

**Minutes of Lancing Parish Youth Council
held on Wednesday 26 July 2017 at 7:00pm**

Youth Councillors Present: Atterbury, Butler, Churchill, Everest, Roberts, Rowley and Scott.

Councillors Present: Geoff Patmore.

Officer Present: Vally Fish, Assistant Clerk to the Council.

Public Present: One

21. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received and were accepted from YClrs Greenwood and Stevens and Clrs Gloria Eveleigh and Emma Purnell.

22. Public Question Time

None.

23. Minutes of Previous Meeting held Wednesday 21 June

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

24. Youth Council Constitution

It can be confirmed that the Youth Council Constitution was approved by the Parish Council (Council minute 26.1/July/2017 refers).

Resolved – that the information be noted.

25. Internet Café

Continuing from Youth Council Minute 14/June/2017, YClr Churchill reported that she and YClr Everest had visited the Rainbow Café and tried to contact the manager who was unfortunately unavailable. They, with Clr Patmore, visited Lancing Library to discuss the possibility of creating an Internet Café on the Library premises. After speaking with Senior Librarians, it was agreed that further investigations would be required. It was acknowledged that YClrs would need to create a plan of what it envisaged from the Internet Café (in terms of space, availability, refreshments, decoration, homework club? Social area? Overseen by LPYC? etc.). Clr Patmore was thanked for his assistance when visiting Lancing Library.

Resolved – (a) that YClrs contact YClr Churchill with ideas regarding the Internet Café to draft an overall plan (with Clr Patmore's assistance, if required).

(b) that Clr Patmore sends a letter of support to the Senior Librarians at Lancing Library.

26. Recruitment

Continuing from Youth Council Minute 15/June/2017, YClr Atterbury again expressed disappointment that the visit to the Sea Scouts had been cancelled and stressed the need for YClrs to reply to requests to attend recruitment campaigns. YClr Atterbury hoped that more opportunities for recruitment would be arranged in the near future.

It was reported that due to the wet weather, recruitment at the Skate Park opening had not been successful.

The LPC Newsletter and Annual Report were circulated to YCllrs for information as LPYC are mentioned in both.

Resolved – to arrange more recruitment sessions in the near future.

27. Youth Council Website

Continuing from Youth Council Minute 16/June/2017, it was confirmed that a page dedicated to LPYC has been created on the LPC website. Whilst this listed recruitment and meeting information, it was agreed that more was needed to inform people of LPYC activities.

Resolved – (a) that a timetable be circulated next meeting for YCllrs to sign up to write an update for the website.

(b) that the Chair writes the first edition and sends to the Parish Office.

28. Monks Rec Play Day 2 August

Continuing from Council Minute 17/June/2017, it was confirmed that 500 Youth Council merchandise pens have been delivered to the Parish Office.

Members were asked to advise if they were attending the Play Day -

- Attending – YCllrs Atterbury, Everest and Roberts.
- Unable to attend – YCllrs Churchill, Rowley and Scott.
- Unknown – YCllrs Butler, Greenwood and Stevens.

Sarah Prust (Senior Youth Worker at ESY) confirmed that LPYC and ESY would be sharing a stall and gather ideas/views of local young people.

Resolved – (a) that the Clerk ensures that surveys, clipboards and pens are delivered to Monks Rec on the Play Day (approx. 9:00am).

(b) that YCllrs attending the Play Day arrive at Monks Rec. 9:00am.

(c) that LPYC shares a stall with ESY and collectively gathers ideas/views of young people in Lancing.

(d) that LPYC and ESY facilitate activities to attract people to the stall. This will be organised by the Senior Youth Worker (ESY).

(e) that LPYC recruit potential members (by requesting people's contact details).

(f) that the Assistant Clerk (LPYC) and Senior Youth Worker (ESY) collaborate after the event to compile the data collected.

29. Obtaining ideas and wishes from Lancing's Youth

Continuing from Council Minute 18/June/2017, the Assistant Clerk presented two surveys – one created by YCllr Everest to be distributed to members of the public attending LPYC meetings to gauge their opinions of meetings and a second to be distributed to young people in Lancing to gauge their ideas/views of how LPYC can improve Lancing.

A draft LPYC logo created by YCllr Everest was also presented. Whilst it was considered to be very creative, some YCllrs felt that the font and background used (graffiti on bricks) may not give the intended perception of LPYC. YCllr Everest was thanked for his efforts in creating the survey and logo.

Resolved – (a) that the survey for members of the public attending LPYC meetings be used to gauge their opinions of LPYC meetings.

(b) that the survey for young people in Lancing be used at the Play Day (and future events) to gauge their ideas/views of how LPYC can improve Lancing.

(c) that YCllrs send logo suggestions to YCllr Scott to further develop the LPYC logo.

30. Invite from Adur & Worthing Youth Council

YCllr Atterbury reported that unfortunately, the meeting on 3 July 2017 had been cancelled but he is keen to rearrange a time for himself and YCllrs Butler and Churchill to attend a meeting.

31. Litter Picking

Councillor Patmore suggested that the Youth Council may like to be involved in a litter picking exercise with Keep Lancing Lovely. Some YCllrs indicated that they would like to be involved.

Resolved – that Cllr Patmore liaises with Keep Lancing Lovely and informs YCllrs of the dates, times and locations should they wish to attend.

32. Activity Day

Councillor Eveleigh had suggested an Activity Day and advised that YCllrs Atterbury and Churchill would expand on this idea at the meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that icebreakers/team building exercises could be introduced as an alternative to an Activity Day. Further training may also be of use, however both suggestions should be considered when the number of YCllrs has increased.

Resolved – (a) that an Activity Day is not required at this time.

(b) that icebreakers/team building exercises and further training be re-considered following further recruitment.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed Chairman

Date