

19 October 2022

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend a Remote meeting of the **YOUTH COMMITTEE** of Acton Community Council to be held remotely in accordance with Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 on **Tuesday 25 OCTOBER 2022 at 6.30pm**. The business to be transacted is as set out in the agenda below.

Please note that the Meeting and those participating will be recorded. To join the Meeting online please use the Meeting ID: 853 7949 9025 and Passcode: 518957 or [click on this link](#)

Yours Sincerely

Carole Roberts

Clerk 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 26 July 2022 as submitted to the Meeting of the Community Council on 27 September 2022 (Copy attached)

4. INFORMATION ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE: (FOR INFORMATION ONLY) : The Youth Committee was re-appointed at the Annual Community Council meeting held in May 2022 with the following **Terms of Reference**:

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.

Please contact

Carole Roberts, Clerk to the Council on: 07913 071470 or

E-Mail:

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

You can also write to the Clerk at Acton Community Resource Centre, Overton Way, Wrexham LL12 7LB

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"; and
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 Seasonal 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. The scope of the Service Level Agreement with the Caia Park Partnership can be extended to encompass emergency Detached Youth Work in response to any further Covid 19 Measures 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.

6. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT –ACTON YOUTH WORK PROJECTS: To receive and consider the attached Q2 report and other information to be provided at the meeting by representatives of the Caia Park in respect of performance monitoring to 30 September 2022 on the operation of this Service Level Agreement for the provision of an Open Access Youth Service

7. PLAY SUFFICIENCY PILOT PROJECT WITH THE WREXHAM CBC FOR STAFFED PLAY PROVISION IN THE ACTON COMMUNITY: The Play Development Team have been invited to attend the meeting to give an update on the Pilot Project which commenced in September 2022

TO: MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE: (Chair of the Council Councillor Kevin Roberts (ex officio) together with Councillors Caroline Bettley, Roger Davies, Anne Evans, Andy Gallanders, 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 Remote YOUTH COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 26 JULY 2022

Present: Councillor Caroline Bettley
 " Roger Davies *
 " Anne Evans
 " Andy Gallanders
 Corin Jarvis
 " Phil Lloyd *
 " Kevin Roberts

* Absent

Also Present: Mr Jon Stumpp, & Andy Watson, Caia Park Partnership
 Mr Gareth Stacey, Jay Davies, Wrexham CBC Play Development Team
 Mrs Carole Roberts, Clerk to the Council

8. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor Kevin Roberts was appointed Chair of the Youth Committee for the 2022/23 Municipal Year
(Councillor Kevin Roberts in the Chair)

9. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

Councillor Andy Gallanders was appointed Vice Chair of the Youth Committee for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Roger Davies and Philip Lloyd

11. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations made at this stage of the proceedings

12. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Youth Committee held on 27 January 2022 as submitted to the Meeting of the Community Council on 15 February 2022 be received and confirmed as a correct record

13. INFORMATION ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

It was noted that the Council had confirmed the Committee's recommendation the savings made to the costs of the 2021/22 Service Level Agreement for the Acton Youth Work Project as result of savings for room hire costs should be used to purchase additional equipment for the Youth Club and to fund the provision of travel opportunities to address the skills shortage identified by this Youth Work Project to enable Young People to be confident and proficient in using public transport

14. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Youth Committee was appointed at the Annual Community Council meeting held in May 2022 and its Terms of Reference were noted.

15. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT –ACTON YOUTH WORK PROJECTS

The Chair Welcomed Jon Stumpp and Andy Watson to the meeting. Members considered the reports and other information provided at the meeting by representatives of the Caia Park Partnership in respect of the 2021/22 Year End and the Quarter 1 performance monitoring to 30 June 2022 on the operation of this Service Level Agreement for the provision of an Open Access Youth Service . in particular the ongoing engagement work throughout the Covid pandemic and the Youth Club sessions restarting in the Resource Centre had seen engagement levels similar to before the enforced closures albeit with a different cohort of Young People. The Senior Group have formed into a well knit group of friends. The report set out in detail updates on the Acton Juniors and Acton Seniors, events planned over the summer and positive outcomes from the quarter. However a negative resulting from the positive achievements require dynamic decisions to be made regarding health and safety and re-planning activities to accommodate higher numbers that may attend.

Members were pleased with the outcomes and noted there will be cost implications if a third member of staff has to be employed to ensure the supervision ratios of staff to Young People are observed. Consideration may need to be given to future needs/ expansion of the Service Level agreement to invest in the successes. The Chair thanked the Officers for their attendance and report

RESOLVED –

- i) to accept the first quarter report as now submitted in accordance with the Service Level Agreement and thank the Caia Park Partnership Officers for enabling the Youth Work project to thrive following resumption of the Service at the Resource Centre after the Covid restrictions; and**
- ii) A further monitoring report after the end of quarter two be submitted by the Caia Park Partnership to the next Youth Committee proposed for Tuesday 25 October 2022; and**

16. PLAY SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT – FOCUSED PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

Further to Minute 27 June 2022, the Play Development Team representatives were in attendance and the Chair welcomed Gareth Stacey and Jay Davies. A wider discussion ensued about more focussed provision of services for children. It was noted the Play Development Team are completing Wrexham's 2022 Play Sufficiency Assessment as per the Welsh Government Statutory duty placed on Local Authorities.

An early indication of the overall satisfaction levels were presented to the meeting. The Covid pandemic has had a negative impact on children's satisfaction with play opportunities and how they usually play. The results for Acton has enabled focus on Time, Space and Permission. The Team's experience is that where there is year round community play provision, attitudes of adults towards children's play becomes more tolerant and ultimately more permissible. The Committee also considered a letter setting out a proposal for the Community Council to fund one Staffed Play session per week for 48 weeks of the year.

It was noted there was currently a small sum included in the Community Council's Young Persons Budget for Play development work. It was suggested that in order to assess the demand and level of engagement, a Pilot Scheme for 19 Play Sessions at a cost of £2,466 (within the existing budget) commence from mid to late September 2022 continuing existing work at the sunken gardens off Park Avenue, and developing new sessions at Little Acton and Rhosnesni. The Play Development Team will seek to identify other sources of funding for the Pilot to run until March 2023. The Clerk indicated

that an formal exchange of letters should take place to identify key performance indicators and what will be provided, how much will it cost? how long it will be for? what will be provided? how will the Play Development Team promote it? There also needs to be a Questionnaire with responses back from children and parents at the end of the Pilot. Any commitment to fund the Pilot Project will be subject to formal approval from the Community Council at its September 2022 Meeting.

RESOLVED –

- 1. to receive and note the Report; and**
- 2. to recommend to the Council that it enters into a Pilot Project with the Wrexham CBC Play Development Team for Staffed Play Provision from September 2022 using the criteria and budget provision as set out in the above Minute**

Councillor Kevin Roberts, Presiding Chair

Signed as a correct record this 25th day of October 2022

Presiding Chair

CAIA PARK PARTNERSHIP LTD:

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

Quarter 2 Report July - September 2022



SERVICE DELIVERY JULY – SEPTEMBER 2022

As we moved into Quarter 2 both clubs continued to exceed the teams expectations as both groups continued to achieve good numbers, much as we had when we first re-opened. To some extent, the team expected numbers to drop as maybe the novelty of the clubs wore off over time but we are more than happy to inform the council that this has not been the case.

Our Junior session continues to attract as many as 35 young people to each session and the Senior session continues to receive between 15 and 20 young people each week. As expected, there was a slight drop in numbers over the school summer holiday period as many families were able to take holidays again this year after the pandemic. As soon as the young people returned to school we saw an immediate rise back to pre-holiday numbers and the team have taken steps to deal with this.

To address the large numbers attending our junior session, the team have drafted in another member of staff to help out with this particular session. Ali Williams is another nationally qualified, Senior Worker and she also has a familiarity with the club (although much of that comes from the days before lockdown). Ali has several years' experience as a youth worker and has been a part of the Caia Youth Team for over 5 years. Ali has slotted into her role at the club really well and has become a focal part of the team. With numbers at the junior session continuing to be as high as they are, Ali will continue to support the junior sessions as we move forward into quarter 3 with a view to reviewing this at the end of Quarter 3, once the team is able to reflect on this quarter and make a decision as to whether continued support will be necessary beyond that point.

The team has worked to a programme of activities, planned in cooperation with each group at the beginning of the quarter to deliver a varied range of sessions and we were also able to facilitate a session at Tenpin Wrexham for the Junior group and a trip to Chester Pride in which several young people from our senior session attended.



JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

As mentioned already, this session continues to attract as many as 35 young people into the centre each week. With the added support from Ali, the team have been able to manage the higher numbers more efficiently and the sessions continue to run really well.

We often use the space outside for a range of sports activities and over the last quarter, we have held football and badminton sessions as well as bringing a set of dodgeballs to the club for the group to participate in some friendly competition, where they are allowed to 'legitimately' throw things at each other.

The team also brought a range of hula hoops from one of our other centres and the group regularly enjoy using them, with several members of the group having



a real knack of keeping the hoop going, as opposed to the staff team who proved pretty useless at it.

As a result of the use of outside areas due to overspill, the team do regularly need to remind some of the group about our neighbours and how their behaviour is not only an advert for themselves and their families but also an advert for the club whilst they are in attendance. On the whole the group are very well behaved, and the team have very little in the way of major issues to deal with other than the usual behaviour management procedures used. We did have a spate of young people arriving on electric scooters, however, the team have spoken to each scooter's respective owners and asked them not to bring them to club as there is not only grey areas surrounding the legality of their use, but also an added risk of accidents as they are used around the outside of the centre.

Over the course of the quarter, we have continued to offer our usual club activities such as the Ps5, pool and table tennis and we have also begun to make use of the centres Wifi capabilities. As the centre Wifi system does not allow console access, we have been using either a laptop or one of our mobile phones as a hotspot to offer the group the opportunity to access some limited online features such as Fifa Ultimate team and Youtube access for music and videos.

The added bonus of Wifi access has given us the opportunity to deliver Karaoke with up to date songs and we have found that both groups regularly enjoy playing Just Dance and Youtube offers access to the videos that can be used for the whole group, rather than the actual game which is more limited to player numbers. Any access to any online features are closely monitored by the team, much as is the case in any other centre with internet access and it has proven an excellent addition to the teams toolbag this quarter.

The team have delivered a series of art and craft sessions over the quarter and the group have been offered the chance to make jewellery from resin and loom bands, clay models, design their own T shirts and more recently, prepare for our upcoming Halloween celebrations.

Although more limited by the small kitchen, we have also delivered several cook and eat sessions ranging from making milkshakes, hotdogs on the Firepit, Slushies and healthy wraps.

As we move into the next quarter, the team are confident that we will be able to continue delivering a good range of sessions throughout our next 13 week programme. The upcoming quarter will include our Halloween and Christmas celebrations and as a team, we look forward to what the next 3 months has to offer with this group.



ACTON SENIORS



Acton Senior youth club has continued much as it did through out the first quarter of the year. Attendances continue to remain somewhere in the region of between 15-20 young people. This groups numbers were impacted somewhat over the Summer holidays as several of our members moved to different areas of Wrexham.

This older groups tend to prefer a more relaxed environment to that of the Junior group and the team find that these sessions are often filled with discussions with the group members as much as being filled with activities. Each week we offer a

number of alternative activities to the usual club staples and the group are very engaging. This past quarter they have taken part in cook and eat sessions in which they made their own milkshakes and slushies.

The added extra of the Wifi use has led to several humorous moments as members of the group compete against eachother in Just Dance competitions and Karaoke battles.

As previously stated in past reports, several members of this group have begun to identify as non-binary. This summer saw the return of the annual Pride event in Chester and CPP were able to arrange to take a group of 17 young people from different clubs to attend on the Saturday of the event.

The team had informed the group of the opportunity to attend earlier in the quarter and over a number of weeks they held sessions that offered the chance for the group to make their own T shirts and Banners, for use on the day. Most of the group engaged really well over the course of these sessions, including members that wished to attend but were unable to do so due to other commitments. Acton Seniors was the most represented pf all our clubs on the day with 7 young people from the club attending. The day went really well with the group meeting at the Vic in Wrexham City Centre early in the morning, travelling as a group by train to Chester and then they all joined the Parade as it made its way around Chester City Centre.

There have already been requests to attend next years Chester Pride, from several members of the group and plans will be made as information on the event is released.

As a team, we have noticed that this group in particular, have bonded really well since reopening, and the support shown within the group continues to grow. Although there are several little subgroups that make up the overall sessions, we have found them to be really accommodating of each other, respectful to both staff and any other centre users they may come across and the team look forward to continuing to work with them as we make plans for the next quarter and beyond.



AGE RANGES OF YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGED WITH FOR JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2022

TABLE A - NUMBER OF CONTACTS

	8-10	11-12	13-16	17+	Total
Male	67	67	19	0	153
Female	72	49	51	3	175
Non-Binary	8	4	14	0	26
Total	147	120	84	3	354

End of 2022/23 Q2 SLA Report

**PLAY SUFFICIENCY PILOT PROJECT WITH THE WREXHAM CBC FOR STAFFED PLAY
PROVISION IN THE ACTON COMMUNITY**

The Play Development Team have been invited to attend the meeting to give an update on the Pilot Project which commenced in September 2022. An update given by email from the Play Development Team has been circulated to all Members of the Committee.