

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE ON MONDAY 8 JULY 2019 AT 5.00 PM**

Present:

Youth Town Councillors: Youth Councillors C Allen, F Barr (Chairman), C Lamble, R Purbrick.

Others present: V Luker -Wantage Literary Festival (up to item 6)  
One member of the public

Clerk: M Davies

**Apologies for absence**

These were received from Youth Councillor D Brooker-Batstone.

**Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None.

**To sign the minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2019**

The minutes were to be amended to include an action regarding the provision of a certificate of membership to the Youth Town Council for future reference purposes. The amended minutes were to be referred to the next meeting for approval.

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

Mrs Luker briefed the meeting on the upcoming Wantage Literary Festival. Mrs Luker agreed to meet again with the Youth Town Council in December or January, for discussion on the next festival.

Mrs Luker was thanked for her briefing and she left the meeting.

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

a) Display of items on Youth Town Council noticeboard

Posters of youth focused events were still required for display, Councillors were to send the Clerk posters for display. The Clerk was to contact Sweatbox for posters on future events.

**Action: Clerk/All**

b) Photographs and profiles for Youth Town Council Website

Some Councillors had provided updated profiles. Other Councillors were to email updated profiles along with profile photos to the Clerk. Profiles and photos were to be displayed from September.

**Action: Clerk/All**

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

Letters were to be sent to all local primary schools inviting student representatives to attend the November meeting. The Chairman was to arrange a visit to Fitzwaryn in the next school year.

Letters were to be sent out in the new school year.

**Action: Clerk/Chairman**

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d) Youth Town Diary

The Chairman was to gather information on previous Youth Town Council supported events. Youth related events were to be sent to the Clerk to publicise on website and social media.

**Action: Clerk/All**

e) The Beacon

The cost of a movie night at The Beacon would be approximately £500. It was felt that The Beacon would not be able to recoup all the cost with ticket sales. A movie night could be collaborated with a charity, with any profits going to the chosen charity. It was then discussed if the Youth Town Council could use one of the Town Mayors bookings for the hall to reduce costs, The Clerk was to contact the Mayor to discuss.

**Action: Clerk**

f) Wantage Literary Festival

The committee discussed the briefing from Mrs Luker on the upcoming festival. It was felt that the variety was good, the event was being well publicised, and the festival covered a wide age range. Before the next meeting with Mrs Luker, it was agreed that the committee should run a number of polls to gain views and ideas of what the youth of Wantage would like to see at future literary festivals.

**Action: Clerk/All**

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

After the September meeting, Councillor profiles, and photos, were to be displayed on Youth Town Council social media pages. A new Facebook page was required as the previous one had been removed by Facebook. Ideas for polls which will engage with the youth of Wantage were to be sent to the Clerk. These will then be created on the social media pages. Councillors were to email the 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**

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

Vacancies to be advertised on noticeboards and social media. The Chairman, along with Councillors from each year group, were to address school assemblies in the new school year. This will promote the Youth Town Council and identify potential new members. Councillor Paxton-Doggett was to request information on identifying Wantage students who attend schools outside of Wantage.

**Action: Clerk/Chairman/Paxton-Doggett**

**10. General Correspondence and other business**

A larger meeting room was required for the September meeting along with light refreshments. Town Councillors were to be invited to attend.

**Action: Clerk**

**Date of next meeting**

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 5.00pm

The meeting closed at 6.03 pm