



Minutes of a meeting of the Chippenham Youth Council held in the Town Hall,
Chippenham on 30 June 2021 at 4.30pm.

Youth Councillors present:

Andrew Berry	Thomas Berry
Ruby Eggleton (Vice Chairman)	Alice Knight
Isabelle Pettinger (Chairman)	Thomas Short

Officers present: Heather Rae, Head of Democratic Services
Ollie Phipps, Community Engagement Manager, Wiltshire Council
Maisie Simpson, Marketing Assistant, CTC

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Youth Councillor Declan Kiely.

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

3. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements from the Chairman.

4. **SIGNING DECLARATION**

A new Youth Councillor signed the declaration of office.

5. **INTRODUCTION TO THE YOUTH COUNCIL**

Youth Councillors summarised and explained the work the Youth Council had done so far including the following:

- Area Board Event - Climate
- Stanley Park
- Electing Chair and Vice
- Homelessness
- Westmead Skate Park & Climbing Centre
- Climate Emergency Advisory Group
- Police Cadets
- Update to Full Council and Town Meeting
- Social Media and Logo
- Recruitment

6. WORKSHOP

Youth Councillors ran a workshop to discuss ideas and opinions:

1. What have you learnt by being a part of the Youth Council?

How much goes on in Chippenham, How much of an impact your voice makes, How much young people can help, The difference young people coming together with aims achieves.

2. Dogs on/off leads in John Coles Park Consultation

Youth Councillors discussed the pros and cons of dogs being on and off the lead in John Coles Park and thought about the effect on both dog owners and non-dog owners. The consultation options were talked about and all Youth Councillors agreed to submit a response to keep the rules the same with designated areas for on and off the lead.

3. What would you like to achieve/ work on next year?

Working with more organisations, Getting Doorway/Unity House presentation done, One Chippenham, Recruitment, Event - showroom run by young people for young people, Engaging with more young people outside of the Youth Council, Is there a Youth Climate Group? Work towards stopping the extinction of animals, Continuing with CEAG & Zero Chippenham - Global Warming, educate young people, Police Cadets (event/presentation), Mental Health, Education (working with Schools), Socialising.

4. Would you like any changes made to the Youth Council or meetings?

Time is good, Tuesdays for next year, Monthly formal meeting and information discussion in 2 week gap maybe at a different venue like a coffee shop.

7. RECRUITMENT UPDATE/ VIDEO UPDATE

Youth Councillors discussed recruitment, and that they could contact different teachers, Schools, to try and get the message out there that the next meeting is a taster session. All agreed Schools and young people are busy at this time but it was a good idea to keep reminding. Wider areas such as surrounding villages and towns could also be contacted. HR to circulate email already sent out with Youth Council joining information for Youth Councillors to forward to anyone they know that might be interested including Head Groups, after-school clubs and teachers.

8. SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE & ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION

The Marketing Assistant updated Youth Councillors on social media and noted that the radio interview with Breaking Bath would take place on Thursday 01 July. Chippenham Hospital Radio were also interested in an interview which could reach more local people. The Marketing Assistant asked that any other groups to follow or ideas for content for over the summer holidays be sent to

her. It was noted that Instagram was mostly followed by organisations at the moment.

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Youth Councillors noted that the future agenda items would be for September:

1. Update on all agendas - Recruitment of Youth Council members/ Video Update
2. Continue Workshops for last meeting if there are any interested young people present
3. Town Council requests - Litter Enforcement
4. Climate - Update from Zero Chippenham (Invite to September meeting)
5. Working with Doorway/Unity House on a presentation on homelessness for schools
6. More clubs for young people to be more social, especially those who are shy
7. Basketball and tennis courts in Chippenham
8. Opportunity to visit CCTV office
9. Opportunity to visit Westmead Climbing Centre

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Youth Council meeting is on Monday 19 July 2021 at 4.30pm at the Town Hall. This will be the last meeting before the summer holidays.

The meeting concluded at 5.57pm

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: