

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE ON MONDAY 3 JUNE 2019 AT 4.00 PM**

Present:

Youth Town Councillors: Youth Councillors C Allen, F Barr (Chairman), S Currie, D Brooker-Batstone, C Lamble, T Paxton-Doggett, and E Rixon

Others present: One member of the public

Clerk: M Davies

**Apologies for absence**

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**Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None.

**To sign the minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2019**

The minutes were approved and signed.

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

None

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

a) Display of items on Youth Town Council noticeboard

Posters of youth focused events, clubs and charities to be displayed on noticeboard. Councillor Allen to send to the Clerk the Sweatbox posters. The theme of the noticeboard should be extracurricular and stay away from education. **Action: Clerk/All**

b) Photographs and profiles for Youth Town Council Website

Some Councillors had provided updated profiles; remaining Councillors to email updated profiles along, with profile photos, to Clerk. **Action: Clerk/All**

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

Letters to be sent to all local primary schools inviting student representatives to attend the November meeting. Councillor Barr to arrange to visit Fitzwaryn in the next school year.

**Action: Clerk/Barr**

d) Youth Town Diary

Councillor Barr to gather information on previous Youth Town Council supported events. Youth related events to be sent to Clerk to publicise on website and social media. **Action: Clerk/All**

e) The Beacon

Ideas were discussed on how the youth can use the facilities at the Beacon. It was discussed that the Beacon could put on plays related to the English literature that pupils were studying.

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The Beacon could have movie nights for young people. Playing a more recent release. Clerk to investigate costs for a movie night as this could be something the Youth Town Council could support.

The Beacon could promote use of its facilities to local clubs, possibly on a collaboration/profit share basis. **Action: Clerk**

f) Actions arising from Volunteers Reception

No further actions required.

g) Wantage Literary Festival

Future festivals should engage more with younger people as it was felt previous events had been aimed at older people. Clerk to email organisers and request their upcoming plans, and see if a Youth Town Councillor representative can be a representative on the committee

**Action: Clerk**

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

Councillor profiles and photos to be displayed on Youth Town Council social media pages. Ideas for polls which will engage with the youth of Wantage to be sent to the Clerk; these will then be created on the social media pages.

Councillors to email Clerk links for events to be shared onto Youth Town Council social media pages. Meeting dates to be publicised encouraging people to attend. **Action: Clerk/All**

**4. Consider arrangements for co-opting additional members.**

Vacancies to be advertised on noticeboards and social media.

Councillor Barr, along with Councillors from each year group to address school assemblies in the new school year, this will promote the Youth Town Council and identify potential new members. Councillor Paxton- Doggett to request information on identifying Wantage students who attend schools outside of Wantage. **Action: Clerk/Barr/Paxton-Doggett**

**5. General Correspondence and other business**

Youth Town Councillors to be provided with certificate of membership that can be used as a reference for educations and employment applications.

**Date of next meeting**

8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 5.00pm

The meeting closed at 5.23 pm

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