

18 January 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 JANUARY 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: 844 2509 7078 and the Passcode: 185926 or you can click on this hyperlink: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84425097078?pwd=TWFKQV1A5UktiSVdmUlhhUnNiVkdsZz09>

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 27 July 2021 as submitted to the Meeting of the Community Council on 21 September 2021.(Copy attached)

4. INFORMATION ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: To note that the Council at its meeting on 21 September 2021 accepted the following recommendation of the Youth Committee (Minute 15.iii refers):

“that any 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 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.”

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE: (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The Youth Committee was re-appointed at the Annual Community Council meeting held in May 2021 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;

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3. 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;
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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
7. In the first instance, the primary focus of the Youth Committee shall be on Recommendations 2 and 3 from the 2018 Play Sufficiency Assessment 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 Council at its September 2020 meeting (Minute 201.ii refers) has agreed the scope of the present Service Level Agreement should be extended to encompass the emergency Detached Youth Work and other Covid 19 Measures put in place to enable the Projects to be held outdoors in accordance with National and Welsh Government advice and guidance

6. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT –ACTON YOUTH WORK PROJECTS: To receive and consider the attached reports and other information provided at the meeting by representatives of the Caia Park Partnership in respect of the 2021/22 Quarter 2 and Quarter 3 performance monitoring to 31 December 2021 on the operation of this Service Level Agreement for the provision of an Open Access Youth Service. Members should note that the October 2021 meeting of the Youth Committee was postponed and accordingly there are two quarter reports being presented for consideration at this meeting. The quarter 3 report will be circulated separately to this agenda.

TO: MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE: Chair– Councillor Kevin Roberts together with Councillors Mrs Caroline Bettley, Mike Davies, Ms Elinor Doherty, Mrs. Anne Evans and Ms Sian Hope,

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

Minutes of the YOUTH COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 27 JULY 2021 at the Little Acton Community Centre, The Green, Little Acton, Wrexham

Present: Councillor Kevin Roberts (Chair)
 " Caroline Bettley (Vice Chair)
 " Caroline Bettley
 " Mike Davies
 Elinor Doherty *
 " Mrs Anne Evans *
 " Sian Hope

* Absent

Also Present: Mr Jon Stumpp, & Andy Watson, Caia Park Partnership
 Mrs Carole Roberts, Clerk to the Council

7. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor Kevin Roberts was appointed Chair of the Youth Committee for the 2021/22 Municipal Year

(Councillor Kevin Roberts in the Chair)

8. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

Councillor Caroline Bettley was appointed Vice Chair of the Youth Committee for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Elinor Doherty and Anne Evans

10. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations made at this stage of the proceedings

11. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Youth Committee held on 28 January 2020 as submitted to the Meeting of the Community Council on 18 February 2020 be received and confirmed as a correct record

12. INFORMATION ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no information arising from the Minutes that has not already been included on the agenda.

13. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Youth Committee was appointed at the Annual Community Council meeting held in May 2021 and its Terms of Reference were noted.

14. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT –ACTON YOUTH WORK PROJECTS

The Committee was saddened to learn that Niall Rooney, Senior Youth Worker had now left the employ of the Caia Park Partnership and was no longer involved in the Acton Youth Work Project. Members asked that the Committee's thanks for his excellent work in establishing the Acton Youth Club be passed

on to him by his former Caia Park Partnership colleagues. It was noted that a recruitment process was now underway and the same model will continue to be used for the Acton Project.

The Committee received and considered the report of the Caia Park Partnership in respect of the 2021/22 Quarter 1 performance monitoring to 30 June 2021 on the operation of this Service Level Agreement for the provision of an Open Access Youth Service together with other information provided at the meeting by representatives of the partnership. During consideration of the Report the following matters were highlighted: -

- There had been a good base level of achievement but this quarter had been the most difficult for the Youth Workers since the Covid Lockdown had begun;
- Several trips and outside engagement and joining up with other Youth Projects within the County of Wrexham had taken place or was planned to enable integration with Young People. This had identified skills gaps in terms of planning, understanding timetables and using public transport due to current Covid restrictions on providing a minibus for such trips;
- The Central Wrexham Youth Service provided for Wrexham CBC was looking to extend and lengthen sessions to four hours using match funding;
- A lot of outdoor activities such as Bush craft and safe use of fire pits were weather dependent but were being linked in to the Duke of Edinburgh Award skills requirements;
- There had been a lot of new young people attending events and the transitioning of Young People from the Junior to Senior Youth Club were being integrated slowly;
- A timeline and risk assessment process was now being produced to enable formal Open Access Youth Club sessions to be held in the Acton Community Resource Centre. The aim was once the Centre is open for Youth Club Sessions that it should not have to be back tracked due to Covid risks; and
- Low level Mental Health issues were being identified and addressed by Youth Workers being available to talk to the Young People, if requested, on a one to one basis. It was also noted that the Caia Park Partnership has separate funding to address and give mental health support to Children in Need through its Aim High Plus programme.

Members were pleased at the progress made and the achievements detailed in the report despite the difficulties as a result of continuing Covid restrictions. Clarification was sought on the areas where the Detached Youth Workers were reaching out additional to Acton Park given the size of the Acton Community; in particular the Green at Little Acton was referred to. The Chair offered to meet with the Youth Workers to introduce them to local Young People at Little Acton as part of the continuing Detached Youth Work. Concerns were voiced about use of tic toc; reassurances were given that internet safety and security and the dangers of social media were taught to the young people by child exploitation trained staff.

The Committee noted that several events were planned in the next quarter and the Caia Park Partnership now had shelters and fogging machines to ensure cleanliness of existing equipment such as the pool and table tennis tables at the Acton Youth Club. The Team were seeking to keep up with trends and purchase new equipment. Members made reference to the savings within the Service Level Agreement for room hire for 2021/22 being used to purchase additional equipment and to fund travel opportunities to address the skills shortage referred to earlier in the meeting to enable Young People to be confident and proficient in using public transport.

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 continue despite 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 26 October 2021; and***

iii) To RECOMMEND TO THE COUNCIL that any 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 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

Councillor Kevin Roberts, Presiding Chair

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

Presiding Chair

CAIA PARK PARTNERSHIP LTD:

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

**Held back
Quarter 2 Report July - Sept 2021**



SERVICE DELIVERY JUL-SEP 2021

QUARTER 2

Unfortunately, at the beginning of this quarter, much of Wales was still living within certain restrictions due to the ongoing effect of the Covid 19 pandemic so we were still somewhat limited to our ongoing detached sessions. We were still able to continue some of our outdoor sessions and through some partnership work with our Youth Forum Group we were able to organise a series of activities throughout the summer holidays. We continued the sports sessions in the parks, working with limited numbers and these sessions were a valuable outlet for the young people that attended to re-engage with staff and re-connect with their peers.

The team continued to deliver two detached sessions per week, covering as much of the ward as possible during those times. We continued to monitor areas such as the Borrass Bog and any other possible areas that ASB could be problematic. We regularly pop in to local businesses to gather feedback from them and on the whole, there was not much cause for complaint from most of the business owners.

After discussions with the Chair of the CC, it was highlighted that there was a particular group living in the Little Acton area that regularly congregate on the green there and we were asked to carry out some work with this group.

The team began visiting the area on a regular basis and we were able to meet the groups concerned. What began as an initial kick about with the group, gave us an avenue to start planning some sessions on the green. Since meeting the group, we have held a number of sports sessions including, football, badminton and the game invented by one of our other groups - Frisbee Tag (the group use soft frisbees so there is minimal risk of anyone getting hurt).

We have also held a couple of firepit sessions in the fenced area of the community centre located on the edge of the green.

One of the things most noted by the team while working in this area was the level of engagement from parents. Most weeks would see a number of parents come out to have a chat with the team and they often highlighted that the regular youth club was not really accessible for this group, being so far away. The Chair of the CC has offered the use of the Little Acton Community as a base for a new club, should we wish to make use of it.

Andy discussed the financial implications of running another separate service in the area but also mentioned that there may be a possibility that sessions could be funded through our Wrexham Youth Service contract. This would leave the team able to continuing delivering two session on Wednesday from the main Resource Centre in Acton and then hold another session in the little Acton area.

This was put to the Youth Team management team and we have agreed to look at the possibility of running a regular session in Little Acton once we are back at full capacity in regards to service delivery, our rotas are finalised and we are better placed to work this into future rotas.

GLYNDWR UNIVERSITY YEF PROJECT

Alongside our summer programme and detached sessions, we were finally able to deliver our Digital art Project. Working alongside Glyndwr University and with funding from the Youth Endowment Fund, we successfully delivered 6 week programme aimed at using digital media, art and music to express how young people felt about their communities as we moved out of restrictions and things returned to a new normal.

The sessions were held at CPP, using our sheltered outdoor space and the sessions were well attended, including young people from the Acton ward that regularly travelled down to CPP to join in the sessions.

Each session focussed on a different form of expressive media and offered young people the opportunity to work with several industry professionals over the course of the project.



Our first sessions focussed on the use of words and rhyme and working with a professional poet and rapper, the group formed a series of lyrics that described how they felt about current issues affecting them. Obviously, due to events over the last 2 years, the Covid pandemic and the issues raised from lockdown, isolation and the social effects on young people throughout that time.

Next, the group worked with a beatboxer and professional music producer and together they created a piece of music reflecting the lyrics they had written. The group showed great confidence in performing their individual verses and were greatly surprised once they heard the final audio piece.

With the oral and auditory aspects of the projects completed, the group then worked with a professional graffiti artist to create two canvas pieces that would make up part of the visual element. Our first graffiti session introduced young people to the various aspects of becoming a graffiti artist. Time was spent discussing the legal implications of illegal tagging and informed of opportunities in Liverpool and Manchester where artists are able to practice their art in safe, legal environments.



The group focussed on the word 'future' and they depicted the word in really bright, vibrant colours to show that despite the recent challenges faced by communities worldwide, this particular group see a brighter future ahead.

The final session involved working with a professional graphic designer and projection artist to create a series of visual effects that would become the final layer to this particular piece of art.

This involved using a range of computer programmes to create graphics, created from light to highlight and animate the graffiti artwork.

The final outcome will be a multi layered piece of art made up of all the audio and visual elements created throughout the summer.

The project has also ran with other groups in the Wrexham area, with the intention being that each individual groups work will combine to create a giant installation to be displayed at Wrexham Glyndwr University in late October.

Once this particular project was completed, the team then worked with Glyndwr to deliver a further project, delivered over a series of 8 weeks and aimed at giving young people the opportunity to express their opinions on crime, the police and the justice system as a whole.

The project has so far worked with a new group to develop a series of questions, based on their own opinions, to be set to 2 local police officers. The sessions are currently ongoing and have so far included a session on hate crime and another graffiti session. Due to the lead student on this particular project being based in Bolton, this has



been delivered primarily over Zoom but the later sessions will involve both the lead, the police and several other students involved in the project delivering from our safe space at CPP.

*****UPDATE****

Unfortunately, the police were unable to attend their planned session initially so it was postponed for a few weeks. This meant that the two twins travelling in from Acton would be away on holiday on the day they did visit. The team explained this to the officers that came in and they agreed it was unfair that the two lads concerned should miss out on the opportunity to meet them. They have agreed to come in again during a later session, once the lads are back from holiday, to meet with them and give them the chance to ask questions themselves.

MOVING FORWARD

At time of writing we have completed our covid risk assessments for all of our centres and we have also taken measurements of each room to ascertain what limits on numbers will be in place during youth club sessions once we re-open. This is in line with CPP's covid protocols and will impact on sessions for the foreseeable future.

I see no reason that number limits will impact too much on each of the Acton sessions as the spaces available and provisional estimations on number limits indicate that the spaces will be large enough for us to operate much as we did before lockdown.

Just before restrictions were applied we purchased a variety of new resources and equipment for each club, which has, until now been stored at CPP. We will take steps to make sure each centre has these items in place as we get closer to reopening.

The news that we can now take serious steps towards getting back to centre based work has been great motivation for the team and the news has been met with excitement from the young people we have been able to inform of the process.

We look forward to returning to centres as soon as possible and offering a much fuller service to the young people of the ward over the coming months

*****UPDATE*****

When visiting the centre to take measurements, we met with the centre manager and we were able to set some dates regarding the reopening of the Youth Club at Acton Resource Centre.

We have set a date for Wednesday 18th November. It was explained that there is a 3hr cleaning process undertaken at the centre each evening and this would require the building to be emptied by 8.30pm, instead of our usual 9pm time. This should not prove problematic as the time lost can be made up either through time planning, shopping and preparing for session. Alternatively, a short period of detached work could be undertaken until 9 to ensure young people have left the youth club area, and are not congregating around the centre after closure.

OVERALL COMBINED FIGURES FOR APR-JUNE 2021

Period	Number of sessions provided	Number of Contacts Made
Jul-Sep 21	26/27 (1 due to staff illness)	137

AGE RANGES OF YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGED WITH FOR APRIL - JUNE 2021

	8-10 years	11-12 years	13+ years	Total
Male	35	42	14	91
Female	10	14	22	46
Total	6	44	41	137

Young people from the Acton ward also made 22 engagements through the YEF project