

**Minutes of Lancing Parish Youth Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 19 September 2018 at 7:00pm**

Present

Chair: YCllr Churchill

Youth Councillors: Butler, Roberts and Scott

Councillors: Mick Clark, Gloria Eveleigh and Geoff Patmore

Officer: Helen Plant, Clerk to the Council

36. Apologies for absence

None.

37. Public Question Time

None.

38. Minutes of Previous Meeting held Wednesday 18 July 2018

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

39. Finance

The Youth Council's income and expenditure was presented, and it was **noted** that the Youth Council currently had **£643.75** subsequent to the success of the Monks Rec Play Day 'Splat the Rat' game and grant from Lancing Parish Council towards the Community Allotment project.

40. Local Youth Councils

Members were reminded that Cllr Eveleigh (LPC) had been in discussion with Cllr Baxter (SPC) and others to gauge the feasibility of creating a joint Youth Council between Lancing Parish and Sompting Parish Councils (Minute 19/May/2018 refers). This idea has been suggested to aid recruitment and increase the number of Youth Councillors.

Members were asked to consider this proposal taking certain points into account, such as the preferred meeting location (Lancing Parish Hall/Harriet Johnson Centre), whether the administration would be undertaken by officers of both councils and the constitution and logo, as these would need to be amended to be inclusive of both councils. It was also noted that any decision made by Lancing Parish Youth Council would need to be agreed by Lancing and Sompting Parish Councils.

Members were unclear as to how a joint youth council would benefit recruitment as LPYC's existing constitution allowed for young people from Sompting to be members of LPYC and they expressed concerns as to how members would get to the Harriet Johnson Centre, which might also be a reason why young people from Sompting were reluctant to join LPYC. It was also unclear that if a joint venture didn't go ahead, and SPC set up its own youth council, whether this would end up in competition to LPYC.

Members could see an overall advantage of having a joint youth council but felt that the initiative needed exploring further with SPC.

Resolved – That the creation of a joint Lancing and Sompting Youth Council not be considered at this time until further information is provided by Sompting Parish Council with a representative attending the next LPYC meeting.

41. Recruitment – Sir Robert Woodard Academy

At the last meeting, it was noted that some students from SRWA had expressed an interest in joining the Youth Council and would be invited to the October Youth Council meeting. An action plan to identify and invite potential members was therefore required.

Resolved – That Kerry Ramshaw at Sir Robert Woodard Academy be sent the new recruitment flyer to distribute to potential youth councillors and to ask for Miss R Towner, the winner of the poster competition to get in touch so the poster can be slightly corrected to then be used.

42. Community Garden and Allotment

The main focus for LPYC in 2018-2019 was the community garden and allotment project at the Parish Hall (Minute 16i/June/2018 refers). Whilst LPYC had submitted a grant application to Lancing Parish Council for £300 towards the cost of this project, the Finance and General Purposes Committee awarded LPYC £600 which was the full amount of the project and so it could now progress.

Resolved – (a) That Cllr Scott's dad's offer of buying the materials and constructing the raised bed be progressed by Mr Scott and the Clerk.

(b) That YCllrs meet informally with Cllr Scott's mum, who is a horticulturist, to establish what plants will work best in the raised bed.

43. Beach Green Activity Day – 3 Aug 2018

LPYC had a stall at the Beach Green activity day. Members who attended acknowledged that a 'paid for' game was not suitable for the event as all other activities were free and that helping with another free activity, such as rounders, would be more suitable if LPYC were involved with next year's event, and which might be more appropriate to help with recruitment.

Cllr Scott provided Cllr Eveleigh with feedback from her brother's attendance at the event as to how the activity arrangements could be improved.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

44. Monks Rec Play Day – 22 Aug 2018

Lancing Parish Youth Council had a stall at the Monks Rec play day. Members who attended agreed that the 'Splat the Rat' game was appropriate for this event, having raised £22.80, and were keen to be involved again if the opportunity arose.

Members recognised that at both events, they felt awkward asking people to take part and that some training in assertiveness/public engagement training would be beneficial.

Resolved – (a) That the information be noted.

(b) That the Clerk arranges assertiveness/public engagement training for the Youth Council.

45. Advertising Local Events for Young People

Pursuant to Minute 79/Feb/2018, the Working Group advised that it had not got together yet to collate each Member's list of organisations but would do soon. This list would then be used to set up the Facebook page that could then promote local events for young people.

Recommendation – That the information be noted.

46. Climbing Wall at Monks Rec

It was confirmed that the climbing wall had now been installed. The Amenities & Environment Committee expressed thanks to LPYC in respect of this project. A press release was considered appropriate and should include Cllr Bridges to represent WSCC as funders of this project.

Resolved – That a press release be written by YCllr Churchill and the office, and a photograph be taken with all YCllrs on Monday 24 September at 4.30pm.

47. Ball Tree GP Practice – Social Prescribing

At the last meeting it was agreed for YCllr Churchill to devise a flyer to advertise LPYC at the Ball Tree Surgery to display information of the Youth Council in an effort to raise awareness of and to encourage other young people who might be feeling lonely or isolated to join LPYC. The poster/flyer was approved and YCllr Scott agreed to deliver them to the surgery.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

48. Christmas Market Stall

Members were advised that the Lancing Parish Council and Adur District Council Christmas Festival in Lancing Village was being held on 15 December 2018. Last year, LPYC held a stall for children to create Christmas crafts and decorations and Members views were requested as to having a stall at this years' event and, if so, what to offer.

Resolved – That Members have a 'Splat the Grinch' game, with sugar-free Christmas sweets as prizes, at the Christmas Festival on 15 December 2018.

49. Future Agenda Items

YCllr Scott – Holding a Youth Council Surgery.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.