

**Minutes of Lancing Parish Youth Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 13th February 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall**

Present

Chair: YCllr Churchill

Youth Councillors: Butler, Roberts and Scott

Councillors: Gloria Eveleigh, Mick Clark and Geoff Patmore

Officers: Nick Wiltshire, Assistant Clerk

Public: None

96. Apologies for absence

None.

97. Public Question Time

None.

98. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd January 2019

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

99. Finance

The Youth Council's income and expenditure was presented, and it was **noted** that the Youth Council currently had **£600.75** 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 has been 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 budget be used to fund the balance of £145.00.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

100. Community Garden and Allotment Project

Mr Scott will start building the raised beds this Saturday from 08:00 am. Members of the Youth Council will assist subject to availability. Cllr Jackson did volunteer his services to assist with this Project but is not available this weekend due to family visiting. Members will compose a press release to be issued once the beds have been planted.

Resolved – That Members

(a) where at all possible, work and other commitments plus Youth Council Surgery permitting, will assist Mr Scott with the construction of the raised beds.

(b) identify how they can assist in completing this Project as well as prepare a press release for when the beds are ready.

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101. Local Youth Councils and Recruitment

The Youth Council was to have been trialled as a joint venture with Sompting Parish Council (item 54/Oct/2018 refers) and recruitment of additional Members is on-going.

Updates on actions agreed at the last meeting were provided at this meeting:

(a) Cllr Baxter (SPC) notified that she would not be attending but she had spoken with Cllr Eveleigh and will provide an update on her discussions with SRWA at the next meeting.

(b) YCllr Scott was not able to attend a meeting at Bohunt but will contact them to re-arrange. As a result of her email to Davison's YCllr Scott will follow-up to arrange a meeting. YCllr Churchill volunteered to approach Northbrook College.

(c) Along with Cllr Eveleigh, YCllr Scott attended a meeting at St. Andrew's where she gave a presentation in front of some fifty members of their School Council and received a positive reception.

(d) Cllr Eveleigh reported that no response had been received from Lancing College yet. Cllr Clark to contact Cllr Haywood for assistance in this matter.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

102. Training for Youth Councillors

All YCllrs as well as Cllr Eveleigh attended the first training session with Sussex Clubs for Young People on Wednesday, 6th February in which the theme was Roles and Responsibilities. Also, in attendance was a member of the Adur-Worthing Youth Council. Members are reminded that the second session is taking place on **Wednesday 3rd April at 6:30pm in the Jubilee Hall Bar Area**, the theme of which is Public Speaking. Everyone has been asked to prepare a minute-long speech.

Resolved – That all Members attend the second training session and that the matter be added to the March agenda as a reminder to Members.

103. Children and Young People Network

Members have been invited to attend the Children and Young People Network, taking place on **Tuesday, 5th March at 2:00 pm**, facilitated by Community Works, to discuss the Youth Council (item 71/Nov/2018 refers). Members have rearranged their meeting to prepare for this event and will now meet at Cllr Eveleigh's home on **Sunday, 3rd March between 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm** to fine tune their presentation.

Resolved – That Members attend the meeting on **Sunday, 3rd March between 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm** at Cllr Eveleigh's home regarding the presentation for the Children and Young People Network taking place at 2:00pm on Tuesday 5th March.

104. Promoting *Safe Haven* signs around Lancing

The identity of the Chairman of Lancing Traders Association is in doubt so YCllr Churchill will contact Donna Gurney of Creations, Crabtree Lane for further information. While it was deemed positive that the Youth Council initiates a Safe Haven scheme there seemed to be difficulties that needed to be identified before such a scheme can be put in place.

Resolved – (a) Assistant Clerk will try to obtain further information regarding such schemes. (b) Members will consider what difficulties may arise regarding safeguarding so that the viability of such a scheme can be discussed at the next meeting.

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105. Improving the reputation of young people in Lancing

Assistant Clerk will contact Inspector Allan Lowe to make arrangements for him (or his representatives) to attend the next meeting.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

106. Mentoring

Members to consider what framework could be put in place whereby potential/new Youth Councillors are mentored by experienced Youth councillors and its implications for safeguarding.

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

107. Youth Councillors’ Parish Surgery Rota

YCllrs Churchill and Scott confirmed that they will attend this Saturday, 16th February when the reinstatement of No. 16 Bus will be promoted; Cllr Eveleigh agreed she would be the Responsible Adult. YCllrs to identify when they are available to attend future Youth Council Parish Surgeries on a Village Market Day (held every third Saturday in the month) between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon.

Resolved – That Members check diaries to advise availability at next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:27 pm.

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