

5 February 2025

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend a **HYBRID MEETING** of the **YOUTH COMMITTEE** of **ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL** to be held in accordance with Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 on **Wednesday 12 FEBRUARY 2025** at **6.30pm**. The Meeting will be held in the **TRAINING ROOM** at **ACTON COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE**, Overton Way, Acton, Wrexham LL12 7LB.

For anyone unable to join the meeting in person, you can join the Zoom Meeting online using this [hyperlink to join the hybrid Youth Committee meeting on Wednesday 12 February 2025](#) or use the Meeting ID: 881 1903 3628 and Passcode: 080973. Please note that the Meeting and those participating will be recorded. The business to be transacted is as set out in the agenda below.

Yours sincerely

Carole Roberts

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer 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 Minutes of the Meeting of the Youth Committee held on 13 November 2024, as submitted to the Meeting of the Community Council on 20 November 2024 (Copy attached)

4. INFORMATION ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MINUTE 15 TERMS OF REFERENCE: Additional powers added to the Youth Committee Terms of Reference.

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE: (FOR INFORMATION ONLY): The Youth Committee was re-appointed at the Annual Community Council meeting held in May 2024 with the attached **Terms of Reference**:

6. PLAY SUFFICIENCY PROJECT WITH WREXHAM CBC FOR STAFFED PLAY PROVISION IN THE ACTON COMMUNITY: The Play Development Team have been invited to attend the meeting to give an update on this Project. (Report attached)

- 7. ACTON YOUTH WORK PROJECTS – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS:** To receive and consider the Q3 Report and other information to be provided at the meeting by representatives of the Caia Park Partnership in respect of performance monitoring to 30 December 2024 on the operation of this Service Level Agreement for the provision of an Open Access Youth Service. (Report attached)
- 8. PROVISION FOR LONGER TERM FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO YOUTH ORGANISATIONS/GROUPS IN THE ACTON COMMUNITY:** To consider whether the Youth Committee wishes to make any grants under the Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. Details attached.

TO: MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE: Chair and Vice-chair of the Council, Councillors Kevin Roberts (ex officio) and Ralph Hardy (ex officio) together with Councillors Trevor Coxon, Anne Evans, Andy Gallanders, Holly Hewitt, Corin Jarvis, and Phil Lloyd. 1 vacancy

PLEASE NOTE: THE AGENDA IS ALSO BEING CIRCULATED TO ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION

Minutes of the Hybrid YOUTH COMMITTEE meeting held on Wednesday 13 November 2024.

Present:	Councillor	Kevin Roberts (Chair)
	"	Trevor Coxon
	"	Anne Evans
	"	Andy Gallanders
	"	Holly Hewitt
	"	Corin Jarvis
	"	Phil Lloyd
	"	Girtz Ozolins *

* Absent

Also Present: Mr Morgan Peters, Welsh Youth Parliament Candidate
Ms Dawn Wilson, Financial Support Applicant
Ms Karianne Harston, Wrexham CBC Play Development Team
Mr Jon Stumpp, Caia Park Partnership
Mrs. Carole Roberts, Acton Community Council
Mrs. Michelle Williams, Acton Community Council

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Girtz Ozolins.

12. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations made at this stage of the proceedings.

13. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the hybrid Youth Meeting held on 31 July 2024, as submitted to the Meeting of the Community Council on 18 September 2024 were received and confirmed as a correct record.

14. INFORMATION FROM THE 31 JULY 2024 MINUTES

1. MINUTE 10: URGENT ISSUE RAISED BY MEMBERS: Members were informed of and noted the immediate actions taken and assurances that had been provided by both Play Providers in response to the tragic incident at Southport. The present position was noted.

15. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Youth Committee was re-appointed at the Annual Community Council meeting held in May 2024. The Clerk indicated that the Terms of Reference items 10 should be clarified and strengthened so as to enable the Youth Committee to determine and to approve Youth grants from the £5,000 budget allocated to the Committee for such purposes and have power to act.

RESOLVED – to recommend to the Council that specific delegated powers be given to the Youth Committee from the next quarter and going forward so that in future the Youth Committee is allowed to determine, agree and act on youth grant decisions and expenditure from the £5,000 budget specifically allocated to the Youth Committee.

16. PLAY SUFFICIENCY PROJECT WITH WREXHAM CBC FOR STAFFED PLAY PROVISION IN THE ACTON COMMUNITY

The Chair welcomed Karianne Harston, Wrexham Play Development Team to the Meeting. Members considered the Quarter 2 performance monitoring report on the operation of and attendance at this Play Sufficiency Project. It was noted that this play provision was still working well with the number of children attending increasing. The Chair commented on the benefits of providing lighting at the site now that the evenings were becoming darker earlier. The workers carried portable lamps with them and the Chair offered to provide access to Little Acton Community Centre to access an electricity supply for external lighting.

Members discussed the staffed play provision for 2025/2026, and gave consideration to a letter from the Play Development Team setting out the £10,177 annual cost for this service for 2025/26 as well as setting out the benefits of a three year Service Level Agreement to ensure consistency and reliability of attendance and establishing stronger relationships with children, their families and playworkers. Members indicated they would wish to continue receiving quarterly progress reports at each Youth Committee meeting so as to work together with the Community Council and Play Development Team.

The letter also set out other options for seasonally based provision to be negotiated with each Community Council. The Community Council's intentions have been requested as soon as practicable. It was noted that there is a cost of £2,036.30 for 1 session per week throughout the Easter, Whit, Summer & October school holidays (equaling a total of 10 sessions excluding bank holidays & national Playday).

Councillor Gallanders requesting the Committee to consider trialling the option of 1 play session on a set day during half-terms and summer holidays at the cost stated above and at a location to be agreed in the Rhosnesni, side of the Acton Community at either the Fairways or Goulbourne.

RESOLVED –

- i. To accept the update and Quarter 2 SLA report as now submitted;*
- ii. That a further SLA monitoring report after the end of quarter three be submitted by Wrexham CBC Play Development Officers to the next Youth Committee Meeting expected to be arranged for 12 February 2025*
- iii. TO RECOMMEND TO THE COUNCIL that, the Council enter into a three-year Service Level Agreement with Wrexham CBC Play Development Team for the staffed play provision at Little Acton to continue at two hours per session, the cost for 2025/25 to be £10,177.76 and subsequent years of the Agreement to be increased by inflation or the pay award costs; and*
- iv. TO RECOMMEND TO THE COUNCIL that, the Council enters into an agreement with Wrexham CBC Play Development Team to provide pilot sessions in a suitable location to be agreed. at cost of £2,036.30 for 1 session per week throughout the Easter, Whit, Summer & October school holidays (total of 10 sessions excluding bank holidays & national Playday), and quarterly reports be provided to enable the Youth Committee to monitor progress and adjust accordingly*

17. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS – ACTON YOUTH WORK PROJECTS

The Chair welcomed Jon Stumpp to the Meeting. Members considered the report circulated prior to the meeting, in respect of the Quarter 2 performance monitoring to 30 September 2024, on the operation of this Service Level Agreement for the provision of an Open Access Youth Service at the Acton Community Resource Centre. The report set out in detail updates on the Acton Juniors and Acton Seniors, and positive outcomes from activities organized by staff.

Jon Stumpp confirmed that the numbers of children attending were slightly lower but this was a natural ebb and flow and balance between age groups and consistent attendance and was nothing to

be concerned about. Members noted that one member of staff had left and another was due to leave shortly. Members were reassured that the provision would not be affected, and there would not be a break in service delivery or the quality of service provision. It was noted that previously trips for the children had been paid for by monies from previous years budgets.

Members discussed the service provision for 2025/2026 and referred to the earlier decision for the staffed play provision and noted the benefits of a three year Service Level Agreement to ensure consistency and reliability of attendance and establishing stronger relationships with children and staff.

RESOLVED –

- i. To accept the update and report as now submitted and*
- ii. That a further monitoring report after the end of quarter three be submitted by the Caia Park Partnership to the next Youth Committee Meeting expected to be arranged for 12 February 2025.*
- iii. TO RECOMMEND TO THE COUNCIL that, subject to the confirmation of costs for 2025/2026, the Council enter into a three-year Service Level Agreement with Caia Park Partnership and subsequent years of the Agreement to be increased by inflation or the pay award costs; and*
- iv. TO RECOMMEND TO THE COUNCIL that an additional amount of £500 for organized trips be included within the SLA for 2025/2026 onwards, this amount to be released upon receipt of a formal letter/presentation and request from the young people to the Youth Committee.*

18. PROVISION FOR LONGER TERM FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO YOUTH ORGANISATIONS/GROUPS IN THE ACTON COMMUNITY

Members received the Clerk's report detailing the Youth Grant applications received for financial support from Youth Organisations/Groups in the Acton Community from the £5,000 budget specifically allocated to the Committee. Members then proceeded to consider the following two applications received during the present quarter:

- 1. BORRAS PARK ALBION U14 YELLOW TEAM:** The Chair welcomed Dawn Wilson to the meeting and invited her to discuss her application. Ms Wilson provided background information on the history of and provided approximate costings for the purchase of winter training trousers, tops and accessories.
- 2. CPD DINAS WREXHAM:** The Committee noted that this applicant had not been able to attend the meeting and was unable to answer some of the questions members wished to ask about the application.

RESOLVED –

- i) TO RECOMMEND TO THE COUNCIL that, a conditional grant of £1,000 be made towards the costs of purchasing a winter training kit for the Borrass Park Albion U14 Yellow Team subject to confirmation from Borrass Park Albion Football Club that the Youth Committee's grant monies will be ring fenced and allocated to this particular team; and*
- ii) To defer consideration of the application submitted by CPD Dinas Wrexham to the next Youth Committee meeting on 12 February 2025, to enable the applicant to attend the meeting and respond to Members questions.*

Councillor Kevin Roberts Chair

Signed as a correct record this 12 February 2025

Presiding Chair

**ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL – YOUTH COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE
(FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

- 1) To **keep under** review and develop **emerging** options 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 Youth Work Projects for 8-18 year olds for two sessions of Youth Work for 8-12 & 13-18 year olds per week at the Acton Community Resource Centre.
- 4) To bring any concerns about the performance or effectiveness of the current and any future Provider or Project immediately to the attention of the full Council.
- 5) 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”;
- 6) In the first instance, the primary focus of the Youth Committee shall be on Recommendations 2 and 3 from the 2018 Play Sufficiency Assessment (WCBC) namely :-
 - i- To develop a program of community activities, events and projects to be carried out in partnership with Wrexham CBC, the Acton 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.
- 7) To receive quarterly updates and monitoring reports on the progress and success of the Acton Play Sufficiency Project from the WCBC Play Development Team.
- 8) The scope of the Service Level Agreement with the Caia Park Partnership can be extended to encompass any emergency Detached Youth Work in response to any Measures or similar that may be put in place to ensure continued service delivery of the Projects that may have to be held outdoors in accordance with National and Welsh Government advice and guidance and in order to react to any emerging risks in the future.
- 9) To consider and review parameters to receive and consider applications for funding from Acton Community Youth Organisations/Groups that will enable them to remain viable or provide financial support for special project for a set number of years [Approved by Council in September 2023 Minute 53.2)i) refers]
- 10) To receive presentations from eligible Youth Groups based in the Acton Community each quarter and to approve Grants with longer term funding (subject to annual review) from within the £5,000 budget allocation specifically set for such purposes and as per the Criteria agreed by the Youth Committee on 25 October 2023. [Minute 16 of Youth Committee refers]. ***For further clarification, at the November 2024 Council meeting (Minute 91.2 refers) specific delegated powers were given to the Youth Committee from the February 2025 quarter and going forward, that in future the Youth Committee is allowed to determine, agree and act on youth grant decisions and expenditure from the £5.000 budget specifically allocated to the Youth Committee.***

~End of Terms of Reference~

WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL – PLAY DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Acton Report – 1st September 2024– 31st December 2024 (Quarter 3)**1. Playwork Projects: supporting children to play out earlier and more often**

Over the past few generations there has been a significant shift in the age at which children start playing out in their community independently of their parents and/or carers. Where it might previously have been normal to see children aged four or five playing out (often with older children keeping an eye on them) in some communities children now only start being allowed to play out on their own, or with friends, at the age of 10 or 11. This change in culture has occurred for a number of reasons including increases in the amount and speed of traffic, sensationalist media reporting of tragic incidents, greater pressure on parents of young children to work and an over-structuring of children's time outside of school. As a result parents are understandably more cautious about allowing their young children out to play and often struggle to find time for play within the busy schedule of work, childcare and other extra-curricular activities.

Our playwork projects support parents, other carers and children to feel more confident about playing out in their local communities and encourage them to prioritise time for playing out alongside other more structured activities. In doing so our aim is to support children to play out from as early as is possible and to continue playing out regularly throughout their childhoods.

2. Further Information

Please see 4 key links below which outline the importance of children's play, its rationale and the legislative framework for play in Wales:

1. United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) article 31 and general comment 17 underline the importance of play and the impact it has on children's wellbeing: [General comment No. 17 \(2013\) on the right of the child to rest, leisure, play, recreational activities, cultural life and the arts \(art. 31\) | Refworld](#)
2. Welsh Government legislative guidance on local authorities statutory duty to provide sufficient opportunities for children's play [Wales: a play friendly country | GOV.WALES](#)
3. Link to short film entitled 'This is Why Play is So Important' developed by Play Wales: <https://youtu.be/UnfdamgVFhY>
4. Summary paper of a new, upcoming publication which conducts a review of recent research into children's play, social policy and practice, with a focus on Wales. Ultimately providing a vast evidence base as to how play supports children to be well: [Summary – Playing and being well: A review of recent research into children's play, social policy and practice, with a focus on Wales - Play Wales](#)

3. Attendance Statistics for Acton (1st September – 31st December 2024)

	1st September – 31st December
Number of sessions	11
Total number of visits	124
Average attendance per session	11
Individual number of children registered	84

As the figures above show we have delivered 11 sessions this quarter with 124 attendances, the average attendance is 11. The average attendance is encouraging, especially for the time of year where attendance, historically, is lower across all communities.

It is particularly pleasing to note these figures when compared to last years (23-24) average attendance during quarter 3 which was 8. This improvement in attendance not only in the quarter but across the year to date demonstrates that the sessions are now becoming embedded within the community and more importantly into children's lives.

Finally, we have 84 individual children have registered to the play sessions which is an increase from the whole of the previous year reinforcing the notion that the project is now becoming established within the community.

4. Advertising

As you are aware, we have promoted the project with a leaflet drop in the surrounding streets of the play space. We delivered a promoted the sessions in local school assemblies. We have linked with CCP who have also kindly circulated our promotional material during their sessions. In addition to this we have updated our 24/25 timetable which has been circulated on social media with specific community posters as well. The WCBC play website and related QR code directs people to all playscheme information.

5. Playworker comments

Below is some feedback from our playwork team who deliver the weekly sessions and the things they have been up to:

It been a long cold winter, thankfully this has not affected the play sessions too greatly. The children have had many campfires, pancakes and popcorn cooking on the fire. The children have been persistent in their building of hammocks and their developmental skills have very much evolved and been able to explore boundaries and manage risk. We have been using crash mats and a variety of loose parts creating obstacle courses, working with tools and making artefacts out of wood and now they are working together to climb the tree. They love to come chat with staff, we have supported younger children who are dealing with complex issues but willing to open up to our team. We have supported dynamics of group relationships together with the children. The children regularly tell us that they are excited to come next week.

Below are a selection of photos from recent sessions.





CAIA PARK PARTNERSHIP LTD:

**Contract Monitoring
between
Acton Community Council
and
Caia Park Partnership Ltd**

Quarter 3 Oct - Dec 2024



SERVICE DELIVERY OCT- DEC 2024

The third quarter of this contractual year has continued to attract positive engagement from the young people of Acton. Although as usual, the Christmas holidays, festivities, and school discos etc, along with the darker nights has seen a lowering of attendance rates as the quarter progressed closer to Christmas. Additionally, some of the group have had dance classes that now clash with group times, however, the average attendance has still been 15 young people at the junior sessions, and there has been a slight increase in numbers at the senior session.

Overall, some great activities have been on offer at both clubs, as well as positive conversations within their peer groups and with the staff team, on subjects ranging from healthy relationships to extra-curricular activities such as joining theatre groups and exams in school, as well as different ways of learning in education.

Junior Youth Club



The junior sessions remain a well-attended provision, with average weekly attendance during this quarter being in the 15-20 range. Continuing to utilise CPP's Behaviour and Consequences procedure has ensured clear boundaries, therefore the behaviour levels have remained consistent.

As well as the usual club activities such as pool, ps5 – FIFA25, board games and bingo; the young people at Acton Juniors have engaged in many positive and engaging activities, these have included but are not limited to:

Arts and Crafts sessions which are always popular with Acton Juniors, and there are many creative young people who attend, therefore the staff team always find ways of incorporating arts and crafts activities into the programme. During this quarter, young people have drawn pictures, painted, made jewellery, Halloween crafts including pumpkin carving/decoration, and creative Christmas crafts, as well as cards.

Bingo is a firm favourite at the provision, with requests for the game to be played very often in the junior session; they love a good game of bingo! The group engage well every time and enjoy being the 'bingo caller'



or being in charge of the machine, a good way of incorporating numbers/numeracy into the club, which in turn increases confidence and patience.



Cook and Eat – things haven't changed with some young people still saying they are hungry when they attend the provision, and stating that they haven't eaten since their school dinner, therefore we try and deliver cook and eat sessions as often as we can over the course of the quarter. During this quarter young people in the junior session have been able to plan, prepare, cook and eat a variety of easy and convenient food/snacks such as healthy wraps, pitta pizzas, pasta and sauce, and cakes (and decorating). As always, we incorporate informal learning into the sessions, enabling young people to gain valuable life

skills in the process. Additionally, learning outcomes achieved are an apparent and increased awareness in basic food hygiene, health and safety, cooking on a budget. As a team we are believers that if the young people can concentrate on engaging with friends as opposed to feeling hungry they will get more enjoyment out of attending the group.



Tuck shop has continued in Acton Juniors, and generally items are sold at cost, or near cost price, with any profits made being put back into the tuck shop, which can then be used for food for the cook and eat sessions. Young people run the shop themselves, so numeracy skills are increased in the process.

Global citizenship - The young people also helped clear and organise the cupboard of resources. They made a production line, organised all the resources into groupings and weaned out all the resources that were no longer working or damaged. In addition, they sorted these out into bags for recyclables - plastic, paper and card - and general waste. We had conversations about the aim for Wales to reduce its carbon footprint, increase recycling, become net zero by 2050 and the reduce, reuse, recycle policy. These conversations led into ways we can better look after our environment and why.

Trips – the young people were able to attend a joint Diwali and Halloween party with Ethnic Youth Support Team (EYST) and another one of our youth clubs from the Offa ward. It was rewarding to see the way the clubs mixed, including with those who are ethnically diverse, and the genuine interest in learning about other cultures. Wrexham



youth service provided the venue, Ruabon youth club, and the young people all used the bus, accompanied by staff and volunteers, an essential living skill. There was food, a mixture of food from a variety of cultures, which they all tried, archery, pumpkin carving, painting, a disco with lights and all finished with toasting marshmallows over the firepit. The young people were able to develop new skills and experiences safely and became more aware of health and safety and fire-safety as all activities were risk-assessed and managed by staff.



Overall, it has been another enjoyable quarter for staff and services users alike.

ACTON SENIORS

The senior session this quarter has stabilised after a few ceased coming to club. However, others have transitioned from the junior session to senior session with a few additional members joining since the last monitoring period with between 10-20 attending weekly. As with most quarters, we see



some friendship groups drift for a few weeks at a time and then come back with some new friends and having lost some from their group, this is something we see often in other provisions too as the new school year progresses and people meet new friends, and their stages of development change, and interests/hobbies shift.

The young people in the older session are still much more self-sufficient and have created their space as they like it with karaoke, craft and general discussion and conversation in a safe and managed environment, with access to youth workers to discuss hot topics or experiment new ideas or opinions. The club gives them a place to meet with their peers, talk about everyday life, and generally hang out.



In addition to this however, the youth work team continue to make sure that they can participate in engaging and positive activities whilst at the club. As well as the standard youth club offerings such as pool, Play Station 5, board games, bingo, they have also had an option to engage in activities such as:

Karaoke, dance and music – this club continues to really like any activity that involves music, and/or dance. They regularly have the karaoke machine out, and together they enjoy listening to music and playing on the 'Just Dance' game. Activities of this nature help to increase their confidence, interpersonal skills, creativity, social imagination, communication and performing skills, which are all useful in several scenarios later in life from presenting at interviews, and leading/delivering presentations at work.

Arts and Crafts – the older teens, very much like the juniors, enjoy many different forms of arts and crafts, and each week they get on with a variety of different creative things. This quarter they have engaged in activities surrounding Halloween, such as pumpkin decorating/carving and facemasks, and also many different types of Christmas craft such as decorations, cards and posters.



Cook and eat – The older teens, as well as the junior group, also really enjoy, and benefit from the cook and eat sessions in club. To make sure that the allocated budget stretches as far as possible we deliver the same sessions in both juniors and seniors so there's less wastage, and the same equipment is used. Therefore, during this monitoring period young people in the senior session have also cooked/prepared healthy pitta pizzas, stir-fry noodles, healthy wraps, pasta and sauce, cakes (and decorating).



TRIPS-

The young people have enjoyed a trip to Liverpool and Chester Christmas market. It was brilliant to see the young people from different clubs mixing and helping each other as this was attended by three of our clubs. The inclusivity demonstrated by the young people was a joy to see as two of our neurodiverse young people came from the club, which is in part down to the supportive and inclusive environment the staff work hard to create and maintain at club. The trip involved young people using

life skills and building resilience by using public transport, displaying good social behaviour, good communication skills and team building.

CASE STUDY.

It has been refreshing to see more (5) neurodiverse young people attending and fitting into both junior and senior sessions at Acton. They feel comfortable, and engage to varying degrees, some engage just with staff at present, whilst others have initiated, formed, and are sustaining relationships with other participants.

We always have a bag of squishes, tracks and other sensory aids to help them, and others, regulate their levels of stress. These have also been beneficial and used by neurotypical members as well in regulating their emotions and open discussions around dealing with emotions and being truly inclusive. The fact that one such young person has stopped attending sessions dedicated to neurodiverse young people and wants to come to Acton YC regularly is a testament to what is being achieved, the support through informal dialogue with the young person and the family. Mum made a point of posting how pleased she was that barriers were removed and the enjoyment they received from going to Alton Towers, Liverpool, and the Christmas Market in Chester. They now interact more freely with the group, engage in activities to whatever degree they want. The family and they have been supported through a difficult transition from receiving no education, through attending educate sessions and now into school.

Age Ranges of Young People Engaged with for October - December 2024

Number of individuals

	8-10	11-12	13-16	17+	Total
Male	8	18	11	2	39
Female	6	38	13	1	58
Non-Binary	0	0	1	0	1
Total	14	56	25	3	98

Number of contacts

	8-10	11-12	13-16	17+	Total
Male	33	55	38	8	134
Female	27	98	43	6	174
Non-Binary	0	0	2	0	2
Total	60	153	83	14	310

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

INTRODUCTION

Further to Minute 8.4 May 2024, the Council at its annual meeting reaffirmed the Terms of Reference of the Youth Committee enabling it to determine within set parameters applications for funding from Acton Community Youth Organisations/Groups to enable them to remain viable or provide financial support for special projects for a set number of years. This report summarises the applications received to date.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide details and enable the Youth Committee to consider the **three** applications for financial assistance submitted to date as agreed at the September 2023 meeting of the Council.

DECISION REQUIRED

To determine the applications for financial support included in this report submitted in accordance with the Youth Committee's terms of reference implemented from May 2024.

INFORMATION

1. A standard two-page financial application form is sent to all persons and organisations seeking financial assistance from the Community Council's Youth Committee. This ensures that the information from each applicant is received in a consistent format and all questions frequently asked by members are answered.
2. To ease pressures on the Council's budget, the Youth Committee will consider applications on a quarterly basis. It's meetings are in February, May, July and November each year.
3. During 2024/25 the Youth Committee has considered grant applications at its November 2024 Meeting totalling £1, 000. Those decisions are set out below:-

Organisation	Details	Decision
1. Borrass Park Albion U14 Yellow	Their main aim is to provide the football team with footballs, training equipment and a winter training kit (including a winter jacket and gloves/hats if funding allows), as the team are training outside over the winter months.	£1,000
2. CPD Dinas Wrexham	They would like to start a new U6 football team, which they could then do every year to provide a team for those children without a club. Any funding would be spent on equipment and coaching qualifications.	Deferred to February Youth Committee
TOTAL		£1,000

4. Application forms have been available via the Council's Website to all local Clubs and Organisations, and several were sent in response to other general requests for financial assistance submitted to the Clerk to the Council. I have received a further two completed forms in the current quarter as listed below, together with the first application from CPD Dinas Wrexham which was deferred from the November 2024 Youth Committee meeting. The full three application forms are attached to this report and a copy of the supporting accounts and any other information will be available at the meeting.
5. Members **are REQUESTED to DETERMINE** the following three applications for financial assistance.

All applicants have been invited to attend the meeting in person or via Zoom to enable them to give a short presentation in support of their application.

Organisation	Details	Decision
1. CPD Dinas Wrex-ham	They would like to start a new U6 football team, which could then be repeated every year to provide a team for those children without a club. Any funding would be spent on equipment and coaching qualifications.	
2. Acton Football Club – Youth Girls Section	The club are seeking funding to help promote and develop girl's football in Acton and the surrounding area.	
3. 1 st Acton Rainbows	The group are seeking help to subsidise transport costs to enable the group to attend large scale events in Clwyd so that they can meet and interact with similar groups (Rainbows & Brownies). These events usually take place at our County House, Ty Clwyd, in Abergele	
TOTAL		

Members are reminded that within the powers permitted by Section 137(4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Community Council cannot give financial assistance to an individual.

End of Applications received in time for February 2025 Youth Committee meeting.

YOUTH GROUP APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

NAME OF ORGANISATION: CPD Dinas Wrexham

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

...Michael Pritchard - 85 Ffordd Garmonydd, Wrexham LL12 8JE.

2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR YOUTH GROUP SUPPORT?

We are a new football club with representation across the Wrexham area, mostly from the Acton Community Council area. We were previously known as Wrexham Futsal FC but due to the previous Chairman stepping down we have started again to keep giving the children the best chance of enjoying their football. We started in November 2023 and have since created a committee to support decision making about the future of CPD Dinas Wrexham.

3. PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR PROJECT/EVENT.

i) IS IT SHORT OR LONG TERM?

[Long Term]

ii) HOW ARE YOU FUNDED? Self funded and through grants, all player pay subs on a monthly basis

iii) WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO GIVE A PRESENTATION TO THE YOUTH COMMITTEE ABOUT YOUR GROUP/ORGANISATION AND YOUR FUNDING REQUIREMENTS? [YES]

iv) WHAT IS THE MAIN AIM OF YOUR PROJECT/EVENT?

We would like to provide younger children teams to choose from, currently there are many children looking for clubs. Due to the cost of equipment, coaching qualifications required it is not easy to provide this without the support of local funding. We would like to start a new Under 6s team with a view to doing this every year to support the children of Acton who are currently without a football club.

4. TELL US ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION.

i) WHAT DOES IT DO?

We are a local grassroots football club starting out on our journey to become a well known and all inclusive football club.

ii) WHERE ARE YOU BASED?

Our home football pitch is at Bangor On Dee Sports field.

iii) WHEN AND HOW OFTEN DO YOU MEET? The children train twice a week and play one game per week.

iv) HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ESTABLISHED?

Nearly 12 months as a football club, prior to this we were know as Wrexham Futsal FC.

5. HOW MANY YOUNG PEOPLE DO YOU HELP FROM THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA? [13]

6. WHAT IS THE AGE RANGE OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE:

UNDER 5 YEARS [] 5 - 15 YEARS [15] 16 - 25 YEARS []

7. IS YOUR ORGANISATION A REGISTERED CHARITY?

[NO]

IF YES PLEASE GIVE THE REGISTERED CHARITY No: []

8. IS YOUR ORGANISATION PART OF A LARGER ORGANISATION AND IF SO WHICH ONE?

[n/a]

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YOUTH GROUP GRANT APPLICATION FROM: CPD Dinas Wrecsam

9. TELL US ABOUT THE SIZE OF YOUR ORGANISATION:

- i) HOW MANY STAFF DO YOU EMPLOY? **N/A**
- ii) HOW MANY VOLUNTEERS DO YOU HAVE? **12**
- iii) ARE THEY QUALIFIED & HAVE THEY RECEIVED APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND, IF APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY SECURITY CHECKS? **yes**

10. IS THE WORK OF YOUR ORGANISATION SUPERVISED BY AN OFFICAL BODY? YES/ NO

IF YES, PLEASE STATE SUPERVISING BODY: **NEWFA & WALES FA**

11. PLEASE SUPPLY COPIES OF YOUR ACCOUNTS FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS [ENCLOSED? NO]
(e.g.: AUDITED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AND BALANCE SHEET)

12. TELL US ABOUT YOUR FINANICAL HOLDINGS. HOW MUCH MONEY DOES YOUR GROUP HAVE?

- A. PETTY CASH AND CURRENT ACCOUNTS: **£6867.32**
- B. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS:
- C. OTHER INVESTMENTS:

13. HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION'S PROFIT LAST YEAR? Or LOSS LAST YEAR?

- 14. IF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE GIVES YOU A GRANT, WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO GIVE A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON HOW THE GRANT WAS SPENT? **YES**
- WHAT DIFFERENCE/BENEFIT WAS THERE TO THE ACTON COMMUNITY? **YES**

15. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL:

- i) PLEASE CONFIRM THE GROUP HAS A SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT **YES**
- ii) GIVE THE PAYEE NAME FOR THE CHEQUE: **CPD Dinas Wrecsam**

16. PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED ABOVE THAT YOU THINK MAY SUPPORT YOUR APPLICATION: **As we haven't yet been 12 months we have not yet completed our accounts. Monies on the account were transferred from Wrexham Futsal FC..**

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT

SIGNED: **M Pritchard** DATE: **29/10/2024**

POSITION IN ORGANISATION: **Chairperson**

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: **07929503864**

EMAIL: **chair.cpddinaswrecsam@gmail.com**

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YOUTH GROUP APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

NAME OF ORGANISATION: Acton Football Club – Youth girl's section

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

Hazeldene, New Road, Wrexham, LL112HD

2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR YOUTH GROUP SUPPORT?

Funding to help grow girls' football in Acton and the surrounding area

3. PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR PROJECT/EVENT.

i) IS IT SHORT OR LONG TERM?

Long

ii) HOW ARE YOU FUNDED? Self-Funded

iii) WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO GIVE A PRESENTATION TO THE YOUTH COMMITTEE ABOUT YOUR GROUP/ORGANISATION AND YOUR FUNDING REQUIREMENTS? YES

iv) WHAT IS THE MAIN AIM OF YOUR PROJECT/EVENT?

To grow Girl's football in Acton and the surrounding area

4. TELL US ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION.

i) WHAT DOES IT DO?

Youth girls football section – Promotes learning and guidance within football and development in exercise.

ii) WHERE ARE YOU BASED?

Ty Gwyn lane (Wats Dyke School back field .

iii) WHEN AND HOW OFTEN DO YOU MEET? 2/3 times a week

iv) HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ESTABLISHED?

2 years

5. HOW MANY YOUNG PEOPLE DO YOU HELP FROM THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA? 10 girls

6. WHAT IS THE AGE RANGE OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE:

UNDER 5 YEARS 0 5 – 15 YEARS X 16 – 25 YEARS 0.

7. IS YOUR ORGANISATION A REGISTERED CHARITY?

NO

IF YES PLEASE GIVE THE REGISTERED CHARITY No:

8. IS YOUR ORGANISATION PART OF A LARGER ORGANISATION AND IF SO WHICH ONE?

Acton Football Club

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YOUTH GROUP GRANT APPLICATION FROM: ...ACTON FOOTBALL CLUB – GIRL YOUTH

9. TELL US ABOUT THE SIZE OF YOUR ORGANISATION:

- i) HOW MANY STAFF DO YOU EMPLOY? None
- ii) HOW MANY VOLUNTEERS DO YOU HAVE? 8
- iii) ARE THEY QUALIFIED & HAVE THEY RECEIVED APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND, IF APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY SECURITY CHECKS? Yes

10. IS THE WORK OF YOUR ORGANISATION SUPERVISED BY AN OFFICAL BODY? YES

IF YES, PLEASE STATE SUPERVISING BODY: North East Wales Girls and FAW

11. PLEASE SUPPLY COPIES OF YOUR ACCOUNTS FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS [ENCLOSED? NO] (e.g.: AUDITED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AND BALANCE SHEET)

12. TELL US ABOUT YOUR FINANICAL HOLDINGS. HOW MUCH MONEY DOES YOUR GROUP HAVE?

A. PETTY CASH AND CURRENT ACCOUNTS: none.

B. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS: none

C. OTHER INVESTMENTS: none.

13. HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION'S PROFIT LAST YEAR? none.

Or LOSS LAST YEAR?

None

14. IF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE GIVES YOU A GRANT, WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO GIVE A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON

HOW THE GRANT WAS SPENT?

YES

WHAT DIFFERENCE/BENEFIT WAS THERE TO THE ACTON COMMUNITY?

YES

15. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL:

1. PLEASE CONFIRM THE GROUP HAS A SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT

YES

2. GIVE THE PAYEE NAME FOR THE CHEQUE: Acton FC

16. PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED ABOVE THAT YOU THINK MAY SUPPORT YOUR APPLICATION:

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I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT

SIGNED: J. Garner

DATE: 12/01/2025.

POSITION IN ORGANISATION: Junior Sec.

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: 07568184021

EMAIL: joegarner@icloud.com

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YOUTH GROUP APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

NAME OF ORGANISATION:1ST ACTON RAINBOWS

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE: ...SUE DAVIES, 7 LAURELS AVENUE, BANGOR-ON-DEE, WREXHAM LL13 0BQ.

2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR YOUTH GROUP SUPPORT?

...To subsidise transport costs to enable us to take the group to large scale events in Clwyd so that they can meet and interact with similar groups (Rainbows & Brownies). These events usually take place at our County House, Ty Clwyd, in Abergele and transport costs are currently prohibitive. Also to enable us to visit places of interest and organise outings as a group without having to ask our families for contributions for entrance fees/transport. Financial support will also allow us to continue to offer a varied programme of activities designed to encourage the girls to work as a team and develop as an individual.....

3. PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR PROJECT/EVENT.

i) IS IT SHORT OR LONG TERM?Will be completed during 2025.....

ii) HOW ARE YOU FUNDED?Termly subs of £45 per girl (paid 3 times per year).....

iii) WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO GIVE A PRESENTATION TO THE YOUTH COMMITTEE ABOUT YOUR GROUP/ORGANISATION AND YOUR FUNDING REQUIREMENTS? YES

iv) WHAT IS THE MAIN AIM OF YOUR PROJECT/EVENT?

.....As above - to allow us to cover transport costs for outings to County events/visits to places of interest and to continue to offer our wide ranging programme of activities.....

4. TELL US ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION.

v) WHAT DOES IT DO?

Rainbows is the youngest section of Girlguiding UK and caters for girls from aged 4 to 7 years. In 1st Acton Rainbows we currently have 20 girls, but hope to increase our membership to 24 girls after Easter. We do not take currently take 4 year olds. In both September and December, we offered places to girls whose families declined due to the costs involved with fees and uniform so this is clearly now something we have to bear in mind. We always have a long waiting list and often have applications from parents who learn about our Unit by word of mouth. Our girls all come from the Acton, Garden Village, and Borrass Park areas and attend local schools. We have 4 adult volunteers and 1 Young Leader aged 17, thus complying with our prescribed child/adult ratio.

In line with Girlguiding principles, we offer a varied programme of activities based on 6 themes – Have Adventures, Be Well, Skills for My Future, Know Myself, Express Myself and Take Action. Within each theme, there are various activities to be completed both in our meetings and at home with parent support to enable the girls to gain badges and awards. Outside this programme, we complete challenge badges such as one for Chinese New Year, and encourage visits from outside organisations. As part of our Christmas Challenge badge, we have a Charity Christmas Jumper Night and in 2024 the girls decided to collect for the Wrexham Foodbank. A representative came from the Trussell Trust to speak to the Rainbows and collect our donations which totalled 68.2kg – a fantastic amount. Although our programme is quite structured, we aim to deliver our activities in a fun way to ensure the girls get the most out of them and encourage them to choose which activity they wish to undertake. As an example, we are currently completing the Skills for my Future section and have had a visit from members of the Centre for SignSightSound who came with a hearing dog to teach the girls some BSL sign language and raise awareness for this disability. We have also undertaken activities such as using a laminator, shoelace typing, safety awareness and dealing with money.

The termly subs allow us to buy badges and resources for the girls, to pay our rent (£20 per night), and to subsidise the annual subscription fee due to Girlguiding UK, which this year is £60. We try not to ask our families for any further contributions as some have more than one girl within our organisation. Our main fundraiser is once a year, and this contributes to our Christmas activities. During each

term, we take a turn on the rota for the Guide Shop in Wrexham which leads to a contribution of £15 per session and a reduction in badge/resources costs.

We are keen for the girls to be aware of charities and the need for donations and fundraising. As well as Jasper, our sponsored guide dog, we sponsor Mouse, the pony, at the HACK sanctuary, which we have visited several times. During 2024, we went to ErLas Victorian Walled Garden, enjoyed several visits to Acton Park and Wolf's Den, went tenpin bowling and to the cinema. In conjunction with the Brownies, we held an Olympics event in the summer, which was a full day of sports, dance and games (unusual interpretations of Olympic sports!) ending with a delicious ice cream treat! We are currently planning another joint event for this summer with other units around the Wrexham area.

vi) **WHERE ARE YOU BASED?** Bethel Prestbyterian Church, Kenyon Avenue, Garden Village.....

vii) **WHEN AND HOW OFTEN DO YOU MEET?**Every Tuesday during term time from 5.00pm until 6.15pm. Occasional meetings/trips outside these times

viii) **HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ESTABLISHED?** Acton Rainbows started in 2013

5. HOW MANY YOUNG PEOPLE DO YOU HELP FROM THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA?
.....All.....

6. WHAT IS THE AGE RANGE OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE:

UNDER 5 YEARS..... 5 – 15 YEARS...20 increasing to 24 in April 16 – 25 YEARS.....

7. IS YOUR ORGANISATION A REGISTERED CHARITY? YES – part of Girlguiding Cymru
IF YES PLEASE GIVE THE REGISTERED CHARITY No:521209.....

8. IS YOUR ORGANISATION PART OF A LARGER ORGANISATION AND IF SO WHICH ONE?

Girlguiding Cymru is part of Girlguiding UK (charity number 306016.

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YOUTH GROUP GRANT APPLICATION FROM:1st Acton Rainbows

9. TELL US ABOUT THE SIZE OF YOUR ORGANISATION:

iv) **HOW MANY STAFF DO YOU EMPLOY?** NONE

v) **HOW MANY VOLUNTEERS DO YOU HAVE?**4 adult volunteers and 1 Young Leader aged 17.....

vi) **ARE THEY QUALIFIED & HAVE THEY RECEIVED APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND, IF APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY SECURITY CHECKS?**Yes, all DBS checked & trained in Safeguarding and First Response, renewable every 3 years. Other programme specific trainings take place during the year

10. IS THE WORK OF YOUR ORGANISATION SUPERVISED BY AN OFFICIAL BODY? YES

IF YES, PLEASE STATE SUPERVISING BODY: ...Girlguiding Cymru & Girlguiding UK.

11. PLEASE SUPPLY COPIES OF YOUR ACCOUNTS FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS [ENCLOSED? YES]
(e.g.: AUDITED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AND BALANCE SHEET)

12. TELL US ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL HOLDINGS. HOW MUCH MONEY DOES YOUR GROUP HAVE?

D. PETTY CASH AND CURRENT ACCOUNTS:£506.18 (as at 31st Dec 2024.....

E. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS:N./A.....

F. OTHER INVESTMENTS:N/A.....

13. HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION'S PROFIT LAST YEAR?.....non profit organisation.....
Or LOSS LAST YEAR?

14. IF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE GIVES YOU A GRANT, WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO GIVE A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON

HOW THE GRANT WAS SPENT? **YES**
WHAT DIFFERENCE/BENEFIT WAS THERE TO THE ACTON COMMUNITY? **YES**

15. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL:

1. PLEASE CONFIRM THE GROUP HAS A SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT **YES**
2. GIVE THE **PAYEE NAME** FOR THE CHEQUE:1ST **ACTON RAINBOWS**

16. PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED ABOVE THAT YOU THINK MAY SUPPORT YOUR APPLICATION:

Our accounts for 2023 and 2024 are enclosed with this application. As per Girlguiding rules, our accounts are checked and signed off annually by a designated member of the organisation (not part of our Rainbow unit), and the information is uploaded to our website. 2024 Accounts were signed off in January 2025. Our accounts are also available for parents should they wish to see them at any time.

We have been fortunate to obtain grants from Acton Community Council in 2022,2023 and 2024; this money is very much appreciated. Our programme is designed to encourage the girls to work individually and in teams, develop confidence, and gain some wider knowledge of topics affecting our world, all in a relaxed fun environment. We hope you will recognise the benefits to all the girls who pass through our Unit and our aim is to be able to continue offering this opportunity and supporting our families for the foreseeable future .

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT

SIGNED:S.M. DAVIES..... DATE:30th January 2025.....
POSITION IN ORGANISATION:LEADER IN CHARGE.....
CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER:07568 321710.....
EMAIL:gerry.davies52@gmail.com.....

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