



**CHIPPENHAM
TOWN COUNCIL**
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Chippenham Youth Council

Meeting 10 March 2021:

Items on the agenda:

Update to Full Council:

Youth Councillors discussed the presentation to be made to the Full Council Meeting on 24 March 2021, from 7pm.

A subgroup was established, and it was agreed that a PowerPoint would be created for the presentation. The presentation would also be shared online to give access to the subgroup members so that everyone could work on it during the subgroup meeting.

Possible topics for the presentation included:

- The presentations received from Doorway, Unity House and Stanley Park.
- How Youth Council have been gathering information and communicating with fellow organisations
- The work on social media establishment

Future Chippenham Consultation:

Youth Councillor Declan Kiely approached the Youth Council for their opinions to the Future Chippenham proposals. 44/ 74 responses received opposed the project with main concerns around urban sprawl, environmental consequences, and damage to farmland.

It was concluded that as opinions within the group were divided it would not be appropriate to respond as a Youth Council, but could respond individually if they wished.

Mental Health Awareness:

Youth Councillor Declan Kiely provided an update on the requests for representatives of the UK Youth Parliament and Wiltshire Youth Union to attend a Youth Council meeting to provide information on their work with Barnardo's regarding mental health.

The Member of Youth Parliament for North Wiltshire would be happy in principle to attend but no response has been received to an email sent to Wiltshire Youth Union representative.

It was agreed that a follow up email was to be sent and Declan would update the Youth Council on progress at the next meeting

Homelessness in Chippenham:

Following the presentations at the last meeting from Doorway and Unity House it was suggested that the Youth Council could work with the two organisations to put together a presentation.

Items for Communication:

Following items should be communicated by Youth Council once a social media platform had been set up:

- Homelessness - raise awareness
- Mental Health - share posts from Local Youth Network
- Recruitment

Future Agenda Items:

The future agenda items were discussed, and the following items were highlighted as priorities for the next Youth Council meeting.

- Youth Council Recruitment
- Wiltshire Police Cadets to attend future meeting
- Westmead Skate Park & Climbing Centre
- Climate - update from Zero Chippenham
- Opportunity to visit CCTV
- More clubs for young people