

30 April 2019

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the **YOUTH COMMITTEE** of Acton Community Council to be held in the **Little Acton Community Centre**, The Green, Little Acton, Wrexham LL12 8BH on **TUESDAY next 7 May 2019 at 6:30pm**.

Yours Sincerely

Carole Roberts

Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

The disclosure must include the nature of the interest. If you become aware, during the course of a meeting, of an interest that has not been disclosed under this item you must immediately disclose it. You may remain in the meeting and take part fully in discussion and voting unless the interest is prejudicial.

A personal interest is prejudicial if a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard it as so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgment of the public interest and it relates to a financial or regulatory matter.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: To confirm the attached Minutes of the Meeting of the Youth Committee held on 9 January 2018 as submitted and endorsed at the Meeting of the Community Council on 19 February 2019

4. INFORMATION ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE: (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The Youth Committee was re-appointed at the Annual Community Council meeting held on 15 May 2018 with the following **Terms of Reference**:

1. To review and develop options from 2018/19 onwards to enable future Service providers to provide Pilot or other Youth Projects across any of the five Acton Community Wards ensuring they are fit for purpose and reflect the requirements of the Community Council and current best practice;
2. To receive and monitor from existing and any future Service providers, reports to the Community Council on any subsequent projects to include performance monitoring reports to ensure the Service Specification is being met and such Projects represent good value for money;
3. To monitor the reporting requirements contained within the Service Level Agreements with the Caia Park Partnership to provide a Pilot Youth Work Projects for 14-18 year olds until 30 September 2018 (*subject to review by the Youth Committee) and a Youth Work Project for 8 – 13 year olds until 31 March 2019 for one session of Youth Work per Project per week at the Acton Community Resource Centre; and
4. To bring any concerns about the performance or effectiveness of any future Provider or Project immediately to the attention of the full Council.

The Council at its meeting held on 19 February 2019 resolved that the Youth Committee's recommendations from its meeting held on 29 January 2019 be endorsed as follows:-

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actoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com with any apologies or requests for further information.

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1. to extend the remit and terms of reference for the Youth Committee as follows:

“to investigate and report its findings and recommendations back to the Council on the feasibility of implementing the Recommendations of the 2018 Borrás Park Play Sufficiency Assessment with focus initially on zero or minimal cost projects that can build on their success unless Wrexham County Borough Council Officers are able to identify funding for larger projects as part of its “Play Pledge”; and

2. In the first instance, the primary focus of the Youth Committee shall be on Recommendations 2 and 3 from the 2018 Play Sufficiency Assessment namely :-

i- To develop a program of community activities, events and projects to be carried out in partnership with Wrexham CBC, the Acton Park Seasonal Park Ranger and established Community Groups such as the Friends of Acton Park; and

ii- to press for the Local Education Authority and Schools themselves to enable and permit access to school grounds during evenings, weekends and school holidays to enable young people to play safely and away from traffic in their own neighbourhood.

6. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS –YOUTH WORK PROJECTS: To receive and consider information provided at the meeting by representatives of the Caia Park Partnership in respect of the following matters:-

1. YOUTH WORK PROJECT - YOUTH CLUB 8 - 13 AGE GROUP: To consider the Year end performance monitoring report to 31 March 2019 on the operation of this Service Level Agreement which commenced on 1 May 2017 with the Caia Park Partnership to provide a Youth Work Pilot Project until at least 31 March 2020 for one session per week focussed on working with 8-13 year olds at the Acton Community Resource Centre. (Annual Report to follow)

2. NEW YOUTH WORK PILOT PROJECT FOR 2018/19 - YOUTH CLUB 14 – 18 AGE GROUP: To consider the Year end performance monitoring report to 31 March 2019 on the operation of this Service Level Agreement which commenced on 1 April 2018 with the Caia Park Partnership and that will provide a Youth Work Pilot Project until at least 31 March 2020 for one session per week focussed on working with 14-18 year olds at the Acton Community Resource Centre. (Annual Report to follow)

7. BORRAS PARK PLAY SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT: Further to Minute 24 January 2019, to receive an update from Jay Davies and Gareth Stacey , Wrexham County Borough Council Play Development Officers on progress that can be made in implementing recommendations 2 and 3 of the 2018 Borrás Park Play Sufficiency Assessment

TO: MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE: Chair and Vice Chair, Councillors Kevin Roberts and Paul Jones together with Councillors Mike Davies, Mrs. Anne Evans, Ms Sian Hope, Ms Sharon Jarvis, Darren Picken, and Ms Lynne Williams. (1 vacancy)

TO: ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION

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Minutes of the YOUTH COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 29 January 2019 at the Little Acton Community Centre, The Green, Little Acton, Wrexham

Present:	Councillor	Mike Davies *
	“	Mrs Anne Evans
	“	Ralph Hardy *
	“	Sian Hope *
	“	Sharon Jarvis (Vice Chair)
	“	Paul Jones *
	“	Darren Picken *
	“	Kevin Roberts (Chair)
	“	Lynne Williams

* Absent

Also Present:	Mr Jay Davies Wrexham CBC Play Development Team
	Mr Jon Stumpp, Caia Park Partnership
	Ms Julie Jones , Youth Club Senior Worker
	Mrs Carole Roberts, Clerk to the Council

19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were given on behalf of Councillors Mike Davies, Ralph Hardy, Sian Hope and Darren Picken.

20 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest made at this stage of the proceedings.

21 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Youth Committee meeting held on 30 October 2018 (as submitted and endorsed at the Community Council meeting on 20 November 2018) be received and confirmed as a correct record.

22 INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES

MINUTE 14.1.ii)- PROVISION OF POOL AND TABLE TENNIS TABLES TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE ATTENDING THE ACTON YOUTH CLUB AND DROP IN SESSIONS: It was noted that the presentation of this equipment had been made to the children on 9 January 2019 and a press release would be issued shortly.

23 TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Youth Committee noted its terms of reference as approved at the Annual Community Council meeting held on 15 May 2018.

24 BORRAS PARK PLAY SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT

The Chair welcomed Mr Jay Davies from the Wrexham County Borough Council’s Play Development Team who was in attendance to provide advice on how the Play Assessment recommendations can be progressed and financed given the Community Council’s lack of ownership of land in the Borrass Park Ward and that there is no specific provision in the Community Council’s budget. (Minute 91 November 2018 refers)

Members noted the background considerations resulting in this Study being undertaken. In general children are not seen out playing in the Borrass Park Ward mainly due to parental concern about the heavy

vehicular traffic on the estate roads, the lack of formal play facilities and sufficient free time for children to play. During the debate the following was highlighted with Mr Davies:-

- Parents are key to enabling change and providing consent for children to play locally
- Consideration must be given to how playing on the young people's "doorstep" can be normalised
- Reference was made to the Wrexham CBC "Play Pledge" and how this is being implemented at a County level and the outcomes envisaged for the Acton Community. A copy of the 2016 Play Sufficiency assessment should be provided. It was acknowledged that a three year review is due shortly
- Concerns were expressed at the ongoing cost of arranging for temporary Street closures to enable play on the estate roads and whether this will represent good value if in fact there is any money available
- The preferred option is to press the Local Education Authority and Schools themselves to allow access to school grounds during evenings, weekends and school holidays to enable young people to play safely away from traffic in their own neighbourhood; this option will be more acceptable and comfortable for parents and will not incur huge costs
- Any option must be achievable, affordable and acceptable to parents, the community and young people themselves
- Small low cost Pilot projects that can build on success are preferable to expensive one off events
- Unused parcels of land and highway should be looked at by Wrexham CBC as potential areas where the concept of "Wheelie Bin Volunteering" can be provided by parents and others after appropriate training.

RESOLVED - that

i) The Council be requested to extend the remit and terms of reference for the Youth Committee as follows:

"to investigate and report its findings and recommendations back to the Council on the feasibility of implementing the Recommendation of the 2018 Borrass Park Play Sufficiency Assessment with focus initially on zero or minimal cost projects that can build on their success unless Wrexham County Borough Council Officers are able to identify funding for larger projects as part of its "Play Pledge"

ii) To recommend to the Council that in the first instance the primary focus of the Committee be on Recommendations 2 and 3 from the 2018 Play Sufficiency Assessment namely :-

iii- To develop a program of community activities, events and projects to be carried out in partnership with Wrexham CBC, the Acton Park Seasonal Park Ranger and established Community Groups such as the Friends of Acton Park

iv- to press for the Local Education Authority and Schools themselves to enable and permit access to school grounds during evenings, weekends and school holidays to enable young people to play safely and away from traffic in their own neighbourhood

25 SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS – PILOT PROJECTS

The Committee received and considered the detailed reports provided by the Caia Park Partnership Youth Team giving information and updates in respect of the following matters:

1. YOUTH WORK PROJECT - YOUTH CLUB 8 - 13 AGE GROUP: Further to Minute 25.1 January 2018, the Committee considered the third 2018/19 SLA performance monitoring report to 31 December 2018 on the operation of this Service Level Agreement which commenced on 1 May 2017 with the Caia Park Partnership and provides a Youth Work Project for one session per week focussed on working with 8-13 year olds at the Acton Community Resource Centre.

During consideration of the Report the following matters were highlighted: -

- Youth Club attendance figures including the residing ward of individuals, explanations for the management and ratio of other attendees not in Acton Community Wards, the number of individual members by gender and age, learning and accredited outcomes

- Consistent good behaviour and rewarding regular attendees for their voluntary participation and the day trip planned for 9 February 2019 to Glan Llyn
- Ownership for the activities and areas of work identified by the young people themselves including interactive activities cook and eat sessions, Halloween party, arts and crafts activities and informal accredited learning sessions
- There has been an increase in self-directed interactions over card games or listening to music which are important to social development in adolescence

RESOLVED – that the Caia Park Partnership be thanked for the ongoing successful operation and outcomes of the 8-13 year olds Service Level Agreement and the report as now submitted in accordance with the Service Level Agreement, be accepted.

2. YOUTH WORK PILOT PROJECT FOR 2018/19 - YOUTH CLUB 14 – 18 AGE GROUP: Further to Minute 25.2 January 2018 this Pilot Service Level Agreement commenced on 1 April 2018. The Committee received the third quarter end update Performance monitoring report from the Caia Park Partnership Representatives on the operation and activities for this Youth Work Pilot Project on working with 14-18 year olds as extended to 31 March 2019. The Youth Workers have continued to focus on setting up for sessions and heading out on detached work if numbers are low. There is now some interest and requests for a pool table and trips. Social media and marketing is planned to highlight the split of age group and change of times together with publicity now the Pool and Table Tennis tables have been provided by the Community Council.

RESOLVED –

- i) to accept the report and thank the Caia Park Partnership Officers for their continued efforts to ensure a successful outcome for this Pilot Project; and***
- ii) A further monitoring report after the end of quarter four is submitted by the Caia Park Partnership to the next Youth Committee proposed for Tuesday 5 May 2019***

Councillor Kevin Roberts
Presiding Chair

Signed as a correct record this 7th day of May 2019

Presiding Chair