

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE ON MONDAY 29 OCTOBER 2018 AT 7.00 PM**

Present:

Youth Town Councillors: Youth Councillors F Barr (Chairman), C Allen (part), H Goodman, L Munday, E Rixon and B Wylde

Others present: One member of the public

Clerk: WP Falkenau

Deputy Clerk: M Davies

**Apologies for absence**

None.

Mr M Davies was introduced to the meeting as the new Deputy Clerk who in future would provide support to the Youth Town Council.

**Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None.

**To sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2018**

The minutes were approved and signed.

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

Mrs Hutchinson advised that the next Stockham School Council meeting would be held on 8 November 2018 at 1.00 pm and that the Chairman was invited to attend. She also advised that Ms Tolley was unable to attend this meeting but was interested in giving continuing help and support to the Youth Town Council.

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

a) Oxfordshire Healthwatch

The Clerk had not yet checked whether the Healthwatch leaflet was being displayed on the Youth Town Council noticeboard. **Action: Clerk**

b) Youth Town Council noticeboard

The Clerk had not yet acquired copies of the Town Team posters for display in the noticeboard. **Action: Clerk**

c) Elections and primary school involvement

It had been intended to take photographs at this meeting of the Youth Council members for display on the website. It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting. The profiles to be displayed on the website, with the photographs, needed to be updated. These were to be done in the same form as previously and passed to the Deputy Clerk. **Action: All**

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The Chairman needed to ascertain whether he would be available to attend the Stockham meeting on the 8 November. **Action: Chairman**

It was agreed that letters should be sent to all local primary schools to inform them of the work of the Youth Town Council. Youth Councillor Goodman was to advise the Chairman of what had been done in the past. It was noted that Challow School should be included. The Clerk was to see if he could trace copies of the letters that were sent to all schools last year. **Action: Clerk**

Fitzwaryn School were, for the time being, unable to nominate a representative to participate in the Youth Town Council. It was agreed to arrange for a visit by 2 representatives of the Youth Town Council to Fitzwaryn to meet the whole school in December or January. The Deputy Clerk was to arrange this. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

f) Co-opting of members to the Youth Town Council

It was reported that Ms Chloe Allen had been nominated by Sweatbox. Ms Allen was not present. The Chairman had not yet contacted Mr Lawrence regarding a nomination from the Sixth Form. **Action: Chairman**

Although the elections for the new Youth Town Council would not take place until March next year, it was felt that there was a need to sort out the formalities as soon as possible. It was agreed that Ms Tolley should be asked to assist with arrangements for the elections outside KA's. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

Youth Councillor C Allen arrived.

d) Social Media and website

It was noted that any social media input was to be managed by the Deputy Clerk. The Deputy Clerk was to sort out a process for informing him of proposed posts. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

It was agreed that 'social media posts' should be included as a specific agenda item for each meeting in order to prompt suggestions for media posts. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

It was agreed that Facebook, Twitter and Instagram be the media channels used by the Youth Town Council. The existing accounts for Instagram and Twitter should be accessible. There was likely to be a need to create a new account for Facebook. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

e) Youth Town Diary

The Deputy Clerk was to progress this. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

g) The Beacon

The action for Ms Tolley from the previous meeting was to be carried forward. It was agreed that the manager of the Beacon should be invited to a meeting to discuss how the Beacon could be used to attract youth activities. Youth Councillors were to consider ideas for the next meeting. **Action: All**

It was suggested that a poll on social media might be a way of getting views from others.

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

A request to produce details of the Youth Town Council's past achievements had yet to be produced. **Action: Goodman**

The Clerk reported that he had been approached by Liskeard Town Council with a request that a Skype meeting be held with representatives of the Youth Town Council and members of their Council, to assist them in the establishment of their own Youth Town Council. It was felt that this would not be wholly practical to arrange and that it would be better to correspond by email. The Clerk was to refer this back to Liskeard Town Council. **Action: Clerk**

Youth Councillor Goodman had passed a copy of the financial education booklet to Ms Tolley. The Clerk had passed her a copy of the constitution. Youth Councillor Goodman had not been able to find the power point presentation relating to the annual elections. It was agreed that the proposal that a representative from the election team be invited to visit the school and brief the Sixth Form on the electoral arrangements should be progressed. This should also include an explanation of the roles of the different councils and of the MP. The Deputy Clerk was to refer this to Ms Tolley. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

**10. General correspondence and other business**

a) Volunteers Reception on 19 October 2018 at 6.30pm at The Beacon

The Chairman reported on his attendance at the Reception. He had met a number of representatives from community organisations. The police officers had expressed an interest in engaging with the Youth Town Council to get its views. It was agreed that officers be invited to a meeting in January. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

After this, engagements with representatives of the Wantage Tennis Club and Vale and Downland Museum should be sought. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

b) Wantage Literary Festival

The Chairman had introduced an event at the Festival and had found that the content of the Festival was targeted at either an older or younger audience rather than those at secondary school level. He felt for the future that there should be more events targeted at the secondary school level and that he would engage with the Festival director concerning this. **Action: Chairman**

c) Mayor's Carols

The Youth Town Council had been invited to join Sweatbox in their performance for the Mayor's Carols. Members agreed to participate. It was noted that rehearsals for the performance were to be held on the 6, 14, 20 and 27 November and 4 December from 7.30 to 8.30pm at Sweatbox.

**11. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting was to be held on 3 December 2018.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm