

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

Present

Chair: Atterbury.

Youth Councillors: Butler, Churchill, Roberts and Scott.

Councillors: Gloria Eveleigh and Emma Purnell (Minutes 77 to 81).

Officer: Helen Plant, Clerk to the Council.

Public: Kay Woodison, Fun4kids, Mark Slide, Albion in the Community and Sarah Prust, ESY.

75. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received and were accepted from Cllr Geoff Patmore.

76. Public Question Time

None.

77. Minutes of Previous Meeting held Wednesday 31 January 2018

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

78.1 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 the weather conditions had had to postpone and would attend the meeting in March instead.

78.2 Fun4Teens

However, Kay Woodison, from Fun4Kids Lancing, was in attendance to discuss how the organisation could expand on their events to be aimed at teenagers. These events would be held at the Find It Out Centre in Penhill Road, hopefully on a continuous monthly basis and on a different night to the already established youth activities.

Members were keen on the idea, with one suggestion to have a graffiti wall, but agreed to think about themselves and discuss it with friends to seek further ideas to bring to the next meeting.

Resolved – Fun4Teens suggestions to be discussed at the next meeting.

79. Albion in the Community

Mark Slide from Albion in the Community was present at the meeting and outlined AIC's work, it being the official charity of Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club which aimed to deliver high-quality, accessible opportunities that improved the health and wellbeing, education and aspirations of the community. Football sessions were currently held on a Friday night at The Manor, but the sessions were lacking the attendance of younger youths. Consideration was being given to the sessions moving to the new astro-turf pitch at SRWA, holding a summer programme of sessions on Beach Green and ways to further utilise the community pitch at BHA training ground.

YCllr Atterbury questioned whether the older youths were putting the younger ones off, who might feel intimidated by them. Mark was aware of this and was trying to address it - there was another arm of BHA's charity work called Albion Goals that was more suitable for some of the older youths. He would be contacting some of the local youth teams to advertise the sessions more. Cllr Purnell suggested encouraging the older youths bring a younger youth, possibly offering them an incentive to do so.

Discussion established 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.

Resolved – That a Working Group be set up, consisting of YCllrs Churchill, Roberts, Scott and Cllr Eveleigh, to compile a list of youth activities in the area with a view to creating a Facebook page to promote them all.

80. Funding for LPYC projects

It was confirmed that the funding application to WSCC's Small Grants Fund for £1000 for a Climbing Wall to be located at Monks Rec had been successful and the monies were due to be transferred to the Parish Council's bank account shortly.

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council's Amenities & Environment Committee would consider were best to locate the climbing wall, taking account of the proposed improvements to the site. The Youth Council would be kept informed on the progress of the project.

Resolved – That that the Funding Application Working Group be congratulated on their hard work applying for the grant.

81. Internet Café

In the absence of YCllr Everest there was no advertising poster to consider.

YCllrs Atterbury and Scott advised that they had reviewed the hire/booking forms for the Find It Out Centre in Penhill Road, the preferred location for the Internet Café, but were slightly daunted by some of the questions and expressed a preference for the office to complete the forms. The Clerk advised this would be done.

The offer of refreshments at the café, whether to charge to cover costs and who would serve them was discussed. Cllr Eveleigh would use the Chairs allowance to purchase initial stock and Kay offered the use of Fun4Kids cash and carry card. However, when a server shift rota was being considered, it became apparent that no YCllrs would be able to arrive at the Centre until 3.45pm at the earliest, when the planned opening times were 3.30pm – 5.30pm. Notwithstanding, this would be worked around by utilising the responsible adults until YCllrs were able to arrive.

It was hoped that new youth councillors could be recruited from SRWA when they attend the next meeting to help boost current numbers.

Resolved – That the information be noted, and the matter be discussed again at the next meeting.

82. The Wave Project

YClIr Churchill advised that she had not yet had the opportunity to meet with Charlotte Whitehead of The Wave to establish how the two organisations could help each other on a future possible project.

Resolved – That the information be noted, and the matter be discussed again at the next meeting.

83. Event organised by LPYC

YClIr Everest had suggested that LPYC could plan an event to raise funds and awareness of the Youth Council. Whilst he was not at the meeting to discuss this further, Members considered it a good idea to collaborate with Albion in the Community’s anticipated summer programme of sessions on Beach Green by running additional activities to raise funds, such as ‘splat the rat’, penalty shoot outs and YClIrs/Cllrs in wet sponge stocks.

Kay invited the Youth Council to run similar activities at the Fun4Kids Play Day event at Monks Rec on 22 August 2018.

Resolved – That the Youth Council joins with Albion in the Community’s anticipated summer programme of sessions on Beach Green and with Fun4Kids Play Day event on 22 August to run additional activities.

84. LPYC presence on social media

YClIr Roberts had suggested that LPYC could have a greater presence on social media and this now tied in with the previous discussion at item 79. The Working Group would consider this further.

85. Future Agenda Items

None.

The meeting closed at 8.22pm.