

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE ON MONDAY 21 JANUARY 2019 AT 7.00 PM**

Present:

Youth Town Councillors: Youth Councillors E Rixon (Acting Chairman), H Goodman,  
L Munday and B Wylde (part)

Clerk: M Davies

**Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Youth Councillors C Allen, F Barr and R Purbrick.

**Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None.

**To sign the minutes of the meeting held on 29 October 2018**

The minutes were approved and signed.

**12. Statements and questions from the public**

None

**13. Donation request from Sweatbox towards cost of hiring rooms at Wantage Leisure Centre**

Sweatbox was seeking a donation of £1500 to finance ongoing football sessions at Wantage Leisure Centre up to September 2020.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Goodman

SECONDED by Councillor Munday

IT WAS RESOLVED that the donations be approved to the sum of £1500.

The Deputy Clerk is to find out how much remains of the current budget, and when the new budget will become available. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

**14. Matters arising from the previous minutes**

a) Display of items on Youth Town Council noticeboard

The Deputy Clerk informed the Councillors that all non-Youth Town Council material had been removed from the noticeboard. It was agreed to wait for the new Council to be elected before updating profiles.

It was suggested that a map of Wantage with shop locations be added to the noticeboard, the Deputy Clerk was to source a suitable map and add to noticeboard. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

b) Photographs and profiles for Youth Town Council Website

It was agreed that the Council will wait until after the upcoming election before updating.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

c) Letters and visits to local primary schools and Fitzwaryn school

Update required from Councillor Barr.

**Action: Barr**

d) Youth Town Diary

Suitable Youth focused events need to be publicised by the Youth Town Council. These can be displayed on the Youth Town Council Noticeboard and social media. The Deputy Clerk was to contact the Museum, Beacon and Leisure centre to gain information of such events.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

e) The Beacon

There was discussion about running a Youth focused event at The Beacon, possibly in conjunction with the Sweatbox. It was agreed that any events for the Youth of Wantage be displayed in the Youth Town Council noticeboard.

**Action: Chairman / Deputy Clerk**

f) Actions arising from briefing by Ms Tolley, Young Peoples Coordinator, VWHDC

No further action required.

g) Actions arising from Volunteers Reception

Police had yet to be invited to Youth Town Council meeting. Youth Councillor Barr needs to provide contact details of officers he met at the reception. The Deputy Clerk is to contact representatives from the Tennis Club and Museum.

**Action: Chairman / Deputy Clerk**

h) Wantage Literary Festival

Update required from Councillor Barr.

**Action: Barr**

**15. Timetable and arrangements for March Youth Town Council elections**

The draft timetable and the proposed use of electronic voting for the elections were discussed. It was confirmed that students of King Alfred's have school email addresses.

At the last election, Youth Town Councillors gave presentations to each site of King Alfred's. Youth Councillor Goodman had copies of these presentations which he will circulate. The Council will require a volunteer to arrange to give a presentation during school time.

**Action: Goodman / All**

Youth Councillor Wylde arrived.

There is a need to publicise the election to gain nominees from outside of King Alfred's. Posters were to be drafted and distributed to schools outside of King Alfred's, displayed in the Youth Town Council noticeboard, and publicised across social media.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

**16. Update on social media activity and suggestions from members for social media posts**

Youth Councillor Goodman had emailed the previous Deputy Clerk with ideas for social media posts, the current Deputy Clerk was to try to find these emails.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

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A new Youth Town Council Facebook page had been created; agendas, and highlights from minutes should be posted, to show what decisions had been made. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

**17. General Correspondence and other business**

None

**18. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting was to be held on 4 March 2019.

The meeting closed at 7.34 pm

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