



Minutes of a meeting of the Chippenham Youth Council held virtually on Zoom, on 14 June 2021 at 4.30pm.

**Youth Councillors present:**

Ruby Eggleton (Vice Chairman)  
Alice Knight  
Isabelle Pettinger (Chairman)  
Andrew Berry joined from 5.13  
Thomas Berry joined from 5.10

**Officers present:** Michael Weeks, Democratic and Civic Officer, CTC  
Ollie Phipps, Community Engagement Manager, Wiltshire Council  
Elaine Davis, Engagement Officer, CTC  
Maisie Simpson, Marketing Assistant, CTC

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
No Apologies were received

2. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the previous meetings, it was agreed with all in favour that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2021 were a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements

4. **RECRUITMENT UPDATE/VIDEO UPDATE**

Youth Councillors discussed the recruitment of new members to the Youth Council. The Marketing Assistant outlined what promotion had been done including social media posts and information sent to schools. It was not known if anyone had signed up so far. It was agreed not to close applications so that Young people could sign up to join at any time. This also gives the whole of the summer to promote ready for September. It was agreed that the video should be used in assemblies from September at the start of a new school year.

The opening up of the next two Youth Council meetings to young people who would like to find out more was discussed. It was agreed that this should be offered to anyone, but it should be made clear that attendance would not mean

a committed to join. This should be seen as similar to the youth forum meetings held in 2019. It was agreed that an introduction would be a good idea, but ice breakers can be awkward so possibly steer away from these.

The presentation made for the full council meeting could be used but this needs to be more interactive. The Youth Council need to show what has been done, their ideas and the route the Youth Council would like to take but it should be informal. Important to only sum up objectives so those who attend don't feel that next year is set and they have to fit in but can bring in their own ideas.

Workshops with topics for discussion could be used as building blocks to provide ideas on ways the Youth Council could go forward. That way even if those that attend do not become part of the Youth Council, they will still have contributed ideas showing that the youth council is for young people.

## **5. DAY/FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS**

The Youth Council agreed that they wished to hold their next two meetings in person at the Town Hall following government guidelines. From September the Youth Council would like to move meetings to Tuesday but as there were not many members present at the meeting it was agreed that this could be discussed again in September. Michael Weeks will look at reserving rooms for the meetings.

The format of the meetings was discussed. It was felt that if meeting in person it would be easier to work together in an informal session and this would help to make the Youth Council more productive. It was agreed that from September a format of one formal meeting a month with one informal meeting in the gap should be followed but this could be changed if required and should be fully discussed with more members present.

## **6. SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE**

The Marketing Assistant informed the Youth Council that the radio interview with Breaking Bath did not go ahead when it was supposed to, but it was hoped to set a new date this week. Once arranged and recorded members of the Youth Council will be informed so that they can listen. The interview will use the information presented to the full council and talk about the Youth Councils social media presence and recruitment.

Social media posts continue and consist of post based on the Youth Councils minutes and agenda with anything in between that is suitable.

## **7. ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION**

Youth Councillors asked for the invite to attend the next Youth Council meetings to be communicated. Youth Councillor Ruby asked why the post regarding the bowls club open day was not posted as agreed by the Youth Council and noted it was replaced by a post about the Great British Spring Clean.

## 8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following potential future agenda items were discussed

1. Update on all agendas - Recruitment of Youth Councilmembers/ Video Update
2. Town Council requests - Litter Enforcement and Dogs on/off leads in John Coles Park Consultation
3. Climate - Update from Zero Chippenham (local climate group)
4. Working with Doorway/Unity House on a presentation on homelessness for schools - HR to contact.
5. More clubs for young people to be more social, especially those who are shy
6. Basketball and tennis courts in Chippenham
7. Opportunity to visit CCTV office
8. Opportunity to visit Westmead Climbing Centre

As the last two meetings of the year would be open in a similar format as the Youth Forum then future agenda ideas could be put to the forum ready for September

Youth Councillor Tom ask for the John Coles consolation to be added to the next agenda and for an invitation to go to Zero Chippenham to come to attend a meeting in September

This was agreed

## 9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Youth Council meeting is on **Wednesday 30 June 2021** at 4.30pm (join or arrive from 4.15pm if at the Town Hall).

The meeting concluded at 5.30pm

These Minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting

Signed on behalf of the Committee as a true record of the meeting

Chairman:

Date: