

**Minutes of Lancing Parish Youth Council.
Meeting held on Wednesday 29 November 2017 at 7:00pm.**

Present

Chair: Atterbury.

Youth Councillors: Butler, Churchill, Everest, Roberts and Scott (from Minute 42 to 50).

Councillors: Gloria Eveleigh.

Officer: Helen Plant, Clerk to the Council.

Public: Two (Ms Prust from Electric Storm Youth and Parish Cllr Clark).

42. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received and were accepted from Cllrs Patmore and Purnell.

43. Public Question Time

None.

44. Minutes of Previous Meeting held Wednesday 27 September 2017

Resolved – That, subject to YCllr Atterbury being added to the apologies, the Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

45. Internet Café

YCllr Churchill presented the draft overall plan for Members to consider. The plan had been submitted to senior Library staff, but YCllr Churchill advised that she had not yet had a response. Some members considered that parents might be uncomfortable not knowing whether there was a responsible adult present. It was anticipated that would be addressed prior to the Internet Café going live.

Resolved – Cllr Churchill to chase the Library staff for a response to the proposal.

46. Recruitment

- i. YCllr Roberts presented her promotional poster design to post online for Members consideration. It was noted that it needed to be finished off with the final design of the LPYC logo once that had been approved at item 48. It was considered that a couple of adjustments were required, such as an additional image to fill up the blank space. YCllr Roberts was thanked for producing the poster.

Resolved – That the promotional poster design, subject to a couple of adjustments, be approved.

- ii. Cllr Eveleigh advised that she had attended a Business Breakfast networking event at Sir Robert Woodward Academy in an attempt to engage with the relevant teacher to discuss possible methods for recruitment via the school. She had been put in touch with Mr Fox, who oversaw the school council, but he had yet to respond to her emails. Cllr Eveleigh considered that it might be more effective if the Youth Council themselves contacted him.

Resolved – Cllr Atterbury to write to Mr Fox at Sir Robert Woodard Academy to explore possible methods for Youth Council recruitment via the school.

47. Youth Council Website

It was confirmed that no updates had been received to place onto the LPC website and members were requested to sign up to the months left vacant. It was considered a good opportunity to start the updates after this meeting as the minutes would provide the writer with material to use for the article and the same could be done in the following months.

Resolved – The months left vacant on the monthly LPYC update list were filled.

48. LPYC Logo

YCllr Scott circulated the final draft of the LPYC logo at the meeting for members to consider. Whilst a few small tweaks were considered necessary, YCllr Scott was complimented on the work carried out on the design.

Resolved – That, subject to a slight improvement on the design, the LPYC logo be approved.

49. Invite from Adur & Worthing Youth Council

- i. YCllr Atterbury advised that he had not been able to re-establish contact regarding the invitation from A&WYC.
- ii. YCllr Scott reported that she had spoken with the Chair of the Youth Council, but they were not in a position to visit at this time.

The Clerk advised that the A&WYC was currently undergoing a change of administration which may indicate why Youth Councillors were unable to accept or go out on visits at this time. This matter would be picked up once the new administration had settled in.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

50. LPYC Projects

At the last meeting, members agreed to progress the following two projects:-

1. Basket Ball and Climbing Wall equipment at Monks Rec - YCllr Churchill had submitted a report to the Monks Rec Improvement Project Working Group outlining LPYC's recommendations, which would be taken into consideration in the scheme's overall design. It was suggested that, at an appropriate time during the improvement stage, the Youth Council could potentially raise their own funds, e.g. through grant applications, to put towards some of the suggested equipment.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

2. More activities for toddlers and small children - members views were requested as to how to implement this project. A children's craft activity stall at the Parish Council's Christmas Festival Event on 16 December was suggested and all YCllrs present agreed to take part between 10am and 1pm. The stall would allow children to make Christmas decorations for 50p each and a 'Pin the Nose on Rudolf' game, also at 50p a go and Cllr Eveleigh offered to donate one of her children's books as a prize. Cllr Eveleigh also offered to pay towards the cost of necessary stationery items from her Parish Council Chairs Allowance and Cllr Clark advised that he could donate some suitable stationery items, which were gratefully received. It was agreed that an amount of preparation work was required prior to the set-up of the stall. It was noted that responsible adults

would be required for the preparation day and the event.

Resolved – (a) That LPYC organises a children’s craft stall at the Christmas Festival event on 16 December between 10am and 1pm.

(b) That preparations for the craft stall takes place on Saturday, 9 December 2017 from 10am to 12pm at the Parish Hall.

51. The Find It Out Centre, Penhill Road.

Cllr Eveleigh reported that she had been investigating the potential use of West Sussex County Council’s Find It Out Centre located in Penhill Road. Whilst WSCC did not have any additional funding to extend current youth services, it was prepared to let out the Centre free of charge to other local youth organisations, such as the Parish Youth Council. It could be a more suitable location for the Internet Café. YCllrs agreed that the Centre’s facilities sounded ideal and wished to view the Centre.

Resolved – That Cllr Eveleigh arrange for the January Youth Council meeting to be held at the Find it Out Centre.

52. BluePrint22

Blueprint 22, a youth organisation of 16-25-year olds that operated from Brighton to Bognor Regis, were due to attend the meeting to explore how the organisation might work with LPYC. However, in their absence, it was agreed to invite them to the next meeting in December.

53. Lancing Parish Council Autumn Residents Forum

YCllr Atterbury reported that he and YCllr Churchill had attended the Parish Council’s first Autumn Residents Forum on 12 October to outline the Youth Council’s work. Some residents had questioned how the Youth Council could engage with the village’s disaffected youth and the views of other members were sought as to how that could be achieved.

Cllr Eveleigh advised that Police Prevent Inspector Allan Lowe would be attending a public meeting on 11 January 2018 at the Parish Hall to answer the concerns of local residents. It was suggested that YCllrs could attend that meeting to ask how they could help.

Resolved – That the item be placed on the next meeting’s agenda for members to come up with questions to ask Insp Lowe.

54. Inspirational Speaker

Cllr Eveleigh advised that she had been speaking with a volunteer from Esteem, a charity that aimed to improve self-esteem and empower young people aged 14-26 years, by providing confidence building activities, events, courses, mentoring and volunteering opportunities and suggested the Youth Council invited one of Esteem’s inspirational speakers to a future meeting.

Resolved – That Cllr Eveleigh arranges for an inspirational speaker to attend a future Youth Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.30p.m.