Proposal to lease Wats Dyke playing field

Acton Football Club

Introduction

This proposal is for the purpose of changing our agreement with Wrexham Council from a Licence to a lease on Wats Dyke playing field.

Background

Acton Football Club currently have an u12 girls' team and Mini kickers team within our youth section. Acton Football Club have a licence to use Wats Dyke playing field for our u12 girls football team. As the age of the team is in a non-competitive league, we have been able to use this facility in its current state. Our u15 girls' team have been renting various pitches around the area to be able to have a team in a competitive league. This has had a massive strain financially on the Club and with limited funding available without a home pitch base we will struggle to maintain this in the years to come.

Strategic brief

Having a lease to be able to develop will bring a lot of positive outcomes to the local community, Council and Football Club.

- Clear visibility of an improvement within the outlook and view of the field
- Mindfulness of the neighbours in and around the area
- Will encourage community engagement
- Clear walkways around the area to encourage the use of the field for walking and exercise to keep the area green without the threat of housing development.
- The pitch will meet the playing requirements for cup competitions and all youth football which could be utilised by the 4 local schools if required along with Wrexham school boys and girls.
- A safe area for local child to play to keep the local community safe which can help reduce vandalism and anti-social behaviour
- Controlling the lease will reduce the cost of maintenance to the council
- Lease will allow us to hold all home games for both teams which will save the cost of rental pitch fees.

Strategic plan

The lease will allow us to maintain correctly and develop the area requested. The plan will be developed in a phase manner to allow the Club to maintain a balance between success on the pitch and the growing youth section that will follow once we can create a stainable safe environment for the youth of the area. The area will remain to be accessible to local residence to use and the pitch and surrounding areas will be maintained to the highest possible standards achievable and safety will never be compromised.

Phase 1 planning

Temporary Storage units placed onto the concrete slab at the gated entrance to the field. (Access off Ty Gwyn Lane).

Container A: size 40x10ft which fits onto the concrete slab.

Container B: size 20x10ft which fits onto the concrete slab.