

## ATSA Sports Council

In April 2015, I was asked for my ideas for a local community project – when I was asked my opinion, I replied by saying,

***“It’s no use asking me – I will not be using the facility, why don’t you ask the children?”***

From this, the idea of a Sports Council was born! The idea became reality in June 2015 as children from different schools attended St. George’s Central for a ‘launch’ event. Schools had selected one boy and one girl to represent their school at meetings and events. Councillor Jo Platt and Trevor Barton MBE were present for the ‘launch’ of the council and, from this first short meeting, both were suitably impressed with the ideas and attitudes of the children. Over the years, some of the key tasks/activities that the ATSA Sports Council have been involved with include:

- \*Setting up our ‘Code of Conduct’ for ATSA Sports Council members in our initial meeting;
- \*Thinking of ideas to support the building development of the Pelican Centre;
- \*Using their journalistic skills to interview Micky Higham, Cory Paterson and Harrison Hansen at a special event at Try Fitness;
- \*Attending the opening of the World Short Mat Bowling Championships in Leigh;
- \*Attending a Sports Science day at Salford University;
- \*Contributing to the ATSA Mosaic design which is now on display on the Pelican Centre;
- \*Attending the Launch of the Healthy Heart Project at Wigan Athletic;
- \*Contributing to the mosaic design which is on display at Shakerley Community Centre;
- \*Providing ideas as part of the ‘All Being Well’ project consultation.

The aim is that the council will meet to discuss ideas and future projects.



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