

**Minutes of the inaugural meeting  
of Lancing Parish Youth Council  
held on Wednesday, 24 May 2017 at 7pm**

**Youth Councillors Present:-** Atterbury, Butler, Churchill, Everest, Greenwood, Roberts, Rowley, Scott, Stevens.

**Councillors Present:-** Gloria Eveleigh (Chair of Lancing Parish Council), Geoff Patmore and Emma Purnell.

**Officer Present:-** Helen Plant, Clerk to the Council.

**Also Present:-** 4 members of the public.

Cllr Eveleigh, Chair of Lancing Parish Council, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present to this inaugural meeting of Lancing Parish Youth Council.

Cllr Eveleigh presented each Youth Councillor with their badge of office and then proceeded with the meeting's agenda.

**1. Request for nominations for Chair of Youth Council**

Cllr Eveleigh requested nominations for the Chair of the Youth Council.

YClIr Rowley nominated YClIr Atterbury. YClIr Everest nominated YClIr Churchill. There followed a vote by a show of hands. Both YClIrs Atterbury and Churchill received four votes each.

It was agreed for Parish Councillors to provide the deciding vote by secret ballot. YClIr Atterbury received two votes, YClIr Churchill received one vote.

**Resolved** – That YClIr Atterbury be elected as Chairman of Lancing Parish Youth Council for the municipal year 2017/18.

Cllr Eveleigh presented YClIr Atterbury with the Medal of Office who proceeded to the meeting as Chair.

**2. Request for nominations for Vice Chair of Youth Council**

YClIr Atterbury requested nominations for the Vice Chair of the Youth Council.

YClIr Rowley nominated YClIr Churchill. YClIr Stevens nominated YClIr Butler. There followed a vote by a show of hands. YClIr Churchill received 5 votes. YClIr Butler received 3 votes.

**Resolved** – That YClIr Churchill be elected as Vice Chairman of Lancing Parish Youth Council.

**3. Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from YCllr Pike.

#### **4. Public Question Time**

No questions or comments were raised.

#### **5. Internet Café**

The Chair introduced the item and explained why it was a good idea, including that there was poor Wi-Fi in the area which created difficulties to some students doing their homework.

Potential locations were put forward, including a unit in the Luxor. However, it was acknowledged that costs would be incurred with that option, albeit that funding might need to be sourced to provide the necessary IT equipment. It was recognised that the location needed to be central in the village. With that in mind, it was agreed that a potential partnership arrangement with the Rainbow Café should be explored.

**Resolved** – That YCllrs Churchill and Everest make initial enquiries with the Rainbow Café in respect of setting up an Internet Café.

#### **6. Recruitment**

It was confirmed that recruitment for Youth Councillors had been undertaken at Electric Storm Youth, The Spin Youth Club and the Scouts to date. A visit to the Sea Scouts was planned in June.

However, the success of the recruitment campaign, using a 10-point Plan method was questioned. It was considered that feedback from those organisations that had been visited should be sought. The suggestion of an anonymous survey was put forward, based on questions that each YCllr would like to be answered. A short time-out session was provided for YCllr's to write their questions.

**Resolved** – YCllr Everest to compose the Recruitment Survey and submit it to the next Youth Council meeting for approval.

#### **7. Youth Council Website**

A website, Facebook and Twitter pages for the Youth Council were considered important as it would be a way to promote the organisation, inform other young people of its cause and to help with recruitment.

It was acknowledged that if the Youth Council had a stand-a-lone website, there would be a cost of purchasing a domain, therefore it was agreed that the Youth Council should take the opportunity of linking in with the Parish Council's existing media streams. It was also acknowledged that relevant content would need to be written.

**Resolved** – That a Youth Council Media Working Group be set up, consisting of YCllrs Churchill, Everest and Stevens, to write the content of the Youth Council's media, create some template designs and report back the next Youth Council meeting.

**8. Monks Rec Play Day - 2 August**

Having a stall at this event was considered an opportunity to promote the Youth Council and engage with other young people for potential recruitment, and to also seek project ideas for the Youth Council to consider and progress.

Everyone considered that having some form of logo merchandise, such as pens or helium balloons, would be beneficial to attract attention. Cllr Eveleigh agreed to fund some products from her Parish Council Chair's allowance.

All members were encouraged to attend the event to both man the stall and to help with the general arrangements of the event.

The matter would be discussed further at the next meeting.

**9. Obtaining ideas and wishes from Lancing's Youth**

Opportunities to obtain project ideas for the Youth Council to consider and progress were discussed, such as the Monks Rec Play Day and the Skatepark Official Opening events. A survey was suggested. The Clerk advised that a recent survey had been carried out for the Monks Rec Improvement project, which could be tweaked to suit the Youth Council's needs.

Through the overall discussion of the Youth Council during the meeting, it was recognised that a Youth Council logo was needed, incorporating the existing Parish Council design.

**Resolved** – (a) That the Clerk arranges for a Youth Council Wish-list survey to be produced and submit to the next Youth Council meeting for approval.

(b) That Cllr Everest designs a Youth Council logo, incorporating the existing Parish Council design, and submit to the next Youth Council meeting for approval, for onward submission to the Parish Council for final agreement.

The meeting closed at 8.12pm.

Signed Chairman

Date