

Minutes of the Hybrid YOUTH COMMITTEE meeting held on Wednesday 12 November 2025.

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

* Absent

Also Present: Mr. Morgan Peters, Youth Parliament representative (Z)
Ms. Karianne Harston, Wrexham CBC Play Development Team
Mr. Jon Stumpp, Caia Park Partnership (Z)
Mr. Neil Ellwood, Financial Support Applicant
Ms. J Parry, Financial Support Applicant
Ms. M Parry, Financial Support Applicant
Ms J Jones, Financial Support Applicant (Z)
Mrs. Carole Roberts, Acton Community Council
Mrs. Michelle Williams, Acton Community Council

(Z) attended via Zoom

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Gallanders and Ms C Jarvis.

13. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

14. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the hybrid Youth Meeting held on 30 July 2025 as submitted to the Meeting of the Community Council on 17 September 2025 were received and confirmed as a correct record.

15. INFORMATION FROM THE 30 JULY 2025 MINUTES

Members noted that thanks had been received from Financial Support applicants who had been awarded grants at the Youth Committee meeting on the 30 July 2025. These awards and pictures of equipment purchased had also been shared on their Social Media.

16. TERMS OF REFERENCE

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

17. 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 2 performance monitoring to 30 September 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.

Members noted that attendance had fluctuated over the last few months, but this was down to Summer Holidays and children being away with their families. Jon confirmed that the new members of staff were settling in well and he was pleased with the first report they had written. The only negative news from the Club was the ongoing issue of the pool table, which has to be folded up and stored after every session, which has weakened its structure and made it unsafe for the children to use. Arrangements were being made for the Pool Table to be taken away. A dual use pool table/table would be better but agreement from the Management for this item to be used in Acton Community Resource Centre had historically proved difficult to obtain.

The Clerk informed Jon about the Low Carbon Community initiative that the Community Council was undertaking and asked the Youth Club would be interested in participating with a uniform or warm clothing swap.

RESOLVED –

- i. To accept the update and report as now submitted;*
- ii. To note that the existing Pool Table provided by Acton Community Council was no longer safe to use and will be removed and safely disposed of;*
- iii. That a further monitoring report after the end of quarter three be submitted by the Caia Park Partnership to the next Youth Committee Meeting expected to be arranged for 11 February 2026; and*
- iv. Jon Stumpp to inform staff about the proposed clothing swap and pass their contact information to the Clerk.*

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

Members considered the Quarter 2 Performance Monitoring Report on the operation of and attendance at this Play Sufficiency Project on The Green at Little Acton. It was noted that this play provision was still working well with the number of children attending remaining consistent.

Members discussed The Pilot School Holiday Play Project in the Rhosnesni ward, with Karianne Harston confirming that the number of children in attendance had exceeded their expectations. A discussion ensued on the positive outcomes and whether to continue with the play project for a further 12 months or to extend the project for 2 years until the end of the main Play Sufficiency Project SLA in March 2028.

In respect of planned events during the winter schools holidays, Karianne Harston informed the Committee that the Wrexham CBC Youth Workers might be available to volunteer at future events in Acton Park such as the Christmas event on 14 December 2025.

RESOLVED –

- i. To accept the Quarter 2 SLA report as now submitted;*
- ii. That a further SLA monitoring report after the end of quarter three be submitted by Wrexham CBC Play Development Officers to the next Youth Committee Meeting expected to be arranged for 11 February 2026.*
- iii. To RECOMMEND TO THE COUNCIL that, the Council extends the existing 3 year Play Sufficiency Project Service Level Agreement with Wrexham CBC Play Development Team to enable them to continue to provide play sessions on the Fairways Estate at cost of £2,093.90*

for 1 session per week throughout the Easter, Whit, Summer & October school holidays (total of 10 sessions excluding bank holidays & national Playday), and quarterly reports be provided to enable the Youth Committee to monitor progress and adjust accordingly

- iv. The Chair provide more information to Karianne Harston about the Christmas event being held in Acton Park during December 2025.*

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

Members received the Clerk's report detailing the single Youth Grant application 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 one application received during the present quarter.

The Chair welcomed Neil Ellwood to the meeting, alongside two Youth Members of Gresford Cricket Club and their parents. Following a short presentation by Neil Ellwood during which it was noted that 30% of the Club's Members aged 5-16 years were from the Acton Community, he answered Member's questions. The two representatives spoke about why they had taken up the Sport, their success and progression in the Sport and answered further questions from Members. They then left the meeting while Members deliberated and made a decision on their application.

Neil Ellwood, the young people and their parents were then invited back into the meeting and informed of the Committee's decision.

RESOLVED – that 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. Gresford Cricket Club	They require financial assistance to support the running of the Youth Section of the Cricket Club.	£1,250.00
	TOTAL	£1,250.00

(The Committee has Power to Act)

Councillor Kevin Roberts Chair

Signed as a correct record this 11 February 2026

Presiding Chair