

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE
BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE ON MONDAY 16 APRIL 2018 AT 7.00 PM**

Present:

Youth Town Councillors: Councillors H Goodman (Chairman), L Munday, E Rixon,
J Wyndham-Rooke.

Town Councillors: Councillors B Mabbett and Mrs M Gradwell

Others present: Two representatives of Wantage Literacy Festival (part)

Deputy Clerk Communications: Miss S Mckendrick

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Youth Town Councillors T Paxton-Doggett, R Purbrick and B Wylde.

Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None.

To sign the minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2018

The minutes were approved and signed.

46. Statements and questions from the public

None.

47. To discuss funding request from Wantage Literacy Festival

Mrs Luker gave an outline of the Festival which was due to take place from 20-27 October 2018. They were requesting a donation to help towards the schools programme which will run for 3 days leading up to an event in local schools. Festival events for youth were to include a Roald Dahl activity day and a "200 words" creative writing competition. The two representatives of the Literacy Festival were thanked for attending and left the meeting.

48. Matters arising from the previous minutes

a) Donations and grants

It was noted that the 2018/19 budget of £5000 was now available.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Youth Councillor Goodman

SECONDED by Youth Councillor Wyndham-Rooke

IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend that a £1000 grant be given to the Wantage Literacy Festival.

b) Financial education theme day

A donation request for £400 to £500 to cover programme printing costs was being finalised.

Action: Chairman

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c) Youth Town Council noticeboard

More information was required for the noticeboard. Youth Councillors were urged to forward information of local youth groups and clubs to the Deputy Clerk Communications.

Action: All

The Chairman was to contact King Alfred's Academy for a list of clubs/activities.

Action: Chairman

Cllr Mabbett advised of OXME.INFO website, run by Oxfordshire County Council, aimed at young people in Oxfordshire. Cllr Mabbett was to report back on any events that might be of interest to Wantage youth.

Action: Mabbett

d) Elections and primary school involvement

Engagement was to take place with the other primary schools in the area. Mrs Hutchinson had agreed to refer to Stockham School for reporting back to the next meeting. Councillor Gradwell had made initial contact with the C of E School. Fitzwaryn School had been contacted again, particularly for confirmation of whether they wished to elect a student to the Council.

Action: Deputy Clerk Communications/Gradwell

e) Improved Wi-fi availability

This had been referred to the Joint Economic Forum. The District Council officers had agreed to take this forward.

f) Youth Town Council Constitution

The amended draft version 4 was distributed and discussed.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Youth Councillor Goodman

SECONDED by Youth Councillor Wyndham-Rooke

IT WAS RESOLVED to proceed with the proposed changes and to refer the amended Constitution to the next Policy Management and Finance Committee meeting.

Action: Clerk

g) Skate park provision

The provision of a skate park had been included in the plans for Crab Hill. The Youth Town Council was to be consulted when appropriate.

h) Girl Guide letters

The Chairman had replied to the letters and received a response back. The broken clock had been reported.

i) Social Media and website

The Chairman shared a list of possible polls that could be used across social media platforms. Cllr Mabbett was to ensure the Youth Town Council page on Facebook was current and old accounts were deleted.

Action: Mabbett

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It was agreed that there would be a themed tweet during/after each meeting. The theme of this meetings "tweet": was "excited to be discussing Wantage Literary Festival".

The Youth Town Council was to have their own page on the Town Council's website to include pictures and profiles of all Youth Councillors. The pictures were to be in a standard format. It was noted that the Town Council was seeking the services of a professional photographer to take these.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Youth Councillor Goodman

SECONDED by Youth Councillor Wyndham-Rooke

IT WAS RESOLVED that photos of Councillors used on the profile page should be uniform.

j) Youth Town diary

It was reported that the Town Council was seeking interest from local residents with regard to a possible Town Newsletter being produced and distributed by volunteers.

k) Armed Forces Day event

The Chairman agreed to attend Armed Forces Day meetings going forward. The next meeting was to be held on 15 May 2018. **Action: Chairman**

The stall would be as last year's event with the treasure hunt. Additional thoughts were a prize treasure hunts "fastest finish" and "pin medal on a soldier", with both to be finalised at the next meeting. Cllr Mabbett agreed to contact Sweatbox regarding their involvement at the event. **Action: Mabbett**

l) Wantage Counselling Service

The Chairman was awaiting a response to an email sent to Wantage Counselling Service.

m) Newbury Street Patient Group

The Chairman was awaiting a response to an email sent to the Newbury Street Patient Group.

49. General correspondence and other business

It was noted that Youth Town Councillor Wyndham-Rooke would be standing down after this meeting. The Youth Town Council thanked Councillor Wyndham-Rooke for his work and commitment. This would mean that the election of a new Vice Chairman would take place at the June meeting. **Action: Chairman/Deputy Clerk Communication**

50. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting was to be held on 4 June 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.32pm
