

22 July 2026

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 29 July 2026 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 29 July 2026](#) or use the Meeting ID: 825 2320 7439 and Passcode: 062073. 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 2026/27 Municipal Year.
- 2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR:** To appoint a Vice Chair of the Youth Committee for the 2026/27 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 13 May 2026. as submitted to the Meeting of the Community Council on 20 May 2026 (Copy attached)
- 6. INFORMATION ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**
- 7. TERMS OF REFERENCE: (FOR INFORMATION ONLY):** The Youth Committee was appointed at the Annual Community Council meeting held in May 2026 with the attached **Terms of Reference**:
- 8. ACTON YOUTH WORK PROJECTS – 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 2026 on the operation of this Service Level Agreement for the provision of an Open Access Youth Service. (To follow)

Please contact

Carole Roberts, Clerk to the Council on: 07913 071470

Email: clerk@actoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk with any apologies or requests for further information.

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

9. 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. (Copy attached)

10. PROVISION FOR LONGER TERM FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO YOUTH ORGANISATIONS/GROUPS IN THE ACTON COMMUNITY: To note that no applications have been received by the deadline.

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 Morgan Peters.

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

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Minutes of the Hybrid YOUTH COMMITTEE meeting held on Wednesday 13 May 2026.

Present: Councillor Kevin Roberts (Chair)
" Carl Downes (Vice Chair)
" Trevor Coxon
" Anne Evans (Z)
" Andy Gallanders
" Ralph Hardy
" Holly Hewitt (Z)
" Corin Jarvis *
" Morgan Peters

* Absent

Also Present:

Mr. Jon Stumpp, Caia Park Partnership (Z)
Mr. G Courtney, Mr. G Heath, Ben Heath, Financial Support Applicants BP Rangers
Mr. J Myatt, Financial Support Applicant K2 ESU
Mrs. S Davies, Financial Support Applicant, 1st Acton Rainbows
Mr. S Williams, Mr. G Hogg, Financial Support Applicants, Wxm Boxing Club
Mrs. Carole Roberts, Acton Community Council
Mrs. Michelle Williams, Acton Community Council

(Z) attended via Zoom

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ms C Jarvis
Ms. Karianne Harston, Wrexham CBC Play Development Team

29. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

30. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the hybrid Youth Meeting held on 11 February 2026 as submitted to the Meeting of the Community Council on 18 February 2026 were received and confirmed as a correct record.

31. INFORMATION FROM THE 11 FEBRUARY 2026 MINUTES

32. TERMS OF REFERENCE

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

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 2026, 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 mentioned that the number of young people attending the Youth Club was a bit lower than he would have liked, but some children had moved from the Juniors to the Senior Club and playworkers were still averaging thirty contacts per week. They also had a number of 7 year olds who were waiting to join the Youth Club when they turned 8 years old.

A discussion was had around the proposed re-purposing of Acton Community Resource Centre and alternative locations had been discussed. However, these locations came with problems, such as distance from Acton, proximity to the City Centre and possible anti-social behaviour.

RESOLVED –

- i. To accept the update and report as now submitted;*
- ii. That a further monitoring report after the end of quarter one be submitted by the Caia Park Partnership to the next Youth Committee Meeting. This date would be set at the annual Community Council Meeting in May and notified to Caia Park Partnership.*
- iii. Jon Stumpp to arrange for the completion of feedback forms by young people and parents with regard to the Youth Club.*

34. 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

Members considered and noted the Quarter 4 Performance Monitoring Report on the operation of and attendance at this Play Sufficiency Project on The Green at Little Acton.

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. This date would be set at the annual Community Council Meeting in May and notified to the WCBC Play Development Team.*

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

Members received the Clerk's report detailing the four 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.

The Chair welcomed Mr. G Courtney, Mr. G Heath, Ben Heath, Financial Support Applicants Borrass Park Rangers U12, Mr. J Myatt, Financial Support Applicant K2 ESU, Mrs. S Davies, Financial Support Applicant, 1st Acton Rainbows and Mr. S Williams, Mr. G Hogg, Financial Support Applicants, Wrexham Boxing Club. The Committee then proceeded to consider presentations from each of the four applicants in turn that had submitted applications during the present quarter.

RESOLVED – that

- i) To recommend to the Council that in view of the success and increasing interest and number of applications being received for the Youth Committee Grants, the Council considers making increased provision in the 2027/28 budget and increase the Committee's budget from £5,000 to £10,000 for the next Financial Year ; and*
- ii) 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. K2 Explorer Scout Unit	This project seeks funding to replace and upgrade key elements of our expedition kit so that K2 can continue delivering the DofE programme safely, affordably and sustainably for future participants. Items such as tents, cooking stoves, fuel systems, and waterproof storage.	£ 750.00
2. 1 st Acton Rainbows	They are seeking financial support to allow them to offer a varied and wide-ranging programme of trips, visits, challenges and new experiences to the Rainbows during 2026. These opportunities are all designed to encourage them to work as a team, develop as an individual, become more independent and treat each other with respect. In addition to support their membership costs which are increasing to £85 in 2027.	£750.00 per year for the next three years.
3. Borrass Park Rangers U12	Funding for a new kit for the U12s Junior Football.	£500.00
4. Wrexham Boxing Club	The Boxing Club is seeking financial assistance to replace some of the equipment used in the club due to its age, in particular, new punch bags.	£900.00
	TOTAL	£2,900.00

(The Committee has Power to Act)

Councillor Kevin Roberts Chair

Signed as a correct record this 29 July 2026

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].

Acton Report - 1st April – 30th June 2026 Q1

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- well: A review of recent research into children's play, social policy and practice, with a focus on Wales - Play Wales](#)

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

Number of sessions	15
Total number of visits	182
Average attendance per session	12
Individual number of children registered	48

As the figures above show we have delivered 15 sessions this quarter with 193 attendances, the average attendance is 12. The average attendance is encouraging, and we are currently meeting the target outlined in the SLA of an average of 12 children. Finally, 48 individual children have attended the project this quarter.

Advertising

We delivered a school assembly to promote the schemes within Acton the children which was well received. We have linked with CCP who have also kindly circulated our promotional material during their sessions. In addition to this, our 26/27 timetable has been circulated on social media, WCBC website with specific community posters as well. The WCBC play website and related QR code directs people to all playscheme information.

Feedback

The response to the play sessions continues to be 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. It is evident from playworker observations and reflections that those children in attendance are building confidence, developing resilience and having fun.

Playworker comments

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

“Ages range vary from young children under 5 and up to the age of 13. We have managed to support a diverse range of children with diverse needs, and it is a pleasure seeing them interact with other children and engage fully in activities.

During the hot weather children have enjoyed the waterslide and has really helped the children build their confidence and have some fun and excitement. We have also been doing fire making with children which we have observed children managing their own risk, developing skills and cooking.

Hammocks and rope swings continue to be extremely popular with the children in attendance they are really enjoying working with each other and having fun. More recently children have been really enjoying non-equipment games such tag, hide and seek and relay race to name a few.”

