



Minutes of a meeting of the Chippenham Youth Council held virtually on Zoom, on 21 April 2021 at 4.30pm.

Youth Councillors present:

Andrew Berry	Tom Berry
Finley Cozens-Scott	Ayla Erencan
Declan Kiely	Alice Knight
Isabelle Pettinger (Chairman)	

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

Others present: Phil Tansley, Chippenham Borough Lands Charity
Rob Elkins, Chippenham Borough Lands Charity
Leanne Homewood, Wiltshire Police
Kyle Lloyd, Wiltshire Police Cadets

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Youth Councillor Ruby Eggleton .

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 29 March 2021 were a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUCEMENTS

- i) The Chairman along with Declan will be attending the Annual Town Meeting on 28 April on Zoom to give the same presentation on the Youth Council that was given to Full Council, this is a meeting hosted by the Mayor for the people in the Town.
- ii) The Chairman informed the Youth Council that Sophie Townson and Faye Hadden have resigned as Youth Councillors so there are now eight members.

4. WESTMEAD SKATE PARK & CLIMBING CENTRE

Phil Tansley and Rob Elkins, representatives from the Chippenham Borough Lands Charity (CBLC) presented to the Youth Council details of the forthcoming Chippenham Skatepark & Climbing Centre.

The concept for the centre began approx. 6 years ago, but following consultation and planning periods, work had recently begun on building the centre, and it is hoped that the centre will open in 2022.

The centre has been designed to cope with the fact that Westmead playing fields do flood throughout the year.

It was advised that while there are other skateparks in other local towns there is no climbing centre in the area.

The CBLC representatives confirmed that a site visit for all Youth Councillors could be arranged if they wished to visit.

5. POLICE CADETS

Leanne Homewood, from Wiltshire Police and Kyle Lloyd a serving Police Cadet presented to the Youth Council.

There are approx. 94 Police Cadets in Wiltshire, based across several locations incorporating Trowbridge, Chippenham, Swindon and Salisbury.

Police cadets are there to enable a youth voice in policing and to divert young people away from crime through positive leadership and life experience opportunities.

For example in Chippenham, Police Cadets normally deploy to assist the Town Council and the Royal British Legion on Remembrance Sunday, and have a public presence and provide a friendly face at the Christmas Lights Switch on.

The Police Cadets would like to work alongside / closely with the Youth Council in the future, helping with any fundraising projects, consultation or focus groups.

6. MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

No further updates at present. Item to be moved to a future agenda when a response has been received.

7. RECRUITMENT UPDATE

- i) In the absence of Youth Councillor Ruby Eggleton, Heather Rae shared the recruitment poster Ruby has produced. Maisie Simpson advised there are some small adjustments to be made which she will do and return to Heather.

- ii) It has been confirmed that the Town Council technician, Kieran Moore has agreed to put together the various short Youth Councillors recordings. It was agreed Youth Councillors will do the following
 - Tom - Why I joined & what we have done so far
 - Ayla - Introduction & who we are
 - Declan - Future Youth Council Plans and details on Stanley Park & Climate Emergency work
 - Isabelle - How you join, quote on why joined & anything that is missing.

8. SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

Maisie Simpson confirmed that the Instagram Youth Council Page is now live. (user name @Chippenham.Youth.Council). Maisie has drafted an 'introducing' post and has received content from Ruby. Maisie advised that she is still awaiting to hear details of any pages the Youth Council wish to follow. Isabelle will send her draft list to Maisie.

Youth Councillors were advised by Maisie to visit the LYN and Rise Trust Youth Instagram pages to see what they release and to see who they follow.

Declan confirmed he has started a piece on homelessness and will get in touch with Maisie to send over once its completed and for an appropriate image.

9. ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION

It was agreed that a post should be done on the presentations received from CBLC on the Westmead Skatepark and Climbing Centre, and also on the presentation by the Police Cadets.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was agreed that Recruitment should be on every agenda.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Youth Council will take place on **Monday 10 May 2021 at 4.30pm** (join from 4.15pm). Youth Council meetings are approximately every two weeks alternating Monday and Wednesday evenings.

The meeting concluded at 5.55pm

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: