

**Minutes of Lancing Parish Youth Council
meeting held on Wednesday 28 March 2018 at 7:00pm.**

Present

Chair: Atterbury.

Youth Councillors: Butler, Churchill, Everest, Roberts and Scott.

Councillors: Gloria Eveleigh and Geoff Patmore.

Officer: Helen Plant, Clerk to the Council.

Public: Sarah Prust, ESY and Kate Angel, ESY.

85. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received and were accepted from Cllr Emma Purnell.

86. Public Question Time

None.

87. Minutes of Previous Meeting held Wednesday 28 February

Resolved – That the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

88. Recruitment

Mrs Ramshaw from Sir Robert Woodard Academy was due to attend the meeting with students from the academy who had produced posters to promote LPYC, but due to a Parent Evening had to postpone and would attend the meeting in May instead.

However, it was acknowledged that there was recruitment need and other forms of advertising should be considered in the meantime.

Resolved – That Cllr Eveleigh posts a recruitment advert on local Lancing facebook pages and the office posts the same on the Parish Council's facebook page.

89. Esteem

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Jack Brinicombe, an Esteem trustee, was unable to attend the meeting to discuss possible activity collaboration with the Youth Council and would attend a future meeting.

90. Internet Café

In anticipation of the opening event of the LPYC internet café, members' view were requested as to how best to advertise the event and ensure the smooth running of the sessions (minute 81/Feb/18 refers).

The Clerk advised that a meeting with an officer West Sussex County Council to sign-off the hire agreement forms was scheduled for 5 April and requested confirmation in respect of the weeks the café would be open. It was agreed that the café should be open once a week except during the school summer and Christmas holidays and to review its operation after 3-months.

It was also agreed that the café should be advertised as a place to learn, providing a quiet environment to study and revise and receive support from other young people.

Stock options for the tuck shop were discussed and it was considered that a focus should be on healthy choices, with a small selection of general sweets but provide a suggestion box for future selections. Due to the arrival times of YCllrs to the café, it was agreed that the tuck shop would not open until 4.30pm and a rota would be drawn up for those YCllrs who were able to attend each week.

Resolved – (a) That the Internet Café be open once a week between 3.30pm and 5.30pm except during school summer and Christmas holidays.

(b) That the opening of the Internet Café be advertised as soon as possible.

(c) That the performance of the Café be reviewed after 3-months operation.

(d) That the tuck shop opens between 4.30-5.30pm.

91. The Wave Project

YCllr Churchill advised that she had been in contact with Charlotte Whitehead of The Wave to discuss a future project possibility. However, difficulties in respect of putting a project together in Lancing had been identified and would therefore not be progressed.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

92. Fun4Teens

Fun4Kids Lancing was considering expanding their events to be aimed at teenagers and it was previously agreed that event suggestions would be discussed at this meeting (minute 78.2/Feb/18 refers).

Resolved – That Fun4kids be advised of the following event suggestions:- pool, basketball, 5-a-side and netball matches, a graffiti wall, competitive computer games and soapbox construction and racing.

93. Advertising Local Events for Young People

At the last meeting, it was agreed for a Working Group be set up to compile a list of youth activities in the area with a view to creating a Facebook page to promote them all (minute 79/Feb/18 refers). This was due to the acknowledgement that there was more going on in the Lancing and Sompting area for young people than was perceived and those activities needed to be advertised more widely.

Members of the working group advised that information in respect of Guides, Scouts and sporting activities were currently being collated. However, it was noted that a member of one of the Lancing & Sompting facebook groups had requested similar information from residents.

Discussion took place regarding the set-up of the facebook page to advertise the activities as the Clerk expressed some concerns regarding safeguarding aspects. It was known that privacy settings could be activated to prevent incoming messages, allowing the page to be used as for information output only and that only the administrator could add posts. However, it was considered that further investigations into the set up was required.

Resolved – (a) Cllr Patmore to contact the Lancing & Sompting Facebook member regarding activities to save duplication.

(b) That the Working Group investigates the ideal set-up of the facebook activity page further to allay safeguarding concerns.

94. Calendar of Meetings

Lancing Parish Council's calendar of meetings for 2018/2019 had been agreed and consequently the dates for the Youth Council meetings were circulated.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

95. Future Agenda Items

Update on potential summer activities.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

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