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

Minutes of a meeting of the Chippenham Youth Council held in the Mayor's Parlour, on Tuesday 8 October 2024 at 4.45 pm.

Youth Councillors Present:

Eight Youth Councillors were present

Officers Present:

Elaine Davis (ED)

Heather Rae (HR), Head of Democratic Services

1	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> There were no apologies.
2	<u>ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION FROM CHIPPENHAM TOWN COUNCIL</u> Youth Councillors received the following updates and requested that their comments in bold be passed onto Councillors: i) At the Planning, Environment & Transport Committee Meeting on 12 September 2024, Councillors asked that the Youth Council be informed about the Cycle Tracks Order and the decision regarding planning application PL/2024/06987 for the Land at Rawlings Farm. Cycle tracks are a good idea, it might make it easier to access Abbeyfield by bike and it's good that it's near residential areas. ii) At the Full Council Meeting on 25 September 2024, Councillors asked that the Youth Councillors be informed about the decision regarding free parking in Chippenham. The Youth Council discussed the pros and cons of free parking in the town, more cars could increase pollution, it would cost residents more, there is enough traffic in the town centre, people might drive further, having a short stay for free might be good, not sure if it being free would make it more popular, it was a good idea to vote against it.
3	<u>TELL YOUR STORY INVITATION REQUEST</u> Youth Councillors received a request from Tell Your Story to come and speak to them at a future meeting about their creative project. Youth Councillors agreed to the request.

4	<u>ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES</u> Some topics were sent in by a Councillor on the climate to see if the Youth Councillors were interested in running workshops or events or taking part in them. The topics were: • Sustainable transport - presentation on active travel from the Cycle Network Development Group; • Renewable energy - presentations on local renewable energy initiatives from Zero Chippenham and Zero North Wiltshire (Community Energy); • Local food and land use - presentations from local community food initiative; • Capturing greenhouse gases - presentation from a local tree planting charity; • Nature recovery/ adapting to climate change - presentation from Wiltshire Council Nature Recovery team or Wiltshire Wildlife Trust The Youth Council discussed other things that they are working on, and liked the following topics: Sustainable transport and nature recovery/adapting to climate change. The Youth Council shared the following ideas to work on these topics: • Monthly climate tip on their Instagram page • Litter pick • Could the litter collected be turned into something • Raise money for charity • Raise awareness e.g. palm oil • Competition about litter • Installing a vote box/bin, where people can vote by putting in their rubbish/recycling • Competition about how does the most cycling, walking, litter picking.
5	<u>PREPARE FOR DEMOCRACY WEEK</u> The plan to give a presentation and hold a panel of Town and Wiltshire Councillors, the Mayor and the Chief Executive were talked about. Youth Councillors finalised their questions for the panel and their presentation slides. This would be taking place on 14th October from 5pm.
6	<u>SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE & ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION</u> Youth Councillors put forward their idea to share a climate tip once a month, and would like to share the details of their litter pick once organised. The Youth Council questioned whether the Reel Cinema could be approached to share their photo competition and other work of the Youth Council either as posters or on screen before the adverts. Youth Councillors requested an update on the Wiltshire Council vaping questionnaire and would like to see the results if possible.

7	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 4.45pm.

The meeting concluded at 5.40 pm

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting

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

Chair:

Date:

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