

Minutes of the Hybrid YOUTH COMMITTEE meeting held on Wednesday 14 May 2025.

Present: Councillor Kevin Roberts (Chair)
" Andy Gallanders (Vice Chair) *
" Trevor Coxon
" Anne Evans *
" Holly Hewitt
" Corin Jarvis
" Phil Lloyd
1 Vacancy

* Absent

Also Present: Mr. Morgan Peters, Youth Parliament representative
Mr. Jon Stumpp, Caia Park Partnership
Mrs. Carole Roberts, Acton Community Council
Mrs. Michelle Williams, Acton Community Council

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Evans.

28. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

29. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the hybrid Youth Meeting held on 12 February 2025 as submitted to the Meeting of the Community Council on 19 February 2025 were received and confirmed as a correct record.

30. INFORMATION FROM THE 12 FEBRUARY 2025 MINUTES

There was nothing additional to report that has not already been included elsewhere on the agenda.

31. TERMS OF REFERENCE

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

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

Members considered the Quarter 4 performance monitoring report on the operation of and attendance at this Play Sufficiency Project. It was noted that this play provision was still working well with the number of children attending remaining consistent. Health and safety concerns were raised by Members about an aspect of the play sessions which involved using crash mats for quite boisterous play by some of the older children, with a noticeable difference in the size of the young people.

Councillor Trevor Coxon informed Members that the pilot play sessions on the Fairways Estate during the Easter holidays had proved very popular, noting that children were on site, prior to the second session, waiting for the session to start.

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 expected to be arranged for 30 July 2025.*
- iii. The Clerk writes to the Wrexham CBC Play Development Team to clarify the Youth Worker's philosophy on dealing with boisterous, rough play. The Community Council notes that there should still be a duty of care and would like clarification on their risk assessments, safety policy and the level of guidance for when to intervene to ensure timely and appropriate action is taken.*

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 2025, on the operation of this Service Level Agreement for the provision of an Open Access Youth Service at the Acton Community Resource Centre. The report set out in detail updates on the Acton Juniors and Acton Seniors, and positive outcomes from activities organized by staff.

Jon Stumpp confirmed that Les Critchlow-Hughes would be leaving the Youth Service in approximately one month. However, a new staff member is in place, and there would not be a break in service provision. Members passed on their thanks to Les for his work with, and commitment to, the young people who attend the youth clubs and wished him well in his new role.

The cook and eat sessions are still proving very popular with the young people, for example, using food donations of pitta bread and cereals to make pitta pizzas and rice krispie cakes. It was noted that the young people who attend the youth clubs had created a wish list of activities and a bid for the additional funding within the SLA may be submitted to the next meeting.

RESOLVED –

- i. To accept the update and report as now submitted and*
- 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 expected to be arranged for 30 July 2025.*

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

Members were disappointed to note that no applications had been received by the deadline, and discussed various methods to inform Youth Groups in the Acton ward of the financial support available.

RESOLVED – to RECOMMEND to the Council that up to £100 from its advertising budget should be used for targeted Facebook advertising to promote S137 and Youth Committee grant deadlines to encourage take up from groups within the Acton community.

Councillor Kevin Roberts Chair

Signed as a correct record this 30 July 2025

Presiding Chair