**Rossett Community Council Precept Statement 2019/20**

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 three four-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 forecast expenditure of the Community Council for 2018/19 is approximately £70,000 this covers staff costs, the maintenance of the recreation ground and grass cutting, street cleaning, 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 total expenditure also includes one-off costs of £7,000 for the project to consider refurbishment of the toilet block (for which a grant was received for 70%), £2,100 contribution for 5 a-side goals and £2,500 for works required to trees within Rossett playground. These will be funded from the Community Development Fund allocated from Council reserves.

The precept level to be levied for 2019/20 is £65,300. The **decrease** in the precept is due to a Councillor allowance being unclaimed for the current financial year so this amount (£2,100) will be held in reserves to ensure this can be offered in the next financial year. The Community Council will be progressing the updating the CCTV at Burton estimated at £4,000 along with additional tree works at Rossett Playground estimated at £2,000 however, these will be funded via the Community Development Fund allocated from Council reserves. The Community Council will continue to endeavor it achieves ‘best value’ for the services and equipment purchased and by achieving savings this will allow flexibility within the budget for Community events i.e Big Lunch, Village Awards, Christmas Tree Event and the running of the Community Café. The Community Council will progress the conversion of street lighting to LED which will provide substantial energy savings however, a seven year interest free loan will be secured from Salix for the initial capital costs. The on-going savings in energy will be utilized to repay the loan. Once again we have not included a contingency in the precept as the Council is confident that any unplanned emergency expenditure can be met from reserves.

**Category 2018/19 2018/19 2019/20**

 **Precept Est. Expenditure Precept**

Admin £15,700 £25,500 (£7k Cadw Clywd) £17,700

Recreation Ground £25,820 £22,500 £24,820

Toilets £1,030 £1,000 £1,030

Public Lighting £12,900 £10,500 £10,900

Donations £5,150 £5,150 £5,150

Street Cleaning £4,700 £6,000 £5,700

Councillor Allowance £2,100 0 0

**Totals £67,400 £70,650 £65,300**