

**Minutes of Lancing Parish Youth Council Annual Meeting
held on Wednesday 16 May 2018 at 7:00pm**

Present

Youth Councillors: Atterbury (minute 1), Butler, Churchill, Everest (to minute 9), Roberts and Scott.

Councillors: Mick Clark.

Officers: Helen Plant, Clerk to the Council and Vally Fish, Assistant Clerk to the Council.

Public: None.

The previous Chair of the Youth Council, YCllr Atterbury, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. YCllr Atterbury confirmed his resignation as YCllr and wished LPYC good luck in their continued work over the forthcoming year.

1. Request for nominations for Chair of Youth Council

YCllrs Churchill and Scott were proposed and seconded.

Resolved – After a vote, it was agreed that YCllr Churchill be elected as Chairman of Lancing Parish Youth Council for the Municipal year 2018/19.

2. Request for nominations for Vice Chair of Youth Council

YCllrs Roberts and Scott were proposed and seconded.

Resolved – After a vote, it was agreed that YCllr Scott be elected as Vice-Chairman of Lancing Parish Youth Council for the Municipal year 2018/19.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received, and with the reasons outlined, were accepted from YCllr Scott and Cllrs Emma Purnell, Geoff Patmore and Gloria Eveleigh.

4. Public Question Time

None.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting held Wednesday 28 March 2018 (*attached*)

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

6. Recommended change to the Youth Council's Constitution

It was recommended that the Youth Council's constitution be slightly amended to allow for a degree of flexibility by extending the age limit in respect of any specific needs of individual youth councillors. Each case would be considered on its own merits by the Youth Council and the Clerk.

Resolved – (a) That the Youth Council constitution be amended accordingly for onward approval by the Parish Council.

(b) That YCllr Butler be permitted to stay as a Member of LPYC for the Council year 2018/19.

7. Recruitment

Due to the absence of Mrs Ramshaw and students from Sir Robert Woodard Academy regarding posters to promote LPYC, it was agreed to defer this item to a sequential meeting.

Resolved – That Cllr Eveleigh contact Mrs Ramshaw to arrange another occasion to attend.

8. Internet Café

The Internet Café duly opened on the 19 April and on the following two Thursday's. However, despite the café being widely advertised, attendance had been poor and is not open for the time being. Members were therefore asked to consider the demand, location and feasibility of holding the internet café at the Find It Out Centre on Thursday afternoons.

The option of relocating the internet café was considered, however due to the limited locations available and similar services already being provided by other organisations, this was deemed unnecessary. It was therefore agreed not to continue with this project. It was acknowledged that a lot of hard work and effort had gone into the internet café project and stressed that Members should not be disheartened by the outcome.

Resolved – (a) That the internet café be discontinued with immediate effect.
(b) That Members consider projects for the future with friends and present ideas at the next meeting.

9. Advertising Local Events for Young People

The Clerk reported that further investigations as to how best to set up a Facebook page to allay the concerns regarding safeguarding aspects had been made and presented a demonstration to Members.

It was confirmed that the Working Group had met and received a list of youth organisations in Lancing. YCllr Roberts reported that this project is still in progress.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

10. Future Agenda Items

YCllr Churchill – LPYC could write an article for the new publication *Local Word: Lancing & Sompting*. The Clerk advised that an article about LPYC was due to be included in the next edition.

YCllr Roberts – LPYC could undertake a survey to find out what young people would like in Lancing.

11. Climbing Wall at Monks Rec

It was reported that LPYC had been successful in the grant application to West Sussex County Council and had received £1,000 towards the cost and installation of a junior climbing wall at Monks Rec and had been paid to the Parish Council.

Amenities & Environment Committee recognised the hard work that LPYC had put in to this project and agreed that a steel junior climbing wall be installed, located south of and in a similar design to the zip wire. With that in mind, the Clerk presented the *Rocky Split Traverse Wall - 3 x Panels*. Whilst the price of this wall was slightly over £1,000, the Clerk confirmed that there were sufficient funds in the Council' Play Area budget to subsidise the final cost.

Resolved – That the Rocky Split Traverse Wall - 3 x Panels be purchased and installed at Monks Rec.

Meeting Closed: 7:45pm