

5 November 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 NOVEMBER 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 12 November 2025](#) or use the Meeting ID: 848 9967 9338 and Passcode: 487528. 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 30 July 2025, as submitted to the Meeting of the Community Council on 17 September 2025 (Copy attached)

4. INFORMATION ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

5. 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**:

6. ACTON YOUTH WORK PROJECTS – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS: To receive and consider the Q2 Report and other information to be provided at the meeting by representatives of the Caia Park Partnership in respect of performance monitoring to 30 September 2025 on the operation of this Service Level Agreement for the provision of an Open Access Youth Service. (Report attached)

7. PLAY SUFFICIENCY PROJECT WITH WREXHAM CBC FOR STAFFED PLAY PROVISION IN THE ACTON COMMUNITY AND UPDATE ON OPERATION OF PILOT SCHOOL HOLIDAY PLAY PROJECT IN THE RHOSNESNI WARD : The Play Development Team have been invited to attend the meeting to give an update on these Projects. (Report attached)

Please contact

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You can also write to the Clerk at Little Acton Community Centre, The Green, Little Acton, Wrexham LL12 8BH

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 from its specifically delegated £5,000 budget provision. Details attached.

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 30 July 2025.

Present:	Councillor	Andy Gallanders	*
	"	Trevor Coxon	
	"	Carl Downes	
	"	Anne Evans	*
	"	Holly Hewitt	*
	"	Corin Jarvis	*
	"	Phil Lloyd	*
	"	Kevin Roberts	

* Absent

Also Present: Mr. Morgan Peters, Youth Parliament representative
Ms. Julie Jones, Youth Playworker -(Z)
Young People x 4 from Acton Youth Club -(Z)
Ms. Karianne Harston, Wrexham CBC Play Development Team -(Z)
Mr. Jon Stumpp, Caia Park Partnership -(Z)
Mr. Joe Garner, Financial Support Applicant -(Z)
Mr. Stephen Williams, Financial Support Applicant
Mr. Ged Hogg, Financial Support Applicant
Mr. Geoff Courtney, Financial Support Applicant
Mrs. Carole Roberts, Acton Community Council
Mrs. Michelle Williams, Acton Community Council

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Kevin Roberts be appointed Chair of the Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

(Councillor Kevin Roberts is in the Chair)

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Carl Downes be appointed Vice Chair of the Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Evans, H Hewitt, C Jarvis and P Lloyd.

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the hybrid Youth Meeting held on 14 May 2025 as submitted to the Meeting of the Community Council on 21 May 2025 were received and confirmed as a correct record.

6. INFORMATION FROM THE 14 MAY 2025 MINUTES

MINUTE 32: PLAY SUFFICIENCY PROJECT WITH WREXHAM CBC FOR STAFFED PLAY PROVISION IN THE ACTON COMMUNITY: The update from the Play Development Team on the Youth Workers philosophy on dealing with boisterous, rough play was received and noted.

7. TERMS OF REFERENCE

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

8. ACTON YOUTH WORK PROJECTS – PRESENTATION FROM YOUNG PEOPLE:

The Chair welcomed Julie Jones and four young people from Acton Youth Club to the meeting via Zoom. The young people spoke in turn about the youth club and why they enjoy attending. They made a request to Acton Community Council for the additional funds included within the SLA, to put towards a Summer Trip, a Sports Day and a new Bingo machine. Members thanked them for their presentation and for attending the meeting.

RESOLVED – to recommend to the Council that following the presentation by representatives of the Youth Club to the Committee, the £500 additional funding that is included within the current SLA, be released and paid to Acton Youth Club to assist with the purchase of a new Bingo Machine and the remainder be used to subsidise a Summer Trip and a Sports Day.

9. 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 1 performance monitoring to 30 June 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. Members also welcomed the case studies contained in the report.

Jon confirmed that a member of staff to replace Les Critchlow-Hughes had been sourced and would be starting shortly. This new member of staff was already known to the staff and children alike. Members noted that the numbers of children attending the clubs were good and consistent with Jon confirming that this Youth Club was still needed within Acton.

RESOLVED –

- i. To accept the update and report as now submitted and***
- ii. That a further monitoring report after the end of quarter two be submitted by the Caia Park Partnership to the next Youth Committee Meeting expected to be arranged for 12 November 2025.***

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

Members considered the Quarter 1 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. The Chair asked that the Community Council's thanks be passed on to the playworkers.

Members noted that the pilot play sessions on the Fairways Estate were due to commence on the 31 July 2025 during the Summer holidays.

RESOLVED –

- i. To accept the Quarter 1 SLA report as now submitted;***

- ii. ***That a further SLA monitoring report after the end of quarter two be submitted by Wrexham CBC Play Development Officers to the next Youth Committee Meeting expected to be arranged for 12 November 2025.***

11. 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 three applications received during the present quarter.

The Chair welcomed Joe Garner, Stephen Williams/Ged Hogg and Geoff Courtney to the meeting. Each of the three applicants in turn gave a short presentation and answered Member's questions. All applicants then left the meeting while Members deliberated and made their decision on each application.

Applicants were then invited back into the meeting and were informed of the Committee's decision.

RESOLVED – that the following Financial Assistance grants be made under the Council's Powers contained in Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 :-

Organisation	Details	Amount
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.	£500.00
2.Wrexham Boxing Club	They would like financial support to purchase new equipment such as boxing gloves.	£1250.00
3. Borrass Park Rangers FC U12	They have requested financial assistance towards the cost of purchasing kits and training equipment for the U12 team and U11 girls team	£750.00
	TOTAL	£2500.00

(The Committee has power to act in respect of making grants from its £5,000 budget allocation)

Councillor Kevin Roberts Chair

Signed as a correct record this 12 November 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 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~

Contract Monitoring
between
Acton Community Council
and
Caia Park Partnership Ltd

Quarter 2 July – September 2025



Service delivery July – September 2025

The second quarter of this year has shown positive engagement from young people in Acton and there has been an increased interest in the club with new young people starting to attend weekly. There was a dip in numbers near the end of July and beginning of August but that's believed to be down to young people going on holidays. Since September and school starting again there has been an uptake in attendance. The average attendance for junior session has been around 15 in this quarter with the highest of number of attendance being 25 young people. While the senior session has been quieter than the juniors there has still been an average number of 9, however nearing the end of this quarter there has been an increase in with our largest attending session being 15 young people.

Young people have continued to engage in a range of positive activities provided within the club and have taken initiative in creating new activities from the resources provided within club. The outdoor space has been utilised within this quarter with the summer weather many young people have chosen to engage in activities outside such as organised races and hula hoop competitions.

Overall, some great and engaging activities have been provided in both groups and have facilitated positive conversations within peer groups and with staff around relationships, friendships, how to stay safe online and healthy balanced lifestyles.

Acton Juniors Youth Club

Despite many young people being on holiday, the junior session has continued to be a well-attended club during the summer with a consistent attendance of over 10 on most sessions except for 2 sessions at the end of July and August but as stated above this may be due to family holidays and days out with family. This has since increased with school starting again. During this quarter young people have engaged in a range of different activities including:

Cook and eat sessions- over this quarter young people have continued to express their enjoyment for cook and eat sessions while at club as many of them come straight from school. Throughout this quarter young people have been developing skills of, basic food hygiene, safety in a kitchen and building confidence through trying new and different foods. Many of the cook and eat sessions have been focused on providing easy meals they can make at home such as pitta bread pizzas and opened discussions around healthy balanced eating.

In conjunction with healthy cook and eat sessions there have been multiple activities throughout this quarter around movement and how important it is



for both body and mental health while out of a structured routine. With resources like the parachute, skipping ropes and hula hoops staff have been able to facilitate different activities and challenges that encouraged young people to exercise and learn more about one another in club. Facilitating games like this not only helps with physical movement but also builds on teamwork skills and the development of relationships between the young people.

Arts and crafts- this has been a staple throughout this quarter with an arts and crafts activity being provided each session. This has allowed creativity and expression to be put into creating something in a range of different ways. Some of the arts and crafts activities that have been provided in club include air dry clay sculptures, potion making, windchime decorating and a particular favourite was pencil case and bag decorating. Pencil case and bag decorating allowed the young people to express their individuality and opened up discussions around school beginning and how they were feeling about it, for some of the juniors it was about starting at high school and staff were able to have a discussion with them about possible fears they may have and ease their worries about their new journey.



Tuck shop has continued in this quarter with high interest from young people being the one to serve other young people. Due to the high interest of young people wanting to be the person that serves others in the club a rota has been created, this helps develop understanding of sharing responsibility. Also, with the support of staff young people are encouraged to work out change without the help of a calculator which helps develop numeracy skills in an informal way. Young people have also been able to work together to create a list of items they would like at the tuck shop developing their teamwork skills.

Acton Seniors Youth club



Acton seniors saw a drop in attendance since the last quarter however as stated this can relate to young people going on holiday and our older attendees progressing into higher education such as colleges, but we have still had an average of 9 at each session and nearing the end of this quarter have welcomed new faces into the group. Our returning older young people that have been attending the sessions for a while have been able to take on a somewhat leadership role encouraging the new attendees in getting involved in new activities and supporting them in different activities in the club.

Karaoke and dancing has been a particular favourite within this quarter. Youth club has provided a safe space in which young people have been able to musically express themselves and bond by way of doing talent shows and dancing competitions building their confidence in public performing and being creative in way of expressing themselves and how they feel about songs they love. As well as allowing young people to be supportive and encouraging each other to each have a turn displaying development in teamwork.

Arts and crafts have been a staple activity within the senior sessions with many of them moving into choosing their options in the next academic year or two. Providing arts and crafts activities such as air-dry clay has opened an avenue for them to try out things they may be doing in school over the next year and allowed them to build confidence in that. Also, there is always paper and coloured pens on the table which many of the young people in the senior session utilise to practice what they may want to do as projects since September has started. Over the last quarter the young people of this group have requested some colouring pages which has fostered conversations around the importance of self-care and the impact art can have on mental health and wellbeing.



Cook and eat sessions have been welcomed by the young people in the senior session. The older teens have taken more of a responsibility of working within the kitchen within this quarter and supporting the staff in the management of resources and development of skills of utilising kitchen equipment safely and hygienically. Also, some of the younger ones in our senior sessions have started to try new food which they have stated they would not have done in school or at home. The young people are consulted about what foods they would like to have in their sessions and are encouraged to choose healthy food options which opens the discussion around healthy eating and how to have a balanced diet.

With the discussion of healthy balanced diet young people have discussed the importance of exercise and have utilised the resources like hula hoops, skipping ropes and creating parachute games to talk about the benefits of movement with healthy eating.



Age ranges of young people engaged with for July – September 2025

Number of individuals

	8-10	11-12	13-16	17+	Total
Male	10	20	3	0	33
Female	9	28	7	0	44
Total	19	48	10	0	77

Case Study 1

X began attending the youth club as a junior participant when it first opened its doors. From the outset, she demonstrated a natural warmth and friendliness, quickly becoming a welcoming presence for new attendees. Her ability to make others feel comfortable and included set her apart, even at a young age. Over the years, X transitioned from the junior sessions to the senior sessions, continuing to grow both socially and emotionally. Through her time at the youth club, X has experienced significant personal growth. Initially, she was a quiet and reserved individual, but the supportive environment of the club allowed her to gradually build her confidence. Participating in group activities, workshops, and team-building exercises helped her develop communication and leadership skills. X's willingness to step out of her comfort zone became evident during events where she volunteered to assist youth workers in organizing activities. Her enthusiasm and reliability made her a role model for her peers. She consistently demonstrated empathy, patience, and a genuine interest in helping others, which further solidified her position as a trusted and respected member of the youth club. Recognizing X's potential, the youth workers recently approached her with an invitation to become a Young Leader. This role will allow her to take on more responsibilities, such as co-facilitating sessions, supporting staff, and acting as a bridge between the youth workers and participants.

Case Study 2

Y is an 11 year old male, he has been attending Acton youth club since the age of 8. Y comes across as a very confident young person but has always struggled to build and maintain friendships, he tries hard to fit in with others, but often ends up leaving group situations to converse with staff. Following a number of group discussions and team building activities; Y has built a positive relationship with 2 other regular attendees, he is now spending less time with staff and more time playing games, taking part in group sports and generally having fun with others. Y recently reflected with one of the youth workers on how he never used to be able to make friends; but now he has lots and looks forward to hanging out with them in club. Y has shown considerable resilience whilst trying to build these relationships and often talks to staff if he feels worried about relationships breaking down with peers; both in and out of school, the guidance from staff has given him a support network that he can trust, and he feels safe to have those positive and helpful discussions whenever he needs.

Acton Play Provision Report 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.

This should be a concern for communities because playing out is essential to children forming attachments to their local neighbourhoods and the other people in them. Playing is how children get to know and be known and the positive experiences they have whilst playing will affect how they feel about the places where they live. If children are starting to play out later and if they play out less often they will miss out on vital years of forming positive relationships with their communities.

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. However our ability to do this will depend on where and when play provision is made available.

Of course every community is unique with its own layout and demographics but in our experience, and based on the attendances of children across our service, we have identified two key factors that influence the age at which children start to attend and how often we engage with them. The first is location and more specifically the proximity of provision to people's homes and how easily children can access different sites. The closer the provision the more likely parents are to allow their young children to attend, especially if they don't have to cross any busy roads to get there; some of our best attended projects are right on the doorstep of where people live. The second is consistency, in terms of how regularly provision runs from a particular site, how long it has been run from there and how often the staff change.

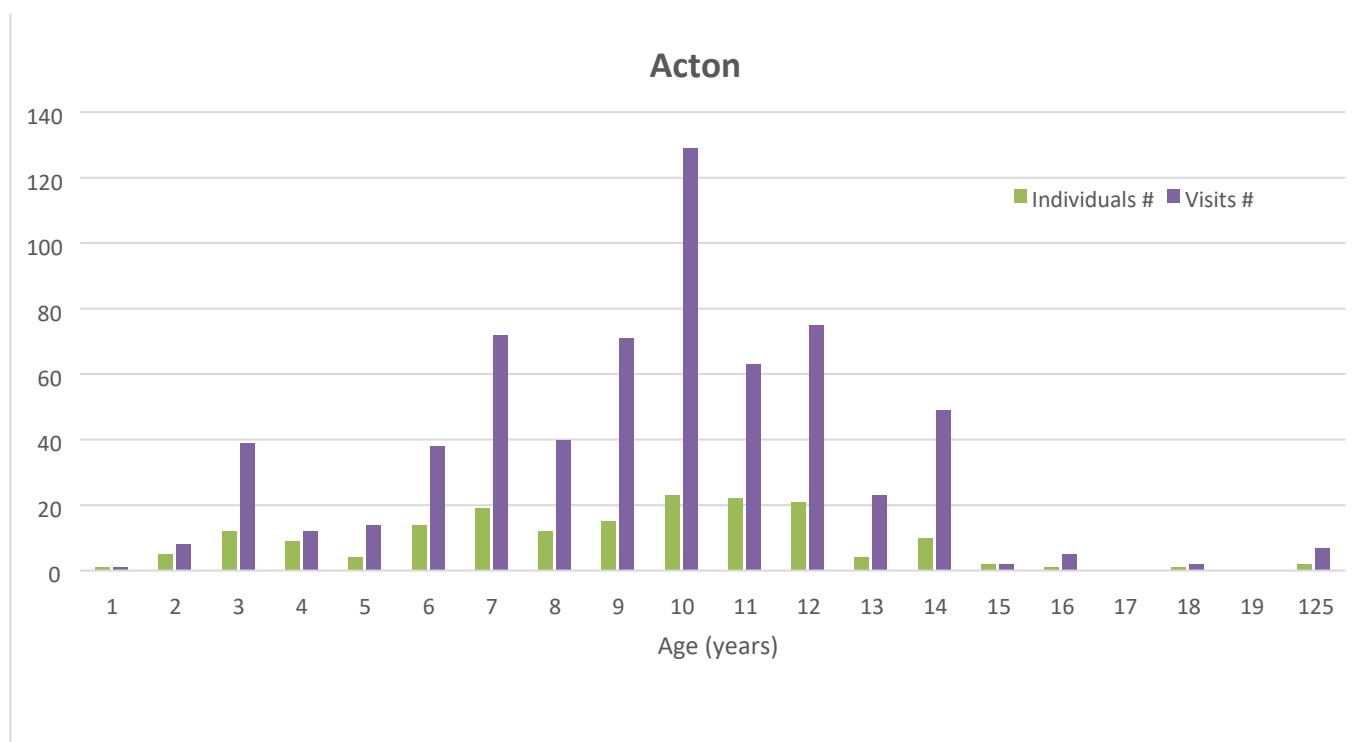
Where provision is run at the same time, on the same days and from the same sites over a prolonged period of time, families come to know what to expect and build this into the routine of their lives. Furthermore where provision is delivered consistently throughout the year, rather than just in school holidays, children attend more regularly. Finally the consistency of staffing is important because parents and children need to know and trust the people looking after them. When provision is delivered year round rather than just in school holidays we are more likely to be able to retain the same staff.

We would encourage all community councils to bear this information in mind when reviewing the attendance statistics and when considering plans for funding similar provision in the future.

Attendance Statistics for Acton 2025

	2024	2025
Number of sessions	23	36
Total number of visits	309	660
Average attendance per session	13	18
Total number of different children	80	177

	No. of sessions	No. of sessions	No. of visits	No. of visits	Average attendance	Average attendance
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
The Green	25	27	321	505	12.8	18
The Fairways	N/A	9	N/A	154	N/A	18



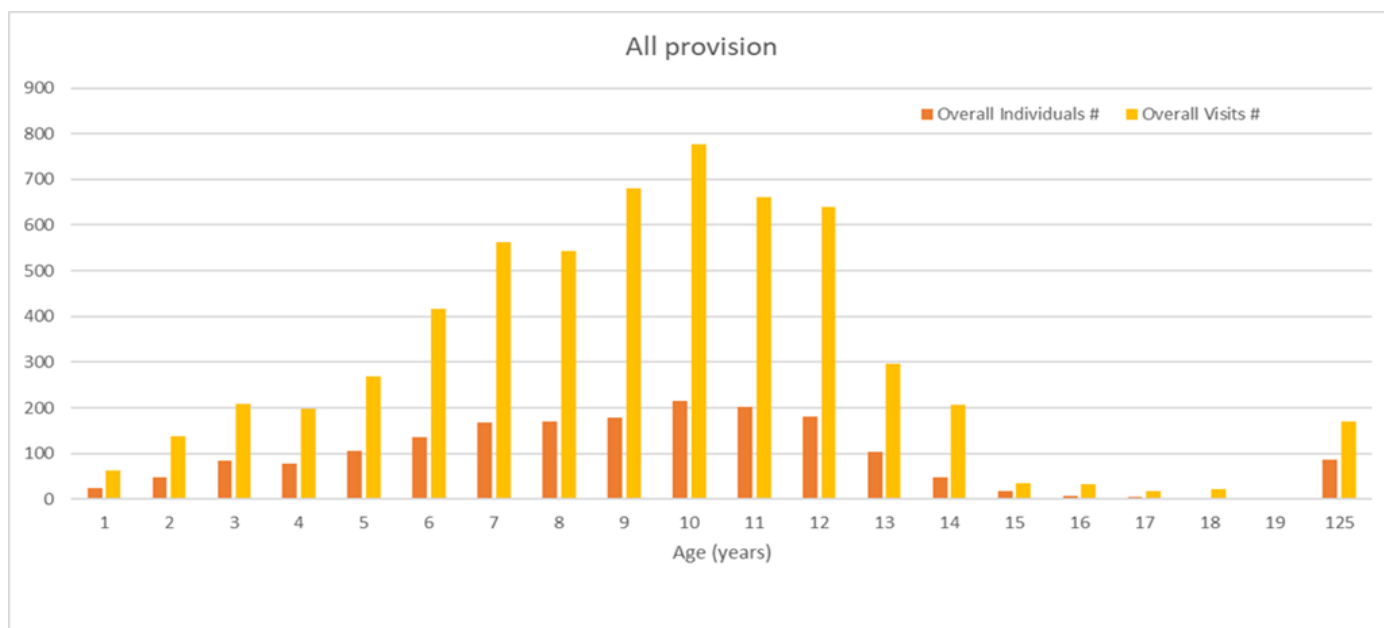
*125 is recorded where we do not have an age for the child, this could be because they are not on the Wrexham school database, or they have not provided their full details.

The attendance figures at Acton are encouraging. The average session attendance is above our target of 12 children, and we are finding within Acton is that we have 'regular' visitors. The figures for the Fairways are really strong given that we only commenced this year and only runs during school holidays. Average attendance at both sites continue to be strong and higher than

our overall Wrexham average. Visits have more than doubled since 2024, with 660 visits to play provision in 2025. 177 individual children have attended the project which is, again, more than double the individuals from last year. As the graph demonstrates we are reaching a wide age range of children. The sessions are most popular with 10 year olds.

Attendance Statistics for all Wrexham County Borough Council run playschemes.

	2024	2025
Number of Community Councils	12	12
Number of sessions	366	406
Total number of visits	5230	6227
Average attendance per session	14	15
Total number of different children	1792	1860
Average visits per child	2.9	3.3



*125 is recorded where we do not have an age for the child, this could be because they are not on the Wrexham school data base, usually because that are too young or attend school in another county.

Advertising

As a team we advertise the sessions locally and across Wrexham, below are a few ways we advertise our provision:

- All our play provision is advertised on the WCBC website
- social media informing parents of the programme (Facebook, Instagram)
- Wrexham Family information service
- Posters to community councils
- Posters to schools & school assemblies
- Posters & Banners put up at each site
- Promoted through partnership meetings
- Posting leaflets to houses near session location

Feedback

The response to the play sessions has been overwhelming positive within the community. Evaluation forms completed by children and parents agree that the sessions develop resilience, support emotional and physical health and improve overall well-being. Importantly, service users regularly report their enjoyment with the sessions and children are able to engage in opportunities that are new, novel and adventurous.

Children enjoy attending the play sessions. They have developed relationships with other local children and with the staff delivering sessions. They look forward to attending each week due to the variety of resources and activities on offer.

Below are some quotes from children and parents who have attended provision:

"I love cooking pancakes on the
campfire." "I like dressing up and
playing on the rope swing."

"Playing with the big bouncy balls is fun.

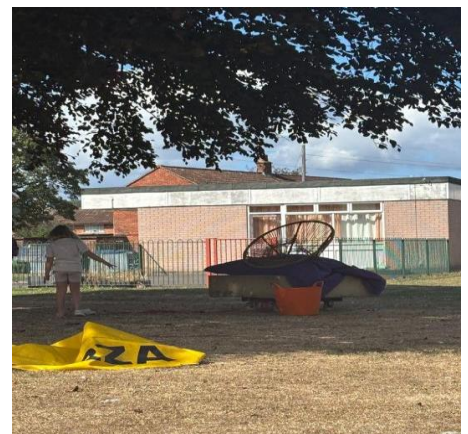
"I like it when the playworkers come because I can play out."

"It's nice to see the children outside playing together instead of being in the house on technology."

"My child looks forward to these sessions every week."

Recommendations to the Community Council

- We recommend maintaining the current provision at the Green and The Fairways due to their popularity and regular users.
- Continue to advertise the sessions locally through social media and word of mouth.
- Continue to work with the WCBC play and youth support team to monitor, evaluate and improve sessions.







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APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

INTRODUCTION

Further to Minute 9 September 2023, the Council at its meeting on 20 September 2023, 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 **one** application for financial assistance submitted to date as agreed at the September 2023 meeting of the Council.

DECISION REQUIRED

To determine the application 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. Its meetings are in February, May, July and November each year.
3. Attached at Appendix 1 for information is a summary of the Youth Committee Small Grants awarded during 2024/25.
4. During 2025/26 the Council considered grant applications at its July Meeting totaling £2,500. Those decisions are set out below.

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,	£500.00
2. Wrexham Boxing Club	They would like financial support to purchase new equipment such as boxing gloves.	£1250.00
3. Borrass Park Rangers U12	They are asking for financial assistance towards the cost of purchasing kits and training equipment for the U12 team and U11 girls team.	£750.00
	TOTAL	£2,500

5. 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 one completed form 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 application for financial assistance:-

Organisation	Details	Decision
1. Gresford Cricket Club	They require financial assistance to support the running of the Youth Section of the Cricket Club.	
TOTAL		

End of Applications received in time for the November 2025 meeting.

ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL – YOUTH COMMITTEE		
SUMMARY OF S19 EXPENDITURE DURING THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR:-		
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.	£1000.00
2. CPD Dinas Wrexham	Grant 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.	£1333.00
3. Acton Football Club	The club is seeking funding to help promote and develop girls' football in Acton and the surrounding area.	£1333.00
4. 1 st Acton Rainbows	The group is seeking help to subsidise transport costs to enable the group to attend large-scale events in Clwyd, so they can meet and interact with similar groups (Rainbows and Brownies). These events usually take place at their County House, Ty Clwyd, in Abergele.	£1333.00
	TOTAL	£4999.00

YOUTH GROUP APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

NAME OF ORGANISATION: GRESFORD CRICKET CLUB

1. NAME AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

NEIL ELLWOOD, 25 STANCLIFFE AVENUE, MARFORD,
WREXHAM LL12 8LN

2. REASON FOR APPLYING FOR YOUTH GROUP SUPPORT?

TO SUPPORT THE RUNNING OF THE YOUTH SECTION OF A LOCAL CLUB RUN BY VOLUNTEERS,
WHICH CAN ONLY BE SUSTAINED BY FUNDRAISING. THERE ARE CONSIDERABLE RUNNING
COSTS TO PROVIDE SAFE, INCLUSIVE TRAINING & MATCH FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE,
WHATEVER THEIR BACKGROUND OR ABILITY.

3. PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR PROJECT/EVENT.

i) IS IT SHORT OR LONG TERM? SHORT TERMii) HOW ARE YOU FUNDED? PLAYER SUBSCRIPTIONS & FUNDRAISINGiii) WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO GIVE A PRESENTATION TO THE YOUTH COMMITTEE ABOUT YOUR
GROUP/ORGANISATION AND YOUR FUNDING REQUIREMENTS? YES/NOiv) WHAT IS THE MAIN AIM OF YOUR PROJECT/EVENT? WE PROVIDE A FRIENDLY INCLUSIVE
ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEARN & DEVELOP, PROMOTING HEALTH
& WELLBEING THROUGH TEAM SPORT. WE ENCOURAGE ACTIVITIES TO BE PLAYED IN
THE 'SPIRIT OF CRICKET' WHICH IS TO BE RESPECTFUL OF FELLOW PARTICIPANTS AND
OFFICIALS. OUR ACTIVITIES IMPROVE; FITNESS, COORDINATION, BALANCE, CONFIDENCE
AND CREATE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE.

4. TELL US ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION.

i) WHAT DOES IT DO?

PROVIDES TRAINING & MATCHES (CRICKET) FOR LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE
FROM THE AGES OF 5YRS - 16YRS AND DEVELOPING THEM AS
INDIVIDUALS THROUGH TEAM SPORT.

ii) WHERE ARE YOU BASED?

GRESFORD CRICKET CLUB, CHAPPERS LANE, GRESFORD
LL12 8PSiii) WHEN AND HOW OFTEN DO YOU MEET? OVER ALL THE AGE GROUPS PLAYERS
WOULD MEET EVERY DAY THROUGHOUT THE SEASON. DURING THE
WINTER - WEEKLY. THE COMMITTEE MEET MONTHLY.

iv) HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ESTABLISHED?

THERE HAS BEEN A CRICKET CLUB IN GRESFORD FOR 125 YEARS
AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AROUND THE VILLAGE, UNTIL IT
MOVED TO ITS CURRENT LOCATION AT THE MEMORIAL HALL
IN 1997.

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

WE HAVE ABOUT 150 YOUTH TEAM MEMBERS (5-16YRS) AND
APPROXIMATELY 30% ARE FROM THE ACTON 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/NOIF YES PLEASE GIVE THE REGISTERED CHARITY No: N/A

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

NO

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YOUTH GROUP GRANT APPLICATION FROM: GRESFORD CRICKET CLUB

9. TELL US ABOUT THE SIZE OF YOUR ORGANISATION:

- i) HOW MANY STAFF DO YOU EMPLOY? NONE
ii) HOW MANY VOLUNTEERS DO YOU HAVE? APPROXIMATELY 20
iii) ARE THEY QUALIFIED & HAVE THEY RECEIVED APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND, IF APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY SECURITY CHECKS? ALL THE COACHES, SUPPORT COACHES AND THOSE WITH FORMAL ROLES ARE QUALIFIED & HAVE CURRENT DBS CHECKS
10. IS THE WORK OF YOUR ORGANISATION SUPERVISED BY AN OFFICIAL BODY? YES/NO

IF YES, PLEASE STATE SUPERVISING BODY: GCC IS ACCREDITED BY THE ENGLAND AND WALES CRICKET BOARD

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: 31/12/2024 INC £20495 EXP £17776
B. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS: 31/12/2023 INC £13951 EXP £16918
MONEY MANAGER A/C 2024 £2607
2023 £2556

C. OTHER INVESTMENTS: NB. 2024 A/C WAS DISTORTED BY A GRANT FROM ONE OFF 'BE ACTIVE GRANT'. 2023 A/C IS MORE TYPICAL

13. HOW MUCH WAS YOUR ORGANISATION'S PROFIT LAST YEAR? 2024 - £2719 CREDIT
Or LOSS LAST YEAR? 2023 - £2967 - LOSS

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/NO
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: GRESFORD CRICKET CLUB

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

THE JUNIOR SECTION ENTERS TEAMS IN NEW LEAGUES AT U9, U11, U13, U15 (MIXED TEAMS), ALSO U12 GIRLS & U14 GIRLS

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT

SIGNED: DA S WOOD DATE: 3RD SEPTEMBER 2025
POSITION IN ORGANISATION: COACH & COMMITTEE MEMBER
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