

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE BEACON,
PORTWAY, WANTAGE ON MONDAY 4 JUNE 2018 AT 7.00 PM**

Present:

Youth Town Councillors: Councillors H Goodman (Chairman), L Munday, R Purbrick,
and E Rixon.

Town Councillors: Councillors B Mabbett and Mrs M Gradwell

Others present: Mrs J Hutchinson
Ms J Humber – Oxfordshire Healthwatch
Mr A Bodimeade – Newbury Street Patient Group

Deputy Clerk Communications: Miss S Mckendrick

Apologies for absence

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

Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None.

To sign the minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2018

The minutes were approved and signed.

1. Statements and questions from the public

None.

2. Briefing by Oxfordshire Healthwatch

Ms Humber from Oxfordshire Healthwatch briefed the Youth Councillors on the role of Oxfordshire Healthwatch and its aims. It was explained that there had been a focus on the Wantage area with lots of feedback. As expected there were lots of views on the current situation regarding Wantage Hospital. They were in the process of starting Oxfordshire Youth Watch to engage with and gather the views of youth regarding health matters. At the moment there were three volunteers for Youthwatch who were likely to meet for the first time in early July. There will also be a Voluntary Sector Forum in September for young people with a focus on mental health. It was noted that there was a possibility to link with Sweatbox and the contact details for this would be forwarded to Ms Humber.

Action: Deputy Clerk Communications

All the Youth Town Councillors were asked to consider joining Youthwatch and those who were interested were asked to contact Ms Humber directly.

Action: All

As a link with Sweatbox, Youth Councillor Purbrick agreed to discuss arranging a briefing with Sweatbox to discuss the possibility of a presence at What the Fest on 14 July 2018.

Action: Purbrick

Youth Councillor Purbrick was to contact King Alfred's regarding Ms Humber attending an assembly.

Action: Purbrick

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The Youth Town Councillors thanked Ms Humber who then left the meeting.

Mr Bodimeade gave an update from the Newbury Street Patient Group. The aim of the group was to ensure that patients' voices were heard and Mr Bodimeade acknowledged that there was a gap in the feedback when it came to under 25's. It was agreed that the Youth Town Councillors were happy to engage and share any feedback with the Patient Group. Mr Bodimeade agreed to forward newsletters to the Youth Town Councillors via the Chairman.

The Youth Town Councillors thanked Mr Bodimeade who then left the meeting.

3. Election of Vice Chairman

There were no nominations for the Vice Chairman vacancy. The Youth Town Councillors were asked to consider the role and to direct any questions regarding it to either the Deputy Clerk Communications or the Chairman. It was agreed that this would be discussed further at the next meeting.

Action: All

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes

a) Donations and grants

It was noted that the donation for the Wantage Literary Festival would be discussed at the PM&F on 18 June 2018.

b) Financial education theme day

The Publication donation request was still ongoing. It was noted that VWHDC Officer Karen Tolley was interested in obtaining a copy of the document and it was agreed that the Chairman would forward this to her.

Action: Chairman

c) Youth Town Council noticeboard

The Youth Councillors had noticed posters featuring lots of events being held in town. They were also interested in a map of local businesses for the Market Place. The Deputy Clerk Communications agreed to research this with a view to getting it displayed on the Youth Town Council noticeboard.

Action: Deputy Clerk Communications

Councillor Mabbett was to obtain a poster regarding "OX.ME" for display in the noticeboard.

Action: Mabbett

d) Elections and primary school involvement

The contact details of Wantage C of E School were handed to the Chairman with a view to him attending a school assembly. Councillor Gradwell was to attend with him.

Action: Chairman/Gradwell

It was agreed that the Chairman would write to Charlton Primary School updating them on actions taken from their feedback.

Action: Chairman

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The Deputy Clerk Communications advised of an email from the Head Teacher of Fitzwaryn School advising that they had no nominations at the moment. They advised that they would be happy to host the Youth Town Council at the school. It was agreed to review this in September.

e) Youth Town Council Constitution

The Youth Town Council Constitution will be discussed at the PM&F meeting on 18 June 2018.

f) Social Media and website

It was agreed that the first Instagram poll would be “How satisfied were you with your most recent visit to your doctor?”. The Deputy Clerk Communications was to create an Instagram account.

Action: Deputy Clerk Communications

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Chairman

SECONDED by Youth Councillor Munday

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Chairman should create a Youth Town Council logo which would be emailed to the Youth Town Councillors for comment and approval. **Action: Chairman**

A new Facebook account was to be created.

Action: Deputy Clerk Communications

g) Youth Town Diary

The Chairman was in discussion with Mr Bowler from King Alfred’s regarding a Sports Club Diary.

h) Armed Forces Day event

The Youth Town Council stall at the AFD event would be very similar to last year. The Chairman was to send resources for the treasure hunt to the Deputy Clerk Communications for lamination.

Action: Chairman/Deputy Clerk Communications

Councillor Mabbett was to source sweets and a teddy for the raffle prize.

Action: Mabbett

The Youth Town Councillors Goodman, Munday, Purbrick and Rixon were available on the day and a rota for the stall will be emailed.

Action: Deputy Clerk Communications

5. General correspondence and other business

Ms Tolley, the Young Peoples Coordinator for the Vale of White Horse District Council, was interested in meeting the Youth Town Council. It was agreed to invite her to attend a meeting during the next academic year.

Action: Deputy Clerk Communications

6. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting was to be held on 9 July 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.32pm
