

**Minutes of Lancing Parish Youth Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 18 July 2018 at 7:00pm**

Present

Chair: YCllr Churchill

Youth Councillors: Butler, Roberts and Scott

Councillors: Gloria Eveleigh

Officer: Helen Plant, Clerk to the Council

Public: Kerry Ramshaw, Sir Robert Woodward Academy

21. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received, and with the reasons outlined, were accepted from Cllrs Mick Clark and Geoff Patmore.

22. Public Question Time

None.

Note – at this point it was agreed to bring item 25 forward.

25. Recruitment – Sir Robert Woodard Academy

Students of Sir Robert Woodard Academy had been previously invited to produce posters to promote LPYC (Minute 7/May/2018 refers), and Mrs Ramshaw of SRWA attended this meeting to present the Year 7 Nightingale students work. The posters were judged at the meeting and the chosen winner was Miss R Towner. Miss Towner would be presented with a trophy by Cllr Eveleigh and YCllr Scott at the school's assembly next week. It was anticipated that the 'design a Youth Council poster' could become an annual event.

Mrs Ramshaw advised that some students had expressed in interest in the Youth Council from this exercise. These young people would be invited to the October Youth Council meeting.

Recommendation – Members' views are requested.

23. Minutes of Previous Meeting held Wednesday 13 June 2018

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

24. Finance

The Youth Council's income and expenditure was presented, and it was **noted** that the Youth Council currently had **£20.95**.

26. Community Garden

At the last meeting, it was agreed that the main focus for LPYC would be the community garden at the Parish Hall (Minute 16i/June/2018 refers). Permission for this project had since been granted by the Finance and General Purposes Committee and the Beachside Montessori Nursery were keen to be involved in the project. Cllr Eveleigh advised the Lancing and Sompting Food Bank also supported the project.

YCllrs Roberts and Scott presented an action plan and a draft letter to send to proposed organisations to gauge interest. YCllr Scott confirmed that there was an offer of free labour to assist with the building of the raised bed once the materials had been sourced. Support had also been offered by a horticulturalist and a keen gardener to assist with the planting.

Members considered how to fund the project so it could progress, and agreed to apply for a grant from Lancing Parish Council and to write to Gardner & Scardifield for a donation of materials or at a reduced cost.

Resolved – That members meet on 28 July 2018 at 11.30am to establish costs of a raised bed, complete grant aid form and write letter.

27. Beach Green Activity Day – 3 Aug 2018 (11am-3pm)

In February 2018 it was agreed that LPYC would participate in the Beach Green Activity Day on 3 August 2018 (Minute 83/Feb/2018 refers).

YCllrs Butler, Churchill, Roberts and Cllr Eveleigh were able to attend and Cllr Scott had arranged for a ‘splat the rat’ game to be made. The price for a game was set at 30p for one go or 50p for two. The tuck leftover from the Internet Café would be used as prizes and more would be bought from Youth Council funds if necessary.

Whilst it had been previously agreed to conduct another survey to find out what young people would like in Lancing, it was considered that recruiting new YCllrs should be the priority. A form would be available for potential YCllrs to register their interest in joining.

Resolved – That YCllrs Butler, Churchill, Roberts and Cllr Eveleigh manage the ‘Splat the Rat’ stall at the Beach Green Activity Day, 3 August 2018.

28. Monks Rec Play Day – 22 Aug 2018 (10am-3pm)

At the last meeting, it was agreed that LPYC would have a stall at the Monks Rec Play Day (Minute 16ii/June/2018 refers). Cllr Eveleigh confirmed that there would be no charge for LPYC’s stall.

YCllrs Butler, Roberts, Scott and Cllr Eveleigh were able to attend and the ‘splat the rat’ game would be used again with the same arrangements as the Beach Green Activity day.

Resolved – That YCllrs Butler, Roberts, Scott and Cllr Eveleigh manage the ‘Splat the Rat’ stall at the Monks Rec Play Day, 22 August 2018.

29. Advertising Local Events for Young People

Pursuant to Minute 79/Feb/18, the Working Group set up to compile a list of youth activities in the area with a view to creating a Facebook page to promote them all recently met, and a draft table of activities was circulated. A few anomalies were highlighted so the final table would be submitted for approval at the next meeting.

Cllr Patmore was not in attendance to provide an update on him contacting the Lancing & Sompting Facebook member regarding activities to save duplication.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

30. Article for the New Publication Local Word: Lancing & Sompting

It was confirmed that an article advertising LPYC (and unfortunately, the Internet Café) had been included in the July edition of the Local Word magazine. Members had been previously requested to submit updates of YCllr activities to the office for publication on the website and future editions of the Local Word. However, members acknowledged that this had proved to be more difficult than anticipated.

Resolved – That it be agreed to leave the publication of any article until the Facebook page is set up with the list of youth activities.

31. Invite from Adur and Worthing Youth Council

YCllrs Churchill, Roberts and Cllr Eveleigh attended the A&WYC meeting on Monday 2 July (Minute 19/June/2018 refers). A&WYC was well attended, but it was acknowledged that recruitment was easier due to the number of schools in Worthing that could be targeted for recruitment. It was noted that there were a number of Sir Robert Woodard Academy students in attendance, proving that there were young people from the local area that were interested in a youth council.

A&WYC were keen to collaborate with LPYC, starting by a representative from each council attending each other's meeting. However, LPYC's representative would need to conform to A&WYC's age limit of 17 years old, restricting who could attend from LPYC.

A&WYC had Peer Mentors, which allowed ycllrs who were at the upper age limit to stay on to help and support younger members. Discussion on whether it would be beneficial for LPYC to have similar mentors took place. However, it was acknowledged that LPYC's older age limit allowed for this anyway.

A&WYC members from the Lancing area advised that they had not seen LPYC's Internet Café advertised. This confirmed that LPYC's events, projects and recruitment needed to be promoted in specific areas that targeted young people. It was recognised that posters needed to be located at the sites of other youth organisations, e.g. guide/scout huts, youth clubs and colleges etc.

Resolved – (a) That Cllr Scott be Lancing Parish Youth Council's representative to attend Adur & Worthing Youth Council meetings.

(b) That all Youth Councillors endeavour to advertise Lancing Parish Youth Council within their respective leisure organisations and colleges.

32. Climbing Wall at Monks Rec

It was confirmed that the climbing wall was on order and it was hoped that it would be installed before the summer holidays. A relevant press article would be published once it had been installed.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

33. Prospective Members living out of area

YCllr Churchill proposed that the LPYC constitution be amended to allow a greater flexibility for young people to become members of LPYC by extending the boundaries. Currently, YCllrs must live within three miles of Lancing or attend a school in Lancing, which mirrored the legal requirements of Parish Councils. It was noted that any changes

made to the constitution must be approved by Lancing Parish Council and this was most recently amended May 2018 (Full Council Minute 20.1/May/2018 refers).

Resolved – That any area of Shoreham be the boundary to the east for prospective members.

34. Ball Tree GP Practice – Social Prescribing

Cllr Eveleigh proposed for the Ball Tree Surgery to display information (poster/flyers) of the Youth Council in an effort to raise awareness of LPYC and to encourage other young people who might be feeling lonely or isolated to join LPYC.

Resolved – That Cllr Churchill devises a flyer to advertise Lancing Parish Youth Council.

35. Future Agenda Items

None.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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