

**Minutes of Lancing Parish Youth Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 23rd January 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall**

Present

Chair: YCllr Churchill

Youth Councillors: Butler, Roberts and Scott

Councillors: Gloria Eveleigh

Officers: Nick Wiltshire, Assistant Clerk

Public: None

85. Apologies for absence

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

86. Public Question Time

None.

87. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on Wednesday 19th December 2018

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

88. 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.

A LPYC recruitment flyer has been produced at a cost of £255.00, comprising £150.00 for printing and £105.00 for delivery. This is to be funded from the Chair's budget (£59.00) and the Youth Council's budget (£51.00). In addition, at the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 16th January 2019, it was resolved that the Printing and Advertising budgets be used to fund the balance of £145.00.

After discussion, it was **Resolved** – That the information be noted.

89. Community Garden and Allotment

Mr Scott has obtained the materials required for this project and the construction of the raised beds will now start when the weather is warmer in late February/ early March. A press release 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, will be formulated and issued when the beds are ready.

Resolved – That Members formulate and issue an appropriate press release when the beds are ready.

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90. Local Youth Councils and Recruitment

As Members were aware, the creation of a joint Lancing and Sompting Youth Council was to have been trialled until April 2019, with a mid-phase review in January 2019 (Minute 54/Oct/2018 refers). The meeting expressed concern about a lack of progress, and it was felt that the success of any possible future association relies on regular representation by Sompting Parish Council at these meetings. It was hoped that Cllr Baxter would be able to attend the next meeting to give an update regarding this and associated matters.

- (a) As Cllr Baxter was not present no further updates regarding contact with SRWA.
- (b) YCllr Scott has used the list of contacts' details she compiled and contacted relevant schools to explore recruiting students to the Youth Council and use of recruitment posters. A response had not been received from these schools except for St. Andrew's and Bohunt. Consequently, YCllr Scott and Cllr Eveleigh will be attending a meeting at St Andrew's. As an email was only received today from Bohunt, YCllr Scott has yet to have the opportunity to respond. She will be emailing again all those schools that did not reply and will contact A&WYC again.
- (c) Cllr Eveleigh reported that she had heard from her contact at Lancing College.

It was noted that Members have been encouraged to bring a friend along to the Youth Council. YCllr Scott hopes to bring along someone to the next meeting.

- Resolved –**
- (a) Assistant Clerk to contact Cllr Baxter regarding her discussions with SRWA.
 - (b) That Cllr Baxter provides an update on the meeting with SRWA.
 - (c) That YCllr Scott will be emailing again all those schools that did not reply and will report on the meeting with St Andrew's.
 - (d) That YCllr Scott will contact Chris Cook regarding A&WYC.
 - (e) That Cllr Eveleigh will 'phone Lancing College again.

91. 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.

After discussion, it was **Resolved** – that the information be noted and that the matter be added to the February and March agendas as a reminder to Members.

92. 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 2:00 pm. It was considered that this would provide a potential recruitment opportunity. Members met at the Parish Hall on Saturday 12th January to put together a presentation and a rehearsal will take place on 2nd March between 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm in the Council Chamber; the projector and a screen have been requested.

- Resolved –**
- (a) That the Assistant Clerk to send revised Youth Council logo to YCllr Churchill.
 - (b) That the presentation, stored on a memory stick, be finalised for the February meeting.
 - (c) That Cllr Eveleigh will contact Community Works to enquire about the provision of equipment to enable a Powerpoint presentation to be made at the event.

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93. Promoting Safe Haven signs around Lancing

YClIr Churchill provided an update on initiating a promotion to increase and raise awareness of Safe Haven signs around Lancing (item 72/Nov/2018 refers). YClIr Churchill will contact Mr Henry King, Chairman of Lancing Traders Association to discuss details of the scheme.

Resolved – (a) That YClIr Churchill arrange a meeting with Mr Henry King, Chairman of Lancing Traders Association to discuss details of the scheme.

(b) That YClIr Churchill provide full details of this scheme and report on her meeting with Mr King.

94. Future Projects

Although the Community Garden and Allotment project needed to be completed Members felt that they should identify potential future projects along with any funding opportunities.

Resolved – That Members bring their suggestions to the next meeting.

95. Improving the reputation of young people in Lancing

YClIr Scott felt that it would be beneficial to invite Inspector Allan Lowe to a future meeting to discuss how to improve the reputation of young people in Lancing.

Resolved – That YClIr Scott invite Inspector Allan Lowe to attend a meeting when it is next convenient for him.

96. Future Agenda Items

- i. Mentoring
- ii. Youth Councillors' Surgery Rota – YClIrs Churchill and Scott will attend on 16th February and Cllr Eveleigh will be the Responsible Adult.

The meeting closed at 8:03 pm.

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