONDENCE

Mark J Williams

Clerk to Llay Community Council

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REPORT TO:	Executive Board
REPORT NO:	HEP/11/18
DATE:	9 January 2018
LEAD MEMBER:	Councillor David A Bithell (Place - Environment and Transport)
CONTACT OFFICER:	Darren Williams (Tel: 729629)
SUBJECT:	Charges for Disabled Parking and Parking in Country Parks
WARD:	All

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To seek Executive Board approval for the introduction of car parking charges at Nant Mill, Alyn Waters and Ty Mawr Country Parks and for disabled parking on all Council-operated car parks where charges apply.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 In response to the need to make savings over the next two years, the Environment and Planning Department has put forward a number of cost saving and income generation initiatives that minimise impact on the delivery of statutory and other essential frontline services; including charging for parking in Country Parks and disabled spaces in Council-operated car parks.
- 2.2 These initiatives were included in the recent 'Difficult Decisions' consultation exercise and the response received has generally been supportive of the proposal.
- 2.3 Members are asked to approve the introduction of parking charges from 3 April 2018 in Nant Mill, Alyn Waters and Ty Mawr Country Parks and on disabled parking spaces in all Council-operated off-street parking areas where charges apply.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members authorise the Head of Environment and Planning in consultation with the Lead Member for Environment and Transport to undertake the necessary statutory legal consultation required for the implementation of the following from 3 April 2018:**
- a) a daily charge of £1.00 for visitors to Nant Mill, Alyn Waters and Ty Mawr Country Parks together with the offer of a concessionary annual parking permit of £50.00.**
 - b) disabled parking charges in line with non-disabled tariffs across all Wrexham County Borough Council-operated car parks where charges apply with, as a concession, disabled blue badge holders being afforded one additional hour beyond the time paid for.**
- 3.2 The introduction of charging as detailed above in recommendation 3.1 to be subject to approval by Members of Full Council at the meeting scheduled for 21 February 2018.**

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) To provide additional sources of revenue income while ensuring, as far as is practicable, minimal impact on the delivery of statutory frontline services.**

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Disabled Parking Charges

- 4.1 The Council currently provides 'blue badge' parking for those people who are registered disabled. Blue badge holders can park for free in all Council car parks where charges apply. Whilst there is a statutory duty on the local authority to provide disabled parking spaces, it is not obliged to provide them free of charge.**
- 4.2 With an ageing population, the number of blue badge holders is expected to increase and with this the number of non-fee paying customers who require access to parking. Blue badge holders are currently afforded the following parking benefits:**
- a) Designated disabled spaces in the most convenient and accessible location within the Council's car parks.**
 - b) Exemption from on-street limited waiting parking bay restrictions, such as those found on Chester Street, Town Hill and Egerton Street.**
 - c) Parking on single/double yellow lines up to 3 hours.**
 - d) Permitted access to unrestricted parking provision on High Street, Wrexham.**
 - e) Permitted access to the town centre (Mon to Fri up to 11:30 and after 17:00).**
 - f) Permitted access to the town centre (Sat up to 09:30 and after 17:00).**
 - g) Permitted access to the town centre (Sun up to 13:00 and after 17:00).**
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- 4.3 Whilst it is acknowledged that those who suffer poor mobility are not afforded the same travel opportunities or choices, the blue badge scheme is not financially means-tested and, therefore, there is no need to assume that those people who hold blue badges are unable to pay for parking. It is proposed, therefore, to revoke the entitlement to free car parking in all Council off-street operated car parks from the 3 April 2018.
- 4.4 Acknowledging that many disabled blue badge holders suffer with reduced mobility, a concession is proposed where fee paying disabled blue badge holders will be afforded one additional hour beyond the time paid for.

County Parks Car Park Charging

- 4.5 Wrexham Council manages a number of country parks within the County Borough. At present, these locations are not subject to parking restrictions and parking is offered free of charge to visitors.
- 4.6 It is proposed to introduce a daily charge of £1.00 for visitors to park at the following County Parks locations from the 3 April 2018.
- Alyn Waters, Gwersyllt
 - Alyn Waters, Llay
 - Nant Mill, Coedpoeth
 - Ty Mawr, Cefn Mawr
- 4.7 New pay and display machines will be installed at each location with the facility to pay cash, a mobile phone application or by phone call. In order to limit the financial impact on regular users of the Country Parks, it is proposed to introduce a season ticket at a cost of £50.00 per annum. Each season ticket issued will be registered to an individual vehicle identified by the registration plate and will be transferable for use in any of the Country Parks where charges are applied. Annual season tickets will be valid from the date of issue for a period of 12 months.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **Policy Framework** - The proposals outlined in this report have been formulated with regard to the Council Plan 2013-2017. These proposals have been put forward to minimise the impact on statutory frontline services which are essential to the delivery of the Council's key priority outcomes including:
- PL 2: Taking Pride in our Environment
 - PL 4: Well-connected and sustainable communities.
- 5.2 **Budget** - It is expected that the proposal to implement car parking charges at Nant Mill, Alyn Waters and Ty Mawr Country Parks together with the introduction of disabled parking charges across all Council-operated car parks will generate revenue income of £47,000 and £25,000 respectively.
- 5.3 **Legal** - Implementing the proposals will require the creation of a new Off-Street Parking Places Order for the Country Parks car parks and an amendment to the existing Off-Street Parking Place Orders which will be made in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and are
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enforced by Enforcement Officers pursuant to Powers under Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004. The Head of Environment and Planning has delegated powers in relation to:

- Sec 46 To arrange for the making of permanent Traffic Regulation Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended and to consider objections to permanent Traffic Regulation Orders in consultation with Local Members.
- Sec 53 To have responsibility for the management of the enforcement functions for parking contraventions, both on-street and off-street and any other contraventions covered by the road traffic and traffic management legislation, but excluding responsibility for setting parking charges and penalty charge levels.

5.4 **Staffing** - There are no WCBC staffing implications associated with these proposals.

5.5 **Equality/Human Rights** – Members are advised of their duty to consider the full Equality Impact Assessment (Enw/EIA00001/2014 - Country Parks and Enw/EIA00002/2014 - Disabled Blue Badge Charging). Members of the public can request a copy of the full assessment from the contact officer named in the header box of this report. A summary of the Equality Impact Assessment is attached as **Appendix A**.

Enw/EIA00002/2014 (Disabled Blue Badge Charging) - The Equality Impact Assessment has identified that the proposal to implement parking charges for disabled blue badge holders may impact negatively on those registered disabled who suffer from poor mobility, the impact being compounded for those on low income. To mitigate these effects, the report acknowledges the many parking concessions afforded to disabled blue badge holders and that the scheme is not financially means-tested. Acknowledging that some blue badge holders suffer with reduced mobility, a concession is proposed where fee paying blue badge holders will be afforded one additional hour beyond the time paid for.

Enw/EIA00001/2014 (Country Parks) - The Equality Impact Assessment has identified that the proposal to implement parking charges at Country Parks may impact negatively on the disabled and those living in poverty. By way of mitigation, parking charges will only apply during the hours of 09:00 to 17:00 with season tickets being available at a cost of £50.00 per annum for regular visitors to minimise the financial impact.

5.6 **Risks** - A number of risks have been identified which could impact upon the delivery and forecast estimates of revenue income generated:

- a lack of Member support for the introduction of the proposals to implement charges will mean that additional savings will need to be found from frontline services within the department.
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- the introduction of parking charges may result in the displacement of vehicles on to the public highway which may require mitigation in the form of additional parking management measures.
- the number of people using the car parks may decrease resulting in the estimated revenue income not being met.

6. **CONSULTATION** – The proposals outlined in this report formed part of the Council’s wider formal consultation exercise during October and November (Difficult Decisions 2018-2020) including a public consultation event held on 20 November 2017.

Further consultation will be undertaken with the public and key stakeholders as part of the statutory procedures for the creation and amendment of Off-Street Parking Places Orders. Subject to Executive Board approval of the report recommendations, this process will begin in earnest to ensure that all necessary procedures are completed in readiness for implementation on the 3 April 2018 ensuring a full year of savings is achieved.

7. **Evaluation of Options**

Option 1: To support the introduction of car parking charges at Nant Mill, Alyn Waters and Ty Mawr Country Parks together with the introduction of disabled parking charges across all Council-operated car parks where charges apply. This option would generate additional annual revenue to mitigate the impacts of reduced funding support from central government.

Option 2: To not support the introduction of one or either of the proposals to introduce charges at Nant Mill, Alyn Waters and Ty Mawr or disabled parking charges across all Council operated car parks where charges apply. This option would require additional savings to be found within the department which may impact on the delivery of essential front line services.

BACKGROUND PAPERS	LOCATION	WEBSITE INFO
None	N/A	N/A

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Dec 2017 Month Report

Executive Summary

Offences

- Litter Dep-Cigarette 268
- Dog Control-Dogs Exclusion 1
- Dogs on leads 0
- Litter Dep-Food 5
- Dog Control-Fouling 5
- Litter Dep-Other 10
- Printed litter 2
- Black Bag 0
- VOIDED TICKETS 0

Total: 291

Team Leader Review

We issued 291 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's) during the month of December 2017 .

We have received 0 representations. All of these have now been closed.

Officers have continued following up a number of requests which have proved to be Successful.



AREA

FPNS Issued

Brynyffynnon	<u>38</u>
Chirk North	<u>1</u>
Enddige	<u>1</u>
Grosvenor	<u>115</u>
Gwersyllt East/South	<u>1</u>
Holt	<u>8</u>
Maesydre	<u>27</u>
Offa	<u>11</u>
Overton	(1 for Dog Control) <u>1</u>
Queensway	(3 for Dog Control) <u>17</u>
Rossett	(1 for Dog Control) <u>2</u>
Smithfield	<u>43</u>
Whitegate	(1 for Dog Control) <u>6</u>

Visited Areas

Ward/Electoral Division	Number of times visited
Bronington	4
Overton	4
Marchweil	6
Holt	20
Rossett	4
Marford/Hoseley	6
Gresford East/West	3
Llay	4
Gwersyllt North	3
Gwersyllt East/South	3
Gwersyllt West	3
Bryn Cefn	3
New Broughton	3
Gwenfro	8



Brymbo	3
Minera	4
Coedpoeth	6
Eslusham	20
Johnstown	3
Pant	3
Ponciau	4
Penycae/Rusbon South	4
Penycae	4
Cefn	4
Plas Madoc	4
Rusbon	4
Little Acton	4
Borris Park	4
Maesydre	34
Rhosnesni	7
Acton	6
Cartrefle	6
Queenway	30
Smithfield	30
Whitegate	9
Garden Village	3
Stansty	3
Grosvenor	33
Brynyffynnon	32
Erdig	11
Hermitage	3
Offa	6
Chirk North	4
Chirk South	4
Ceiriog Valley	4
Llangollen Rural	4

December		
Park	Visited	Issued FPNs
Acton Park	6	0
BelleVue Park	8	0



Brynkinalt	4	0
Bonc yr Hafod Country Park	3	0
Clywedof Trail	3	0
Miners Country Park	2	0
Moss Valley Country Park	2	0
Nant Mill Country Park	2	0
Ponciau Banks	3	0
Stryt Las Country Park	3	0
Ty Mawr Country Park	3	0
Totals	43	0

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE MONTHLY FIGURES

DECEMBER RECEIPTS			
Receipt	Date	Transaction	Amount
	02-Dec	Roberts Bros Fees (S Jones)	80.00
	03-Dec	S Price Memorials Numerous Inscriptins	60.00
	08-Dec	Roberts Bros Fees (Rogers)	1,163.00
	10-Dec	Lloyds/Barclays Interest November (£3.28 + 1.07 + 15.55)	19.90
			1,322.90
DECEMBER PAYMENTS			
Cheque No.	Date	Transaction	Amount
	01-Dec	APH Signs for Rockery Map and Plinth	1,632.00
	03-Dec	WCBC Election Costs May 2017	2,209.03
	08-Dec	Plas Acton Cemetery Fuel Nov	32.71
	10-Dec	Scottish Power Streetlights Nov	1,213.56
	12-Dec	Lloyds Bank Charges November	8.45
	15-Dec	Community Fund Management Payments	100.00
	31-Dec	Clerks Expenses	70.83
			5,266.58

Bank Balances as at 31st December 2017

Lloyds Business Bank 30 Day Account (1197)	81,899.56
Lloyds Business Bank Instant (0477)	30,524.36
Lloyds Business Bank Extra (4015)	25,244.90
Barclays Community Account	75,703.34
TOTAL HELD	213,372.16

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