CYNGOR CYMUNED ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

28 October 2026

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend an **ONLINE MEETING** of the **YOUTH COMMITTEE** of **ACTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL** to be held in accordance with Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 on **Wednesday 11 November 2026** at **6.30pm.**

You can join the Zoom Meeting online using this hyperlink to join the online Youth Committee meeting on Wednesday 11 November 2026 or use the Meeting ID: 870 2951 3388 and Passcode: 588315. 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 29 July 2026. as submitted to the Meeting of the Community Council on 16 September 2026 (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 2026 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 2026 on the operation of this Service Level Agreement for the provision of an Open Access Youth Service. (Copy attached)
7. **PLAY SUFFICIENCY PROJECT WITH WREXHAM CBC FOR STAFFED PLAY PROVISION IN THE ACTON COMMUNITY:**
   i. 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).

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Email: clerk@actoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk with any apologies or requests for further information.
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ii. Members are also requested to consider a letter from the Play Development Team setting out the annual cost for this service for 2027/28 (copy attached). The financial year 2027/28 is the final year of the 3 year SLA.

8. 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, Andy Gallanders, Corin Jarvis and Morgan Peters. There are currently two vacancies

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

AGENDA ITEM 3

CYNGOR CYMUNED **ACTON** **COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Hybrid YOUTH COMMITTEE meeting held on Wednesday 29 July 2026.

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

* Absent

Also Present: Mr. Jon Stumpp, Caia Park Partnership (Z)
Amy, Youth Worker, Caia Park Partnership (Z)
Mr. Gareth Stacey, Wrexham CBC Play Development Team (Z)
Ms. Jennie Rodenhurst, Financial Support Applicant, Borras Park CP School
Ms. Lisa Jones, Financial Support Applicant, Borras Park CP School
Mrs. Michelle Williams, Acton Community Council

(Z) attended via Zoom

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Kevin Roberts be appointed Chair of the Committee for the 2026/27 Municipal Year.

(Councillor Kevin Roberts in the Chair)

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Carl Downes be appointed Vice Chair of the Committee for the 2026/27 Municipal Year

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs A Evans, A Gallanders and Ms H Hewitt.

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 13 May 2026 as submitted to the Meeting of the Community Council on 20 May 2026 were received and confirmed as a correct record.

6. INFORMATION FROM THE 13 MAY 2026 MINUTES

MINUTE 35.i: Members noted that the recommendation of the hybrid Youth Committee Meeting held on 13 May 2026 was received and endorsed, at the Council Meeting on 20 May 2026. That in view of the

success and increasing interest and number of applications being received for Youth Committee Grants, the Council will make an increased provision in the 2027/2028 budget and increase the Committee's budget from £5,000 to £10,000 for the next Financial Year.

7. TERMS OF REFERENCE

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

8. 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 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.

Members noted that attendance at the Club had been down slightly, as some parents thought the Club had already closed. However, Youth Workers had reassured them, the last night was 29 July 2026. Jon Stumpp then outlined the two proposals that the Youth Service were considering. Wrexham CBC had proposed that the provision return to the Resource Centre in 5 to 6 months when the first renovations were completed and they had been offered the use of Hall 1 and 2, hopefully prior to Christmas. In the intervening six months they would run an Outreach provision with a full program of sessions and trips. Gareth Stacey, from Wrexham CBC Play team offered to help in any way they could with either the loan of equipment or transport.

The second option was to set up a Youth Club somewhere else which would potentially attract new children, however, when the Youth Club returned to the Resource Centre in 2 years' time, when the extension was complete, these children may not be able to attend the new provision. Members discussed the options available and which solution would be better for the young people.

RESOLVED –

i. To accept the update and report as now submitted;

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 11 November 2026.

iii. That the Youth Club provision at Acton Community Resource Centre continue as an Outreach service until access was available to the refurbished Hall 1 and 2 at Acton CRC, in five to six months.

9. PLAY SUFFICIENCY PROJECT WITH WREXHAM CBC FOR STAFFED PLAY PROVISION IN THE ACTON COMMUNITY AND UPDATE ON OPERATION OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PLAY PROJECT IN THE RHOSNESNI WARD

Members considered and noted the Quarter 1 Performance Monitoring Report on the operation of and attendance at this Play Sufficiency Project on The Green at Little Acton. The Chair commented that this Play provision was working well at The Green. It was noted that Youth Workers had attended school assemblies to promote the provisions. Councillor Coxon commented that he had advertised the holiday play provision on The Fairways and it would be interesting to see if the change of day from a Thursday to a Friday made a difference in the numbers attending. There had been 9 attendees the previous Friday.

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 11

November 2026.

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

The Chair welcomed Ms. Jennie Rodenhurst and Ms. Lisa Jones, teachers at Borras Park CP School to the meeting. They submitted their Financial Assistance form and the Committee considered their presentation and examined the plans for the new Play Area.

RESOLVED – that

i. The Administration Assistant send the Headteacher of Borras Park CP School details of the S137 Financial Assistance available from Acton Community Council.

ii. the following Financial Assistance grant be made under the Council's Powers contained in Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 :-

Organisation	**Details**	**Amount**
1. Borras Park CP School	The School are fundraising to provide a new playground for the pupils.	**£ 500.00**
	TOTAL	**£500.00**

(The Committee has Power to Act)

Councillor Kevin Roberts Chair

Signed as a correct record this 11 November 2026

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Presiding Chair

AGENDA ITEM 5

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 Borras 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~

AGENDA ITEM 6

Contract Monitoring

between

Acton Community Council

and

Caia Park Partnership Ltd

Quarter 2 July - September 2026

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Acton Community Council

SERVICE DELIVERY JULY – SEPTEMBER 2026

This quarter looked different from our usual delivery model following the closure of Acton Community Resource Centre at the end of July. Regular youth club sessions for both the Acton Junior and Acton Senior groups ran throughout July until the building closed. From August, staff quickly adapted to detached and outreach-based work so that young people in Acton kept their connection with the service. This meant young people continued to have access to trusted adults, positive activities and support throughout the summer holidays, with several regular attendees actively seeking out staff in the weeks after the closure. Attendance naturally fluctuated as delivery methods changed, but young people's continued engagement is a strong reflection of the relationships staff have built in the community. Attendance figures for each part of the provision are outlined in the relevant sections of this report.

ACTON JUNIORS YOUTH CLUB - JULY 2026

Throughout July, the Acton Junior session remained a vibrant, safe space for young people at the start of the summer holidays. Sessions attracted an average of 12 young people, with a peak of 18 in a single session. Attendance was slightly lower than earlier in the year, reflecting families being away on holidays and day trips, as well as some uncertainty in the community around the upcoming closure of the building. Staff kept the usual rhythm of weekly activities in place, including a young person chosen activity each session, preserving the youth led ethos that underpins the provision. This consistency gave young people stability, familiarity and positive experiences during a time of change. Highlights from the month included:

Cook and Eat sessions remained a weekly fixture and one of the most anticipated parts of the session. Young people regularly told staff how much they looked forward to the activity, which gave them the chance to try new foods, explore simple recipes and build confidence in preparing meals they could recreate at home. During the warm July weather, having structured time to prepare food and eat together also encouraged young people to stay hydrated, take breaks and regulate their energy, helping to maintain a calm, social atmosphere. The group showed growing confidence in trying new foods and encouraging others to do the same. Staff observed several positive peer interactions, with young people reassuring one another and celebrating when someone tried something new for the first time, building a real sense of teamwork and shared achievement.





With July's hot weather, staff encouraged young people to spend more time indoors and out of direct sunlight, introducing calm, seated activities that allowed them to rest, stay cool and remain hydrated. A range of communication and thinking games quickly became a popular feature of the junior provision. These simple, low-resource games offered real developmental value: they strengthened relationships between young people and with staff, created a relaxed setting where conversation, humour and teamwork came naturally, and provided informal opportunities for problem-solving, critical thinking and collaborative decision-making. As the month progressed, young people took increasing ownership of the games, frequently asking to play them again and volunteering to lead. Staff were able to step back as young people explained rules, guided the group and introduced creative new elements. This youth-led approach built their confidence, communication skills and ability to manage group dynamics, as they practised turn-taking, negotiation and respectful communication, with staff on hand to help them manage frustration and resolve conflict positively.

Arts and crafts remained a regular, well-used part of the Acton Junior youth club, with paper, pens, colouring resources and craft supplies available every session. This consistent offer encouraged young people to express themselves creatively, engage in imaginative play and enjoy calm, self-directed activities, whether working independently or alongside their peers. A key highlight in July was a slime-making activity, which quickly became a group favourite. Young people made their own slime to take home, choosing their colours and deciding whether to add beads or other decorations. As well as being fun and hands-on, the activity supported a range of developmental skills: young people worked together to follow steps, share materials and help one another, and solved problems such as adjusting ingredients to get the right consistency. Staff observed high levels of engagement, cooperation and creativity, and young people took real pride in their finished products. Arts and crafts continue to offer an accessible, low-pressure way for young people to express themselves, develop practical skills and enjoy positive shared experiences.



ACTON SENIORS' YOUTH CLUB – JULY 2026

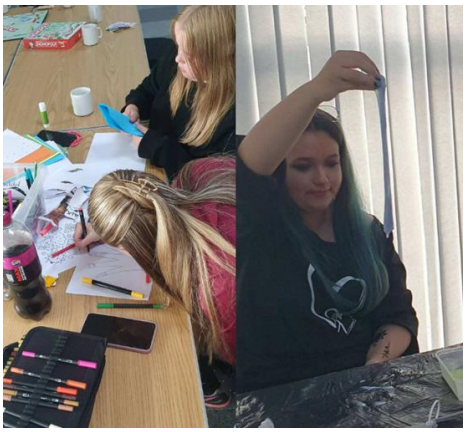


Throughout July, Acton Seniors continued to provide a safe, welcoming space for young people in the Acton community. Sessions averaged 6 young people, with a peak of 11, with a continued core of regular attendees who remained engaged and enthusiastic. Numbers were lower than usual, reflecting uncertainty around the future of the building, the start of the summer holidays and older members moving on to new chapters in their lives. The youth club remained a fun, social environment where young people could meet friends, relax and talk openly with trusted adults about issues affecting their lives. Favourite activities such as Cook and Eat, ping pong and board games continued, providing routine and comfort while helping young people build confidence, practise teamwork and enjoy shared experiences.

A key focus for the seniors this month was the introduction of interaction and communication games. Ran alongside the regular activities, these created lively, laughter filled sessions that strengthened peer relationships. With many young people facing challenges such as finishing high school, navigating changing friendships and adjusting to the start of the summer holidays, this informal, playful environment proved especially valuable. Even those not playing stayed invested, cheering on peers, offering encouragement and eagerly waiting their turn. This shared engagement helped young people develop emotional management and resilience while enjoying a genuine sense of fun.



The senior group also developed a growing interest in card games. Simple but effective, these offered an easy entry point for participation and helped new members settle in and build positive relationships quickly. Young people took ownership by learning new games and teaching them to peers and staff, building confidence, leadership skills and peer-to-peer learning, and contributing to a warm, collaborative atmosphere.



Arts and crafts resources remained readily available, offering a calm, creative space where young people felt comfortable opening up about personal issues and giving staff valuable opportunities for meaningful conversations. The group also enjoyed a slime-making session, a messy, sensory activity that brought excitement and laughter, encouraged creativity and curiosity, and added welcome variety to the programme.

SERVICE DELIVERY AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2026

Following the closure of Acton Community Resource Centre, young people continued to seek out staff for conversation, support and connection. In response, the team introduced a combined weekly model of detached sessions followed by a set engagement session.

During detached sessions, staff walked around Acton, speaking with young people in their own spaces and maintaining a visible presence in the community. This reassured young people that trusted adults remained available and approachable despite the building's closure, and supported early identification of emerging needs through informal check-ins. Detached sessions reached an average of 11 young people over the quarter, with a peak of 25 in a single session.



Alongside this, staff established a dedicated engagement session at a set time and place each week. Young people who had previously attended the youth club were invited to meet every Wednesday under a tree near the former centre, where staff offered conversation, informal support and light activities such as cards and Uno. Several young people were navigating important transitions, including waiting for GCSE results and preparing to start high school in September, and these sessions gave them continuity, reassurance and a safe space to talk through these milestones. Engagement sessions averaged 10 young people, with a peak of 21 in a single session.

With young people continuing to show strong interest in meeting staff, Caia Park Partnership brought in external services to add further resources to the area. A key highlight of the quarter was the involvement of *The Base*, a mobile youth club that visited during engagement sessions, offering an Xbox inside the van, arts and crafts, a mobile ping pong table and a range of sports equipment. Young people engaged extremely well, and the visits added variety, excitement and extra support to the weekly offer.



Overall, this combined model ensured that young people in Acton kept access to trusted adults, positive activities and emotional support during a period

of significant change. Staff maintained relationships, promoted wellbeing and provided consistency at a time when the centre's closure could otherwise have led to disengagement or isolation.



In addition to the weekly offer, Caia Park Partnership delivered a large summer trip to AirHop, supporting 64 young people to take part in an energetic trampoline session. Each participant received specialist jump socks and enjoyed a full hour of jumping, followed by pizza and slushies. The trip gave young people the chance to meet peers from other youth clubs, strengthen social connections and enjoy an activity that promoted movement, confidence and fun. It was particularly valuable for young people from Acton Youth Club, helping them feel included, supported and connected to trusted staff while their usual building was closing. For several young people, it was an experience they may not otherwise have been able to access, ensuring the offer remained inclusive and supportive of their wider wellbeing. The AirHop trip was a significant highlight of the quarter, bringing young people together from across the partnership and reinforcing the positive relationships built throughout the year.

Quarterly monitoring

Individuals attending July – September 2026

	8-10	11-13	14-16	17+	Total
Male	32	42	18	0	**92**
Female	27	48	19	0	**94**
Total	**59**	**90**	**37**	**0**	**186**

Contacts made July- September 2026

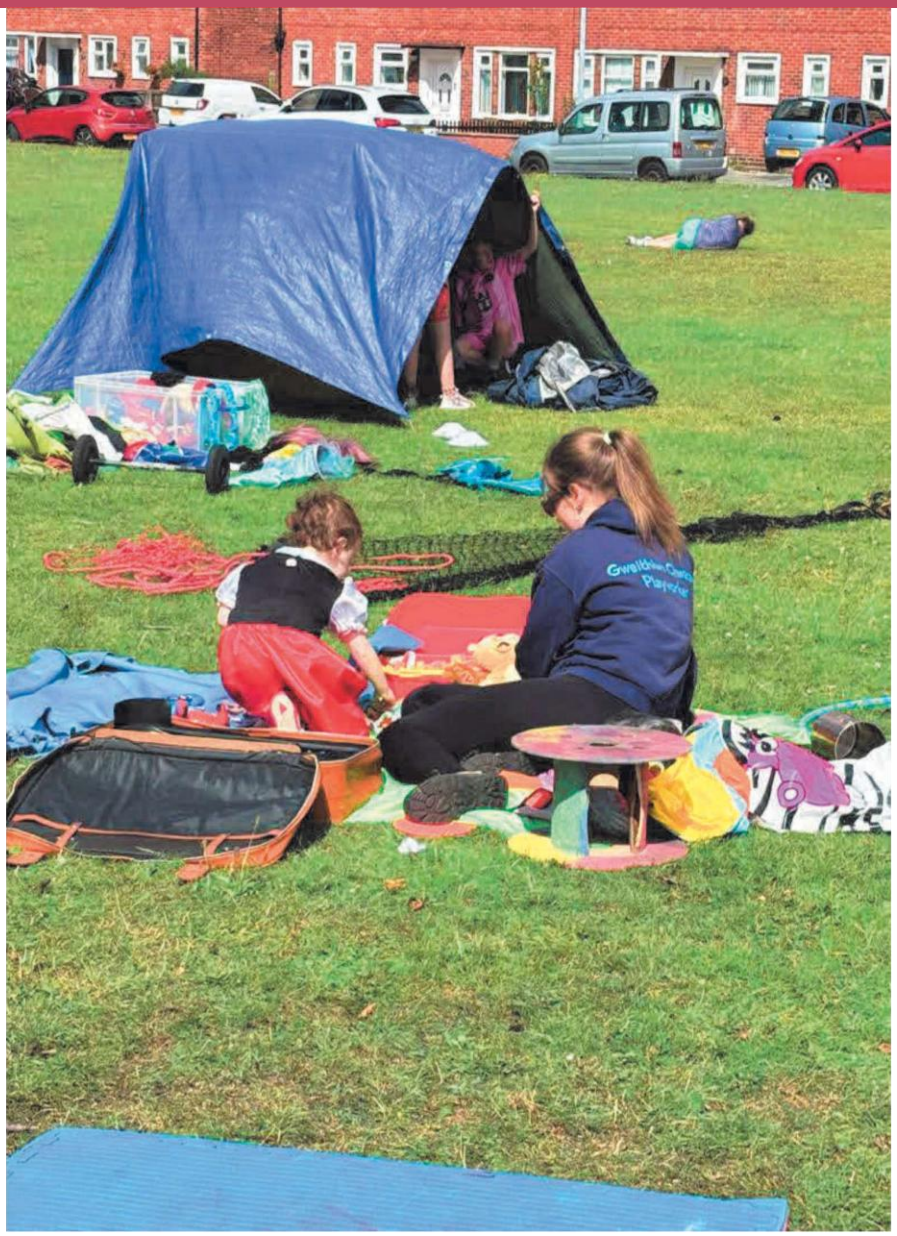
	8-10	11-13	14-16	17+	Total
Male	63	63	28	0	**154**
Female	78	48	66	0	**192**
Total	**141**	**111**	**94**	**0**	**346**

CASE STUDIES

X is a 10-year-old who began attending the youth club earlier this year, initially presenting as shy, reserved, and anxious about school. Over the past quarter, she has shown clear and consistent growth in confidence and self-expression. As she settled into the space, she began engaging more actively in activities and gradually initiated interactions with other young people, which marked an important shift in her social confidence. Throughout the August and September months, she continued attending regularly and developed trusting relationships with staff, openly sharing her worries about moving into year six upcoming end of year exams and eventually year seven. She now interacts comfortably with older young people, communicates more freely, and arrives at sessions eager to talk with staff and peers about her achievements in school. Her progress reflects a growing sense of belonging, independence, and emotional confidence within the youth club and youth provision offer.

AGENDA ITEM 7

Acton Play Provision Report 2026



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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.

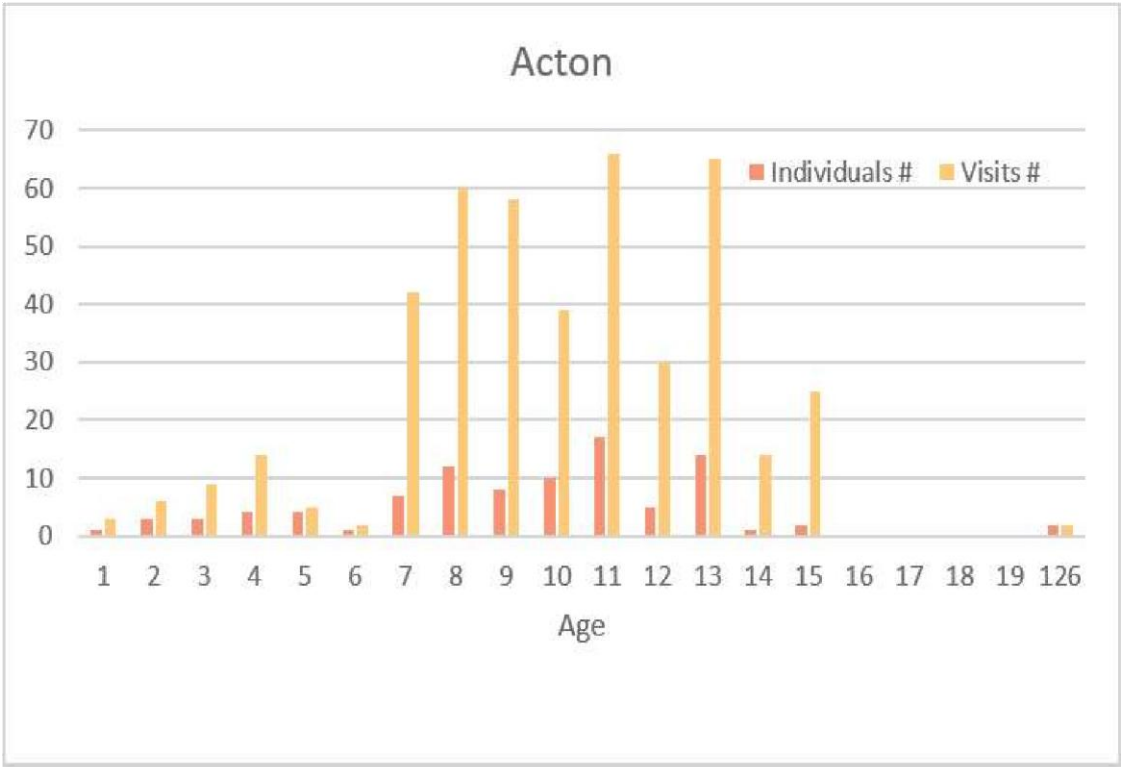
Of course every community is unique with its own layout and demographics but in our experience, and based on the attendances of children across our service, we have identified two keys factors that influence the age at which children start to attend and how often we engage with them. The first is location 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 encourage all Community Councils to take this information into account when reviewing attendance statistics and considering future funding for similar provision. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Community Council for its continued support throughout the year.

Attendance Statistics for Acton 2026

	2025	**2026**
Number of sessions	36	**34**
Total number of visits	660	**441**
Average attendance per session	18	**13**
Total number of different children	177	**94**

	No. of sessions		**No. of visits**		**Average attendance**	
	2025	**2026**	2025	**2026**	2025	**2026**
The Green	27	**27**	505	**343**	18	**13**
The Fairways	9	**9**	154	**98**	18	**11**



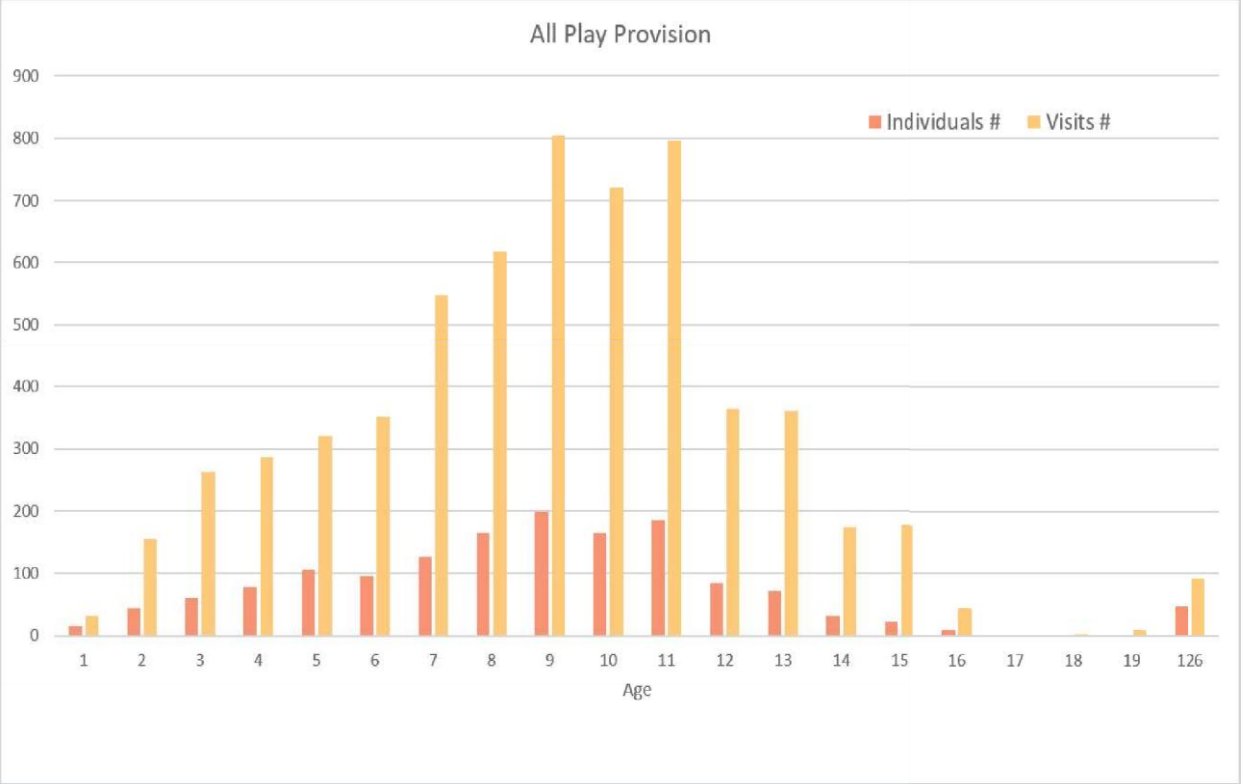
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Average session attendance continues to exceed our target of 12 children per session. Encouragingly, 55% of children registered at the Acton sites have attended three or more times, demonstrating strong repeat engagement. This suggests that the sessions have become a valued and reliable part of children's routines, providing a consistent activity that they look forward to each week and helping to establish the project as an integral part of the local community.

The Fairways project has also continued to attract strong attendance throughout the school holidays, with 441 visits recorded to date from 91 individual children. As illustrated in the graph, the project engages children across a broad age range, highlighting its accessibility and appeal to children at different stages of childhood. We are pleased with the performance of all the provision and the difference the sessions are making to children's lives in your community.

Attendance Statistics for all Wrexham County Borough Council run playschemes.

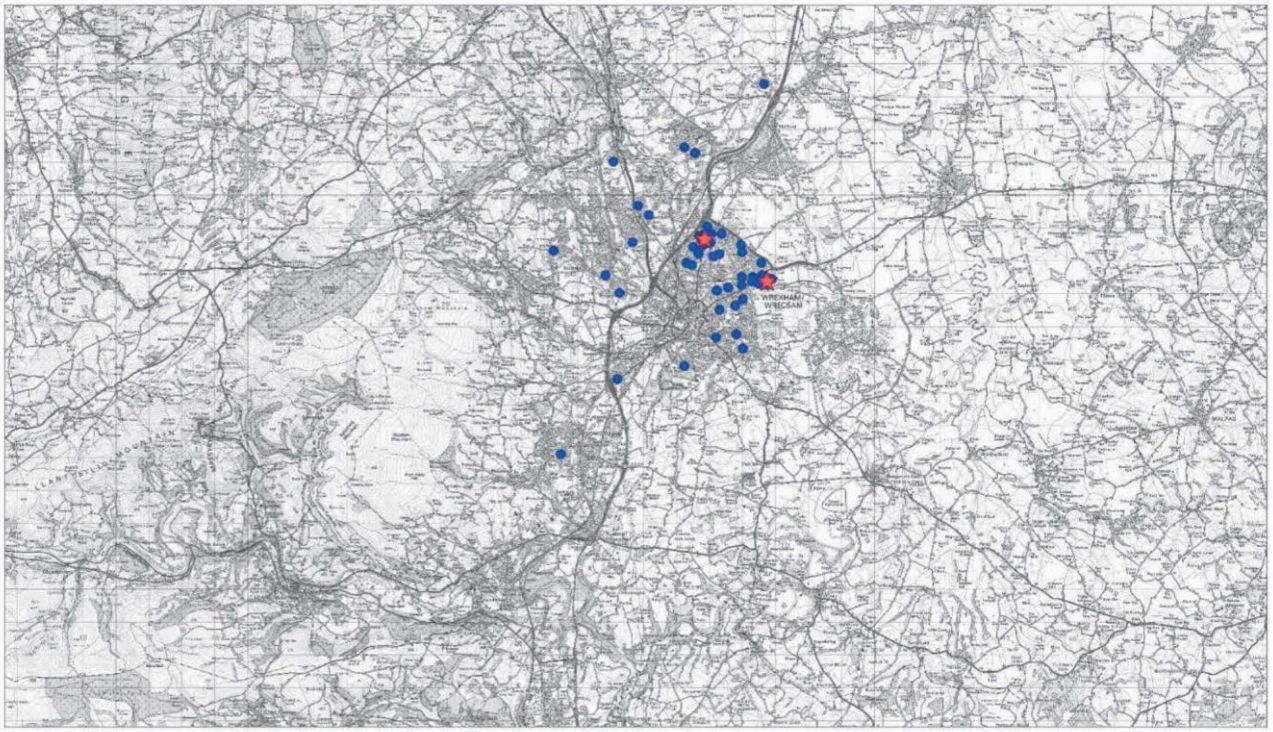
	2025	**2026**
Number of Community Councils	12	**11**
Number of sessions	406	**390**
Total number of visits	6227	**6405**
Average attendance per session	15	**16**
Total number of different children	1860	**1664**
Average visits per child	3.3	**4**



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Mapping

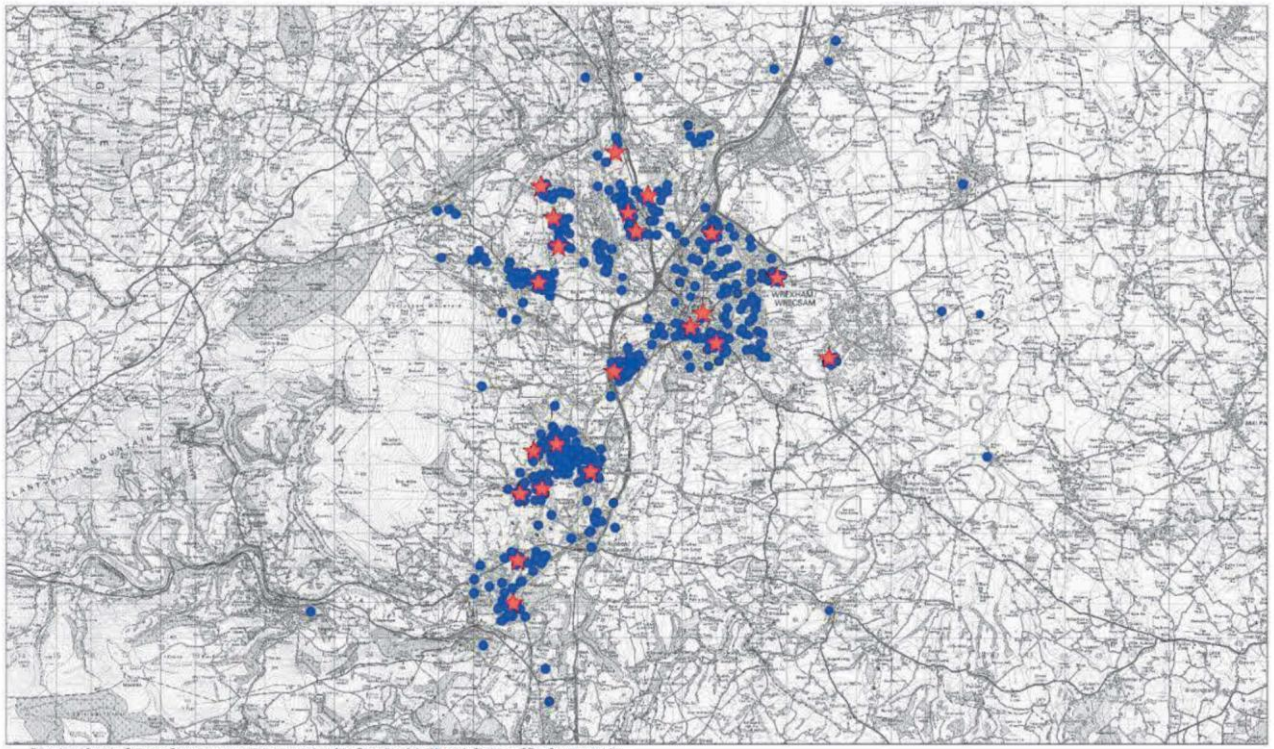
The maps below illustrate the geographical areas from which children travel to access the play provision. The red stars indicate the location of the play sites and provide a visual representation of the areas served by each provision. As you can see on the map the play session serves the local postcodes as intended. **Please note that one blue dot represents one postcode of which children are registered regardless of how many children from that postcode. Therefore, one blue dot does not equate to one child.**



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Play Development - Acton

Date : 28/9/2026



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Play Development - Wrexham Overall

Date : 30/9/2026

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:

Parent "variety of things available, staff able to play with children because I cannot"

Parent "children play happily together and use their imagination"

Child – "I use my imagination"

Child – "the best is playing on the waterslide and painting"

Child – "Making and building stuff, its great"

Recommendations to the Community Council

- We recommend maintaining the current provision at the Green and The Fairways due to their popularity and regular users, in line with the existing SLA.
- 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 explore opportunities on each site to enhance the environment e.g. landscaping and playful features.













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Dear Councillors

Funding for Staffed Play Provision in 2027-2028

Thank you for funding the delivery of staffed play provision in your communities this year. We are aware that Community Councils will now be in the process of planning their budgets for the next financial year and hope that you will continue to fund play provision. Our accompanying report identified the following recommendations for your 27/28 provision:

- We recommend maintaining the current provision at the Green and The Fairways due to their popularity and regular users, in line with the existing SLA.
- 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 explore opportunities on each site to enhance the environment e.g. landscaping and playful features.

2027-2028 play provision costs

As per the existing 3 year SLA (for 1 session a week year round), which commenced April 2025, please see below for updated costs. In addition, we have outlined the costs for continuation of the pilot sessions in holidays.

In total, to continue the same level of delivery in 27-28 the cost to the community council will be: **£13,179.48.**
(year round session - £11,049.17 & one fairways session in each holiday - £2,130.31)

For your information, see below session costs for sessions if you wish to consider any additional provision in 27/28:

The cost to Community Councils of funding one playwork session per week for 49 weeks of the year (excluding two weeks at Christmas and February half term) are as follows:

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Byddwn yn ymateb i unrhyw ohebiaeth yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at unrhyw oedi.

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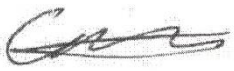
1 x Senior Playworker (NJC G05 point 8)	*3 hours per week x 52 weeks*	£3,350.58
2 x Playworker (NJC G04 point 5)	*3 hours per week x 52 weeks*	£6,375.04
Project Costs	*including van running costs, resources and training*	*£1,323.55*
Total		**£11,049.17**

However, despite the benefits a year round approach, we recognise that the above costs may be prohibitive for some community councils. We therefore remain committed to also delivering staffed play provision on a sessional basis during school holidays.

- Cost for 5 sessions per week throughout Easter, Whit, Summer & October school holidays (total of 45 sessions excluding bank holidays & national playday) = £9,586.40
- Cost for 4 sessions per week throughout Easter, Whit, Summer & October school holidays (total of 35 sessions excluding bank holidays & national playday) = £7,456.09.
- Cost for 3 sessions per week throughout Easter, Whit, Summer & October school holidays (total of 25 sessions excluding bank holidays & national playday) = £5,325.78
- Cost for 2 sessions per week throughout Easter, Whit, Summer & October school holidays (total of 20 sessions excluding bank holidays & national playday) = £4,260.62
- Cost for 1 session per week throughout Easter, Whit, Summer & October school holidays (total of 10 sessions excluding bank holidays & national playday) = £2,130.31

As usual, we are happy to negotiate how many sessions individual community councils may want on a case by case basis. Please contact the team to discuss the 'package' you may require.

Yours sincerely



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