

**Minutes of Lancing Parish Youth Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 19 December 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall**

Present

Chair: YCllr Scott

Youth Councillors: Butler and Roberts

Councillors: Mick Clark, Gloria Eveleigh and Geoff Patmore

Officers: Vally Fish, Assistant Clerk and Nick Wiltshire, Assistant Clerk

Public: None

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

74. Apologies for absence

YCllr Churchill and Cllr Baxter (Sompting Parish Council).

75. Public Question Time

None.

76. Minutes of Previous Meeting held Wednesday 21 November 2018

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

77. Finance

The Youth Council's income and expenditure was presented, and it was **noted** that with the income from the Christmas Stall of £8.00 the Youth Council currently had **£651.75** with £600 being specifically earmarked reserves for the Community Garden and Allotment project.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

78. Community Garden and Allotment

It was reported that Mr Scott supplied the list of materials required for this project prior to the meeting and the construction of the raised beds will start early in the New Year. A press release is now required for the next meeting in preparation for when the beds are ready. Members thanked Mr and Mrs Scott for their time and support regarding this project.

Resolved – That Members write a press release for the next meeting detailing what is being done and the plants used, mentioning the work being carried out in conjunction with The Beachside Montessori Nursery including the accessibility of these raised beds to all, in preparation for when the beds are ready.

79. Local Youth Councils and Recruitment

As Members were aware, the Youth Council is to be trialled as a joint venture with Sompting Parish Council. It was noted that the success of this strategy relies on representation by Sompting Parish Council.

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- (a) While Cllr Baxter was not in attendance, she had emailed to advise that she had met with the Head Teacher of SRWA on 4 December 2018, who indicated that he would get back to us with some thoughts and details of their current youth groups and activities, so we can forge a way forward. Cllr Baxter will provide further updates at the next meeting.
- (b) YCllr Scott reported that she had compiled a list of contacts' details at relevant schools and will contact them after the Christmas break to explore recruiting students to the Youth Council and use of recruitment posters.

Cllr Eveleigh reported that the contact she had made at Lancing College will be in touch early in the New Year.

A discussion took place regarding the on-going recruitment strategy and the importance of following-up emails when a response is not received.

- (c) It was reported that A&WYC's new co-ordinator is Chris Cook, Sussex Clubs for Young People and his contact details had been passed to YCllr Scott prior to the meeting.

It was noted that Members have been encouraged to bring a friend along to the Youth Council. Recruitment posters have been taken along to the Kingfisher Surgery for display.

- Resolved** – (a) That Cllr Baxter provides an update on the meeting with SRWA.
 (b) That YCllr Scott contacts all the relevant schools within a 3-mile boundary of Lancing and Sompting to explore the opportunity for recruiting students to the Youth Council, preferably by invitation to go into the school.
 (c) That Cllr Eveleigh will provide an update to the next meeting on any response received regarding Lancing College.
 (d) That once a person is contacted regarding recruitment, they are only contacted again a maximum of twice more, unless correspondence was addressed to a Head Teacher.

80. Christmas Market Stall

YCllrs Churchill, Roberts and Butler attended, with Cllr Eveleigh who was the responsible adult. Considering the appalling weather conditions, the Christmas Market Stall was a success, making £8.00 for Youth Council funds. The Splat the Grinch game needed some improvisation but was a success. It was felt that for next year the only improvements needed were some more prizes - with a prize on entering and prizes for successfully splatting.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

81. Training for Youth Councillors

Sussex Clubs for Young People had kindly offered to fund Youth Councillor training sessions, so these had been arranged at the Parish Hall on Wednesdays 6 February and 3 April, both at 6:30pm. Cllrs Eveleigh, Clark and Patmore confirmed that they would attend.

Resolved – That the matter be added to the January agenda as a reminder to Members.

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82. Children and Young People Network

Members have been invited to attend the Children and Young People Network, facilitated by Community Works, to promote the Youth Council. The event was scheduled for 5 March at 2pm. It was considered that this would provide a potential recruitment opportunity and that a presentation would need to be put together.

Resolved – That a presentation be prepared for the January and February meetings. A selection of minutes of Youth Council meetings was thought would be useful for this. Members to meet up on Saturday 12 January at 12.30 pm in The Council Chamber to put together this presentation and prepare the press release for the Community Garden and Allotment.

83. Promoting *Safe Haven* signs around Lancing

YClIr Churchill had suggested that the Youth Council initiate a promotion to increase and raise awareness of Safe Haven signs around Lancing (item 72/Nov/2018 refers) and was to investigate the full details of the scheme. However, due to the absence of YClIr Churchill no update was available.

Resolved – (a) That YClIr Churchill investigates the full details of the scheme.
(b) That the promotion of the Safe Haven initiative be put on hold until the Lancing Traders Association has been set up.

84. Future Agenda Items

- i. ClIr Patmore: To consider future LPYC projects along with funding opportunities.
- ii. YClIr Scott: To improve the reputation of young people in Lancing by working with Police Youth Ambassadors.

The meeting closed at 7:52pm.

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