

**Minutes of Lancing Parish Youth Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 17th April 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall**

Present

Chair: YCllr Churchill

Youth Councillors: Butler, Roberts and Scott

Councillors: Gloria Eveleigh and Geoff Patmore

Officers: Nick Wiltshire, Assistant Clerk

Public: None

122. Apologies for absence

None.

123. Public Question Time

None.

124. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on Wednesday 20th March 2019

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

125. Improving the reputation of young people in Lancing

It was felt that PC Sharon Eppy showed herself to be extremely knowledgeable & helpful when she attended February's meeting of the Youth Council. In particular, it was regarding the possibility of Police Cadets attending Youth Council meetings & vice-versa to work in conjunction with each other plus having access to their twitter account that was of most interest. On 11th April, YCllr Scott, as LPYC Vice-Chair, attended a meeting regarding Lancing Youth Activities – Summer 2019. A Working Group consisting of YCllr Scott; Ken Benham, Chief Executive, Sussex County FA; Sarah Prust, Senior Youth Worker ESY; a PCSO; & a representative of Community Works will meet on 25th April at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall to put together a football-themed project proposal.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

126. Finance

The Youth Council's income and expenditure was presented, and it was **noted** that the Youth Council currently has **£57.75**. A sum of £600 had been given to LPYC by LPC as specifically earmarked reserves for the Community Garden and Allotment Project; £543.00 of which has been spent on this Project so far.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

127. Community Garden and Allotment Project

YCllr Scott will contact Cllr Lydia Pope to arrange further dates when YCllrs can visit her garden to obtain some guidance identifying suitable plants for the raised beds so a planting plan can be devised. Also, YCllr Scott will provide details of the overall Project Plan, as originally conceived as well as a press release for when planting has taken place. YCllr Churchill will liaise with the Beachside Montessori Nursery regarding planting & continual watering. Given that this was LPYC's principal project, it was felt that YCllrs would be best placed in determining what was planted. It was noted that broad bean plants had been provided with the best

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intentions to initiate planting; however, YCllrs were certainly against planting potatoes this year.

The Assistant Clerk gave YCllr Scott details for applying for Sussex Police grants (up to £500) derived from the proceeds of crime, which may be of relevance for funding future costs that may be incurred by a project such as the Youth Council Community Garden Project.

Resolved – That Members

- (a) are made aware of the overall Project Plan & agree a planting plan including any additional plants that need to be purchased;
- (b) liaise with the Beachside Montessori Nursery regarding planting & watering;
- (c) identify how they can assist with the on-going tasks relating to this Project;
- (d) prepare a press release for when the beds have been planted.

128. Local Youth Councils and Recruitment

Although investigating a joint youth council with Sompting Parish Council has ended, actively recruiting more Lancing Parish YCllrs remains key.

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

- (a) YCllr Scott reported that Andrea Balance had been in contact offering her services as a graphic designer regarding posters & logos, however, nothing could be used without LPC's prior approval. Following previous efforts to attract interest in LPYC, YCllr Scott will contact Bohunt, Davison's & St Andrew's to rearrange meetings with them about this.
- (b) Cllr Baxter (SPC) has not been in contact to provide an update on her discussions with SRWA.
- (c) YCllr Roberts has not been able to identify the right people to speak to at Northbrook College so far, however, she has a meeting arranged with Admin about recruitment.
- (d) Cllr Eveleigh remains waiting for Lancing College to give her details of the outcome of discussions regarding LPYC at a Staff Meeting on 7th March before she can report back.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

129. Training for Youth Councillors

YCllrs Butler, Roberts & Scott attended the second training session with Sussex Clubs for Young People on Wednesday 3rd April at 6:30 pm, which centred on communication. The training was designed to take participants out of their own personal comfort zones. While the structure was sound the preparation & delivery may have lacked clarity. Following these reports on the training they had received from Sussex Clubs for Young People, Cllrs Eveleigh & Patmore volunteered to provide some more relevant training if the YCllrs thought it would be of benefit to them. The YCllrs felt it would be worthwhile & arrangements were made subject to an available venue. The training was originally mooted for 11:00 am to 02:00 pm on Saturday, 22nd June subject to room availability at the Parish Hall. After the meeting the Assistant Clerk checked to see whether there were any rooms available, however, there was nothing on the 22nd, Accordingly, the date was switched to Saturday, 29th June but the timings remain the same.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

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130. Children and Young People Network

Cllr Eveleigh will contact the Chair of the Children & Young People Network to make them aware that LPYC would be a suitable body for those young people between the ages of 13 to 19 who wished to gain some experience of community service by undertaking a commitment to the local community as a Youth Councillor.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

131. Promoting Safe Haven signs around Lancing

Following on from [Safe Havens In Sussex](https://www.safehavens.org.uk/) & Sussex Against Bullying, <https://www.spacehive.com/sussex-against-bullying--a-safe-haven> the Assistant Clerk had researched “Safe Haven” type schemes existing elsewhere & found that the nearest local such scheme was in Mid Sussex, which is a member of the “Safe Places National Network” <https://www.safeplaces.org.uk/>, with East Grinstead taking a leading role. The Assistant Clerk advised that such schemes require training & clarity of responsibilities. YCllr Churchill had been unable to contact Heidi Rush of Lancing Traders Association, so it was felt that a quicker response may be obtained by approaching retailers individually.

Resolved – That a Working Group, comprising YCllrs will meet on Thursday, 2nd May to examine

(a) “Safe Haven/Place” type schemes existing elsewhere.

(b) what costs may be involved & if there any training issues regarding safeguarding that need to be addressed, which may affect the viability of such a scheme.

132. Mentoring

Members considered the involvement of experienced Youth Councillors as to how potential/new Youth Councillors would be mentored. and the implications for safeguarding.

After discussion, it was **Resolved** – That there will be general mentoring within the group then when new Youth Councillors appear, they will be mentored individually.

133. Youth Councillors’ Parish Surgery Rota

YCllrs to advise their availability to attend future Youth Council Parish Surgeries. DBS documentation to be produced by those who have undergone checks as part of the process of determining who qualifies as a “responsible adult” in the context of the Youth Council for such events.

Resolved – That YCllrs check their diaries & DBS documentation so that they can advise their availability at the next meeting.

134. Future Projects

To undertake a review of the current constitution of the Youth Council.

Resolved – That Members’ bring any proposals to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:40 pm.

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