



**CHIPPENHAM  
TOWN COUNCIL**  
Improving the quality of town life

Chippenham Youth Council

26 February 2020:

Youth Council met on Wednesday 26 February and the discussion involved:

**Council representatives:**

The report looked at whether Youth Council should have 2 members of Full Council representing them in wider discussions. It was agreed to ask for 2 council representatives.

**Promotional/marketing techniques:**

How to promote the Youth Council and how to gather opinions from young people in the Town. Some of the suggestions included school assemblies, surveys and social media to target peers of the same/similar age group.

**Homelessness:**

With the rising number of homeless within and surrounding Chippenham the discussion included how Youth Council could help and assist with this ongoing challenge. It was agreed that this discussion will be continued into future meetings and community groups, organisations and charities such as Doorway and Unity House will be invited in to share the work they do for our community.

**Social Clubs:**

A report considering what the Youth Council can do to help young people become more confident and social, through clubs was discussed. It was identified the Youth Council want to advertise existing free social clubs in the town and think about what they can do to enhance this.

**Aboricultural Officer:**

Chippenham Town Council are currently recruiting for an Aboricultural Officer (Tree Officer) who will assess all the trees on Council land and create a management plan to ensure they are being looked after. Youth Council discussed their views and opinions on such a role and fed comments back to Town Councillors.

**Chippenham Area Board Meeting: Climate Theme**

As discussed in the previous meeting, the opportunity for Youth Councillors to attend Chippenham Area Board was accepted by several Youth Councillors. Youth Council received feedback from fellow Councillors who attended the climate themed Area Board event that took place on 03 February 2020. Some items raised and discussed at January's meeting included single use plastic, litter and its impact on wildlife. This will be picked up at the next meeting.

## Council Events

Youth Council were given the opportunity and agreed to attend future Council events:

Wednesday 25 March - Full Council Meeting, to present the Youth Council's work so far

Wednesday 29 April - Town Meeting, to have a stand and to present the Youth Council's work

Saturday 18 July - Purple Flag Assessment Event, to have a stand and talk to people about the Youth Council