

Minutes of the Hybrid YOUTH COMMITTEE meeting held on Wednesday 30 July 2025.

Present: Councillor

" Andy Gallanders *
" Trevor Coxon
" Carl Downes
" Anne Evans *
" Holly Hewitt *
" Corin Jarvis *
" Phil Lloyd *
" Kevin Roberts

* Absent

Also Present: Mr. Morgan Peters, Youth Parliament representative
Ms. Julie Jones, Youth Playworker –(Z)
Young People x 4 from Acton Youth Club –(Z)
Ms. Karianne Harston, Wrexham CBC Play Development Team –(Z)
Mr. Jon Stumpp, Caia Park Partnership –(Z)
Mr. Joe Garner, Financial Support Applicant –(Z)
Mr. Stephen Williams, Financial Support Applicant
Mr. Ged Hogg, Financial Support Applicant
Mr. Geoff Courtney, Financial Support Applicant
Mrs. Carole Roberts, Acton Community Council
Mrs. Michelle Williams, Acton Community Council

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Kevin Roberts be appointed Chair of the Committee for the 2025/26 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 2025/26 Municipal Year

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Evans, H Hewitt, C Jarvis and P Lloyd.

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 14 May 2025 as submitted to the Meeting of the Community Council on 21 May 2025 were received and confirmed as a correct record.

6. INFORMATION FROM THE 14 MAY 2025 MINUTES

MINUTE 32: PLAY SUFFICIENCY PROJECT WITH WREXHAM CBC FOR STAFFED PLAY PROVISION IN THE ACTON COMMUNITY: The update from the Play Development Team on the Youth Workers philosophy on dealing with boisterous, rough play was received and noted.

7. TERMS OF REFERENCE

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

8. ACTON YOUTH WORK PROJECTS – PRESENTATION FROM YOUNG PEOPLE:

The Chair welcomed Julie Jones and four young people from Acton Youth Club to the meeting via Zoom. The young people spoke in turn about the youth club and why they enjoy attending. They made a request to Acton Community Council for the additional funds included within the SLA, to put towards a Summer Trip, a Sports Day and a new Bingo machine. Members thanked them for their presentation and for attending the meeting.

RESOLVED – to recommend to the Council that following the presentation by representatives of the Youth Club to the Committee, the £500 additional funding that is included within the current SLA, be released and paid to Acton Youth Club to assist with the purchase of a new Bingo Machine and the remainder be used to subsidise a Summer Trip and a Sports Day.

9. 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 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. Members also welcomed the case studies contained in the report.

Jon confirmed that a member of staff to replace Les Critchlow-Hughes had been sourced and would be starting shortly. This new member of staff was already known to the staff and children alike. Members noted that the numbers of children attending the clubs were good and consistent with Jon confirming that this Youth Club was still needed within Acton.

RESOLVED –

- i. To accept the update and report as now submitted and***
- 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 12 November 2025.***

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

Members considered the Quarter 1 performance monitoring report on the operation of and attendance at this Play Sufficiency Project. It was noted that this weekly play provision was still working well with the number of children attending remaining consistent. The Chair asked that the Community Council's thanks be passed on to the playworkers.

Members noted that the pilot play sessions on the Fairways Estate were due to commence on the 31 July 2025 during the Summer holidays.

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 12 November 2025.

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

Members received the Clerk's report detailing the 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. Members then proceeded to consider the three applications received during the present quarter.

The Chair welcomed Joe Garner, Stephen Williams/Ged Hogg and Geoff Courtney to the meeting. Each of the three applicants in turn gave a short presentation and answered Member's questions. All applicants then left the meeting while Members deliberated and made their decision on each application.

Applicants were then invited back into the meeting and were informed of the Committee's decision.

RESOLVED – that the following Youth Committee Grants be made under the Council's Powers contained in Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 :-

Organisation	Details	Amount
1. Acton Football Club	They require financial assistance to grow their Youth Section to enable them to have a Mini Kickers project for children aged 3 – 8 years and to help them develop their football pitch.	£500.00
2. Wrexham Boxing Club	They would like financial support to purchase new equipment such as boxing gloves.	£1,250.00
3. Borrass Park Rangers FC U12	They have requested financial assistance towards the cost of purchasing kits and training equipment for the U12 team and U11 girls team	£750.00
	TOTAL	£2500.00

(The Committee has power to act in respect of making grants from its £5,000 budget allocation)

Councillor Kevin Roberts Chair

Signed as a correct record this 12 November 2025

Presiding Chair