

23 July 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 30 JULY 2025 at 6.30pm**. The Meeting will be held in the **LITTLE ACTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**, The Green, Little Acton, Wrexham LL12 8BH.

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 30 July 2025](#) or use the Meeting ID: 878 1823 5307 and Passcode: 186832. 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. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR:** To appoint a Chair of the Youth Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.
2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR:** To appoint a Vice Chair of the Youth Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.
3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**
4. **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.
5. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Youth Committee held on 14 May 2025, as submitted to the Annual Meeting of the Community Council on 21 May 2025 (Copy attached)
6. **INFORMATION ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

MINUTE 32 PLAY SUFFICIENCY PROJECT WITH WREXHAM CBC FOR STAFFED PLAY PROVISION IN THE ACTON COMMUNITY: Update from the Play Development Team on the Youth Workers philosophy on dealing with boisterous, rough play. (Circulated prior to the meeting)
7. **TERMS OF REFERENCE: (FOR INFORMATION ONLY):** The Youth Committee was appointed at the Annual Community Council meeting held in May 2025 with the attached Terms of Reference.
8. **ACTON YOUTH WORK PROJECTS – PRESENTATION FROM YOUNG PEOPLE:** To receive a presentation from the Young People that attend the Acton Community Youth asking for funds for a trip/equipment.

- 9. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS:** To receive and consider the Q1 Report and other information to be provided at the meeting by representatives of the Caia Park Partnership in respect of performance monitoring to 30 June 2025 on the operation of this Service Level Agreement for the provision of an Open Access Youth Service. (Report attached)
- 10. PLAY SUFFICIENCY PROJECT WITH WREXHAM CBC FOR STAFFED PLAY PROVISION IN THE ACTON COMMUNITY:** The Play Development Team have prepared a report and have been invited to attend the meeting to give an update on this Project. (Report attached)
- 11. 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 from its specifically delegated £5,000 budget provision . 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, Carl Downes, Anne Evans, Andy Gallanders, Holly Hewitt, Corin Jarvis, and Phil Lloyd.

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 14 May 2025.

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

* Absent

Also Present: Mr. Morgan Peters, Youth Parliament representative
 Mr. Jon Stumpp, Caia Park Partnership
 Mrs. Carole Roberts, Acton Community Council
 Mrs. Michelle Williams, Acton Community Council

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Evans.

28. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

29. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the hybrid Youth Meeting held on 12 February 2025 as submitted to the Meeting of the Community Council on 19 February 2025 were received and confirmed as a correct record.

30. INFORMATION FROM THE 12 FEBRUARY 2025 MINUTES

There was nothing additional to report that has not already been included elsewhere on the agenda.

31. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Youth Committee's current Terms of Reference were noted.

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

Members considered the Quarter 4 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 remaining consistent. Health and safety concerns were raised by Members about an aspect of the play sessions which involved using crash mats for quite boisterous play by some of the older children, with a noticeable difference in the size of the young people.

Councillor Trevor Coxon informed Members that the pilot play sessions on the Fairways Estate during the Easter holidays had proved very popular, noting that children were on site, prior to the second session, waiting for the session to start.

RESOLVED –

- i. To accept the Quarter 4 SLA report as now submitted;*
- ii. That a further SLA monitoring report after the end of quarter one be submitted by Wrexham CBC Play Development Officers to the next Youth Committee Meeting expected to be arranged for 30 July 2025.*
- iii. The Clerk writes to the Wrexham CBC Play Development Team to clarify the Youth Worker's philosophy on dealing with boisterous, rough play. The Community Council notes that there should still be a duty of care and would like clarification on their risk assessments, safety policy and the level of guidance for when to intervene to ensure timely and appropriate action is taken.*

33. 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 4 performance monitoring to 31 March 2025, 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 Les Critchlow-Hughes would be leaving the Youth Service in approximately one month. However, a new staff member is in place, and there would not be a break in service provision. Members passed on their thanks to Les for his work with, and commitment to, the young people who attend the youth clubs and wished him well in his new role.

The cook and eat sessions are still proving very popular with the young people, for example, using food donations of pitta bread and cereals to make pitta pizzas and rice krispie cakes. It was noted that the young people who attend the youth clubs had created a wish list of activities and a bid for the additional funding within the SLA may be submitted to the next meeting.

RESOLVED –

- i. To accept the update and report as now submitted and*
- ii. That a further monitoring report after the end of quarter four be submitted by the Caia Park Partnership to the next Youth Committee Meeting expected to be arranged for 30 July 2025.*

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

Members were disappointed to note that no applications had been received by the deadline, and discussed various methods to inform Youth Groups in the Acton ward of the financial support available.

RESOLVED – to RECOMMEND to the Council that up to £100 from its advertising budget should be used for targeted Facebook advertising to promote S137 and Youth Committee grant deadlines to encourage take up from groups within the Acton community.

Councillor Kevin Roberts Chair

Signed as a correct record this 30 July 2025

Presiding Chair

**ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL – YOUTH COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE
(FOR INFORMATION ONLY – AS AGREED AT ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING IN MAY 2025)**

- 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 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”;
- 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].

~End of Terms of Reference~

CAIA PARK PARTNERSHIP LTD:

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

Quarter 1 April – 30 June 2025



Service delivery April - June 2025

The first quarter of this contractual year has continued to attract positive engagement from the young people of Acton. Although, due to holidays and the lighter days, attendance has fluctuated during this quarter, the boys decided to have fun in the skate park and some of the young people come from families financially stable enough to go on holiday. With average attendance being 17+ young people at the junior sessions, although the senior sessions have increased in number too.

Young people continue to make use of outdoor spaces, playing football and I have led some well-received rugby skills sessions, whilst others have found dance and Youth theatre classes, moved away or started new jobs, and have dropped out of attending club.

Overall, some great activities have been on offer at both clubs, together with positive conversations within their peer groups, sometimes seeking our input as well. There have also been individual or group conversations with the staff team on subjects ranging from healthy relationships to opportunities to join other groups, healthy eating, strategies for coping with exams in school together with safety in the community and managing risk.

Junior Youth Club

The junior sessions remain a well-attended provision, with average weekly attendance during this quarter being 17+ young people per session, with the highest attendance number in this quarter being 22 young people. Behaviour levels have remained consistent, with some older livelier members returning and taking a more active role in the club, exhibiting a marked change in listening and behaviour self-regulation skills, whilst the staff team continue to utilise the behaviour and consequence procedure as and when required. This ensures that clear boundaries are set accompanied by consistent positive reinforcement strategies and inclusive co-designing of programmes and trips which increase levels of ownership within the group and gain better buy-in to activities. However, as positive professional relationships continue to be built coupled with consistency within the team, a focus on strengths and assets of the young people and consistent empathetic support behaviour management continues to become less needed.

In addition to the usual youth club activities such as pool, PS5 – FIFA25, board games, bingo; the young people at Acton Juniors have engaged in an array of positive and engaging activities, these have included but are not limited to:

Cook and Eat – As always we find that some young people continue to say they are hungry when they attend the provision, and say they haven't eaten since their school dinner, so as a team we try and deliver cook and eat sessions as many times as we can over the course of the quarter. This has been helped by the community council's support and understanding in extending financial provision so this may continue.



During this quarter young people in the junior session have taken part in a number of **“Cook, Create, and Eat”** sessions; they offer children and young people the opportunity to prepare simple, delicious meals while developing essential cooking skills and building confidence through social mealtime routines. Activities include a session in the park where participants enjoyed fruity ice lollies to stay cool and hydrated in the hot weather, baking cakes to explore balanced treats and portion awareness, assembling sandwiches with a variety of fillings to encourage choice and food exploration, making energy-boosting flapjacks while learning about sugar



and fiber, and chicken burgers to understand protein-rich meals. These sessions promote hydration awareness, emotional wellbeing, and positive decision-making around food while highlighting the connection between nutrition and mood; all within a fun, interactive environment that celebrates creativity, independence, whilst encouraging a healthy lifestyle. As with all previous Cook & Eat sessions the learning outcomes achieved include increased awareness of basic food hygiene, health and safety, cooking on a budget, improved fine motor skills, the ability to follow a recipe, basic maths (measuring and weighing ingredients) and

finally the activity encourages healthy eating habits.

- **Arts and Crafts** continues to be a firm favourite in the Acton Jnr sessions, due to the many creative young people who attend. The staff team always find ways of incorporating arts and crafts activities into the programme. The young people have worked with staff and seniors to sort and buy resources, together with working on a pitch to present to the council for some new supplies. During this quarter, young people have used different equipment such as chalk, charcoal and paint pens to create a variety of art work, they have painted some fabulous pictures that they have been able to take home with them, made bracelets using loom bands, beads and other materials; and finally they have made cards for family members to celebrate special occasions.
- Bingo is never overlooked at the junior session; they love a good game of bingo! The group engage well every time and enjoy being the one to use the bingo machine and call the numbers out. As mentioned in previous reports; this is a fun way to incorporate numbers/numeracy into the club, increasing confidence and supporting the building of patience, resilience, when they don't win along with good concentration skills. Darts has been another big hit in all the clubs after the recent success of Luke Littler. This has also been a fun way of building numeracy, whilst also increasing their safety awareness, hand-to-eye coordination, and gross motor-skill development.
- **Tuck shop** is back for Acton juniors, with items sold at near cost price, and any profits made being put back into the tuck shop, ultimately being used to buy food for the cook and eat sessions. Young people are learning about money and using maths skills informally, with staff encouraging young people to work out the change they require for themselves, building confidence in their maths skills.
- **Topical discussions and awareness** – during this quarter many of the young people have continued to discuss current affairs; with discussions on war, anti-social behaviour in the local community and who this impacts; along with a number of discussions around energy drinks and vaping; staff are always on hand to offer factual information, advice and guidance on such matters.
- **Den making** remains to be a popular activity within the club, the young people get more and more creative as the weeks go by, we are hoping to create a cardboard city during the summer holidays (Picture to follow in quarter 2!)



- **Global citizenship** - The young people have been encouraged to help recycle and clear away at the end of session. We continue to have 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 have led into ways we can better look after our environment and why this is important.



Trips – the young people have enjoyed a trip to the local skate park with some multi-sports equipment and ice lollies provided by the team during the recent nice weather we’ve all been experiencing. The behaviour of the young people during this trip was exemplary, they were well mannered and polite to members of the community who were also using the space, and additionally they not only collected and disposed of our litter from the ice lollies; they also picked up and other litter that was floating around to help keep the space tidy...we were very proud of them to say the least! There have also been discussions with the group about keeping safe in and around water, a young person from another youth club lost his life last summer when 3 of them decided to go to Barmouth for the day, this story was delivered sensitively, with the aim of discouraging risky behaviour in and around open waters, lakes and rivers. Overall, it has been another positive quarter for both staff and young people.



ACTON SENIORS



The senior sessions have reached a steady rhythm this quarter, following a period where a few participants stopped attending for previously noted reasons. Meanwhile, several young people have naturally progressed from junior sessions into the senior group, complemented by a handful of new faces joining since the last report.

Weekly attendance is now consistently averaging 13-15 young people per session. Social dynamics continue to evolve, with existing friendship circles shifting and fresh connections emerging. This pattern echoes across our other youth provisions, as young people move through different educational settings, routines, and stages of personal development; often at varied paces. These changes reflect the formation of new identities and the discovery of emerging interests typical in this age group.



The senior youth group continues to thrive as a valued and engaging space for young people to connect, relax, and express themselves. Participants regularly enjoy a variety of activities, with karaoke sessions sparking creativity and confidence, and the PS5 offering a fun, interactive outlet for friendly competition and teamwork. Beyond the scheduled entertainment, the most impactful element remains the safe and welcoming environment



that gives them a place to call their own; a space where they can socialise, build friendships, and simply enjoy being together. This ongoing sense of belonging has proven essential to their wellbeing, and as a youth team we are grateful for the ongoing support from the community council that helps make it all possible. 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 and tuck shop, they have also had an option to engage in activities such as:

Arts and Crafts – Arts and crafts have become a meaningful and energising part of the youth club sessions, with young people eagerly exploring their creativity through painting, design, collage, and other hands-on activities. These sessions foster a sense of self-expression and calm, while also helping participants build practical skills such as fine motor skills, colour theory, and different design techniques. Working collaboratively encourages peer learning and strengthens communication and problem-solving abilities as they share ideas and techniques. As their confidence grows, the group has begun compiling a wish list of new materials—ranging from textured papers to specialist paints—reflecting both their enthusiasm and their evolving interests. The Karaoke and Bluetooth speaker has been really useful in helping to build the confidence of a quieter member of the group who has come out of their shell recently and started engaging with the staff on a more regular basis requesting help and guidance.



Cook and eat – The older teens, as well as the junior group, also really enjoy, and benefit from the cook and eat sessions. As always 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, young people are always consulted with and asked for ideas for cook and eat sessions; and very often they will re-

search recipes and write down a list of ingredients needed; developing their digital skills and encouraging skills for life. The team sometimes deliberately buy less ingredients to encourage the older teens to go and buy them from the local shop, they are also reminded to ask for a receipt; leading to conversations around budgeting, ethical practice, and the need to evidence what money is spent on for funders etc. Therefore, during this monitoring period young people in the senior session have also cooked/prepared healthy pitta bread pizzas, cheese and ham wraps, chicken burgers, pancakes and waffles, and flapjacks.

Karaoke, dance, and music – the senior group continue to enjoy music-related activities to do with music, or music orientated. They regularly have a karaoke session, and as a group enjoy listening to music and singing. However, seeing young people be expressive and feeling comfortable expressing themselves is great as it increases their confidence, inter-personal skills, creativity, social imagination, communication, and performing skills all useful in several scenarios such as presenting at interviews, leading, or delivering presentations at school, work or college.



Trips - The young people decided not to go to the park like the juniors and wanted to stay at the centre. The supportive and inclusive environment created by the staff encouraging participation, whilst providing chill-out zones with stress sensory aids has now been assumed by the young people themselves. It is rewarding to see our neuro-divergent and neuro-typical young people all interacting with each other and engaging in conversation. We still have the odd minor conflict of personalities which is to be expected in any group, but this is largely managed by the young people themselves with a little bit of support from staff where required.



Age Ranges of Young People Engaged with for July - September 2024

Number of individuals

	8-10	11-12	13-16	17+	Total
Male	14	22	16	1	53
Female	9	28	5	2	44
Total	23	50	21	3	97

Number of contacts

	8-10	11-12	13-16	17+	Total
Male	45	56	47	7	155
Female	36	112	39	5	192
Total	81	168	86	12	347

Case Studies.

X is a 16-year-old participant in our youth club, has shown extraordinary personal growth since joining a few months ago. Initially reserved and quietly spoken, she arrived with visibly low confidence and often remained on the sidelines. However, thanks to consistent encouragement from both staff and fellow young people, X has gradually found the courage to step forward and share her passion for music—particularly as she prepares for her GCSE exam in the subject. What began as tentative karaoke performances sung softly in the corner has blossomed into powerful, emotive renditions that command the room and leave listeners visibly moved. Her opera voice, raw and beautiful, has brought some staff and peers to tears, while others speak of goosebumps and awe. The support she’s received from the group—who celebrate her talent week after week—has transformed her self-esteem and helped her find a safe space where she can truly be herself. This is a striking example of the impact youth clubs can have: fostering confidence, providing emotional support, and creating a sense of belonging that encourages young people to shine in their own unique ways.

Y is a 14-year-old neurodiverse male who has been attending the youth club regularly. Upon joining, Y displayed minimal verbal communication with staff and no interaction with peers. He consistently chose to sit alone in a specific space, and would occasionally become visibly distressed if others entered this area. His behaviour indicated a strong need for personal space and emotional safety. Over recent weeks, a significant transformation has begun to take shape. Y formed a connection with another young person at the club; a breakthrough moment that marked the start of gradual social engagement. Week by week, Y started venturing out of his usual spot, initially interacting with his new peer, and then expanding his comfort zone further. More recently, Y spent an entire session outdoors on the club’s field, actively engaging with a group of eight young people. This development has brought immense joy to staff and Y’s family. His parents have expressed deep appreciation for the positive changes in his communication, confidence, and overall wellbeing. Y’s journey highlights the power of consistent, inclusive environments where young people feel accepted and free to explore connections on their own terms. The club continues to nurture this progress, providing a supportive space that empowers young people like Y to flourish socially and emotionally.

PLAY SUFFICIENCY PROJECT WITH WREXHAM CBC FOR STAFFED PLAY PROVISION

Acton Report – 1st April 2025 – 30th June 2025

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.

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](#)

The Play & youth support team have risk assessments which cover a wide variety of activities, from fires, to den building, to rough & tumble play.

There are many benefits to allowing children the time and space to participate in rough & tumble play if they wish.

Playworkers are trained to manage situations and to carry out dynamic risk assessments during sessions.

Staff will observe the children's play, reflect on what is happening and then react/ intervene if they feel it's necessary. Staff reflect on their intervention styles to ensure they acted in the correct manner and can ensure good practice going forward.

Playworkers have training in managing challenging behaviours and have the skills to reframe and redirect if they feel that the play is getting too rough.

We have crash mats and a selection of foam items that the children like to use as part of their play, these help minimise the risk of injuries and provide a soft dry space for the children to play on.

Below is our Behaviour based Risk benefit analysis briefing paper for your information.

Attendance Statistics for Acton (1st April 2025 – 30th June 2025)

11st April 2025 -30th June 2025	Both sites	The Green	Fairways
Number of sessions	16	13	3
Total number of visits	301	234	67
Average attendance per session	20	18	22
Individual number of children registered	134		

As the figures above show we have delivered 16 sessions so far this financial year with 301 attendances, the average attendance is 20- which is fantastic.

It is particularly pleasing to note these figures as the average attendance is much higher than in previous years. The Green has become a well-established play site with a high number of regular attendees.

The Fairway has good attendance, considering there have only been 3 sessions delivered so far.

This consistent attendance demonstrates that the sessions at the green are now embedded within the community and more importantly into children's lives.

Finally, 134 individual children have registered to the play sessions since April, which is an increase from the whole of the previous year, reinforcing the notion that the project is now established within the community.

Easter 2025

During Easter we ran the first two sessions of the new play provision on the Fairways. These sessions were well attended- with 32 children attending the first session & 22 attending the second. This is a great start to the new provision which we hope will continue to be popular.

The holiday sessions on the Fairways will be held every Thursday 11am-1pm on the following dates: 24th July, 31st July, 7th august, 14th august, 21st august, 28th august & 30th October.

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 25/ 26 timetable which has been circulated on social media with specific community posters. The WCBC play website and related QR code directs people to all Playscheme information. We have received some of our new publicity from the design team which have been circulated with the community council. Banners and posters have been displayed on both sites in preparation for the summer holidays.

Playworker comments

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

“The sessions on the green are really busy, it’s great to see the children coming out to play each week and I’m glad that we are able to provide them with lots of different opportunities and resources to increase their ability and desire to play on the space.”





YOUTH COMMITTEE

Report of the Clerk to the Council

AGENDA ITEM 10

30 July 2025

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

INTRODUCTION

Further to Minute 9 September 2023, the Council agreed to extend the Terms of Reference of the Youth Committee enabling it to consider and set 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 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 **two** 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 2025.

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. 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 two completed forms in the current quarter as listed below. The full application form is attached to this report and a copy of the supporting accounts and any other information will be available at the meeting. Members are requested to determine the following applications for financial assistance:-

Organisation	Details	Decision
1. Acton Football Club	They require financial assistance to grow their Youth Section to enable them to have a Mini Kickers project for children aged 3 – 8 years and to help them develop their football pitch.	
2. Wrexham Boxing Club	They would like financial support to purchase new equipment such as boxing gloves.	
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 July 2025 meeting.

YOUTH COMMITTEE APPLICATION NO.1 - JULY 2025

YOUTH GROUP APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

NAME OF ORGANISATION: Acton Football Club

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

Joe Garner – Hazeldene New Road Wrexham LL11 2HD

2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR YOUTH GROUP SUPPORT?

To grow our youth section to be able to have a mini kickers project for child aged 3-8 years old. Also to help toward developing our pitch.

3. PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR PROJECT/EVENT.

- i) IS IT SHORT OR LONG TERM? Long term to grow football in the area
- ii) HOW ARE YOU FUNDED? Self-funding – Fund raisers
- 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?
Provide football to the local community for all ages

4. TELL US ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION.

- i) WHAT DOES IT DO?
Football Club which has 1 girls youth team a men's first team
- ii) WHERE ARE YOU BASED?
Acton/Rhosddu..
- iii) WHEN AND HOW OFTEN DO YOU MEET? 2 times a week each age group and a community meeting once a month
- iv) HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ESTABLISHED? 2011

5. HOW MANY YOUNG PEOPLE DO YOU HELP FROM THE ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA? 10 youth – 18 Adult

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

UNDER 5 YEARS..... 5 – 15 YEARS 16 16 – 25 YEARS 7.

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:ACTON FOOTBALL CLUB

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? 11
- 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: NEWFL 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: N/A.
- B. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS: N/A
- C. OTHER INVESTMENTS: N/A.

13. HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION’S PROFIT LAST YEAR?N/A
Or LOSS LAST YEAR? £1500

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 FOOTBALL CLUB.

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: 17/06/2025.
POSITION IN ORGANISATION: Junior Sec
CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: 07568184021
EMAIL: joegarner@icloud.com

Please return this application form with supporting accounts to:
The Clerk to Acton Community Council, c/o Little Acton Community Centre, The Green, Wrexham, LL12 8BH
(or email: clerk@actoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk)

30th July

YOUTH GROUP APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

NAME OF ORGANISATION: Wrexham Boxing Club

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

Stephen Williams
36 Ceiriog road Wrexham LL13 9HY

2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR YOUTH GROUP SUPPORT?

To get new equipment gloves. Etc.

3. PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR PROJECT/EVENT.

i) IS IT SHORT OR LONG TERM? Long term

ii) HOW ARE YOU FUNDED? We are not funded

iii) WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO GIVE A PRESENTATION TO THE YOUTH COMMITTEE ABOUT YOUR GROUP/ORGANISATION AND YOUR FUNDING REQUIREMENTS? YES NO

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

our main aim is to keep young people off the streets and help them to become strong confident young adults

4. TELL US ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION.

i) WHAT DOES IT DO? We take young kids and young adults and teach them the skills of Boxing.

ii) WHERE ARE YOU BASED? Nine Acre Field.

iii) WHEN AND HOW OFTEN DO YOU MEET? 4 Times a week.

iv) HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ESTABLISHED? 30 Years

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

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

UNDER 5 YEARS ☒ 5 - 15 YEARS ☒ 16 - 25 YEARS ☒

7. IS YOUR ORGANISATION A REGISTERED CHARITY?

YES NO

IF YES PLEASE GIVE THE REGISTERED CHARITY No:

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

Welsh A.B.A.

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YOUTH GROUP GRANT APPLICATION FROM:

9. TELL US ABOUT THE SIZE OF YOUR ORGANISATION:

- i) HOW MANY STAFF DO YOU EMPLOY? 0
ii) HOW MANY VOLUNTEERS DO YOU HAVE? 5
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: Welsh Boxing

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

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

- A. PETTY CASH AND CURRENT ACCOUNTS: ~~£0~~
B. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS:
C. OTHER INVESTMENTS:

13. HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION'S PROFIT LAST YEAR? NONE
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? WHAT DIFFERENCE/BENEFIT WAS THERE TO THE ACTON COMMUNITY? ☒ YES ☐ NO

15. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL:

- i) PLEASE CONFIRM THE GROUP HAS A SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT ☒ YES ☐ NO
ii) GIVE THE PAYEE NAME FOR THE CHEQUE: Wrexham Boxing club

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

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT

SIGNED: [Signature]

DATE: 2/7/25

POSITION IN ORGANISATION:

Head coach

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER:

01978 355242 - 07385783446

EMAIL:

Stettheboxer 77 @ Yahoo.co.uk

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