

Rossett Community Council Precept Statement 2016/17

The precept is the Community Council's share of the council tax. The precept demand goes to the billing authority, Wrexham County Borough Council, which collects the tax for the Community Council. The 'Precept' is converted into an amount per Council Tax Band that is added onto the Council Tax bill. Income and expenditure for the next financial year are calculated in the form of estimates. The net amount (the precept) is added to council tax, collected by the County Council and paid to community councils in two six-monthly instalments. Community Councils do not receive funds direct from the Welsh Government, as the County Council does.

The precept is used to fund the running of the Community Council and the services it provides for Rossett and Burton.

The expenditure of the Community Council for 2015/16 was approximately £59,000 this covered staff costs, the maintenance of the recreation ground and the public toilets, costs of street lighting (some street lighting is the responsibility of Wrexham County Borough Council) and donations to Community Organisations such as the Scouts, the Village Hall and Gresford Community Library. The precept levied for 2016/17 is £57,000, the only major variance against 2015/16 expenditure is in relation to street lighting costs which will increase in 2016/17 to cover the costs of additional streetlights planned for Harwoods Lane. Overall there is a slight reduction in the precept from that levied in 2015/16.

Traditionally a contingency sum has been included in the precept amount. However, this year we have removed this, as any unplanned emergency expenditure can be met from reserves.

| Category | 2015/16 Precept | 2015/16 Expenditure | 2016/17 Precept |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Admin | £12000.00 | £9220.00 (15/16) | £10000.00 (16/17) |
| Recreation Ground | £20000.00 | £22565.00 (15/16) | £20000.00 (16/17) |
| Toilets | £4000.00 | £3086.00 (15/16) | £4000.00 (16/17) |
| Public Lighting | £18000.00 | £9450.00 (15/16) | £18000 (16/17) |
| Donations | £4000.00 | £8987.00 (15/16) | £5000.00 (16/17) |
| Contingency | £3000.00 | £473.00 (15/16) | Zero (16/17) |
| Chair's Allowance | £100.00 | Zero (15/16) | Zero (16/17) |
| Totals | £61100.00 | £53781.00 (net) | £57000.00 |