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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 July 2025 at 4.45 pm.

Youth Councillors Present:

Seven Youth Councillors were present

Officers Present:

Heather Rae (HR), Director of Democratic Services & Governance

Sadie Klos (SK), Democratic Services Officer

Youth Councillors all wished Youth Councillor RM a Happy Birthday!	
1	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Apologies were received from Youth Councillor NC due to prior commitments.
2	<u>ITEM FOR COMMUNICATION FROM THE PET COMMITTEE</u> The Youth Council was glad to hear that their list of street name suggestions had been considered at the PET meeting.
3	<u>COMMUNITY SURVEY</u> Youth Councillors individually filled out the CTC survey.
4	<u>RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRICALS - ACTIONS</u> The Youth Council discussed actions to take regarding the Recycle Your Electricals campaign. The following was suggested: market stall, posts on the Youth Council Instagram, awareness campaign, and posters.
5	<u>TEEN TAKEOVER PLAN</u> Youth Councillors discussed theme and activity ideas for the upcoming Teen Takeover event in October. The following themes were suggested: the environment, recycling, young people's mental health, social media, culture in Chippenham.

	The following activities were suggested: a competition of some kind (drawing, litter cornhole, splat the Youth Councillors) or a scavenger hunt around town.
6	<u>OBJECTIVES FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR</u> Youth Councillors considered a list of questions regarding what they liked this year and would like to focus on next year with the Youth Council and wrote their answers on down. The questions and responses can be seen attached at APPENDIX A.
7	<u>ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION</u> There were no items for communication.
8	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The next Youth Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 09 September 2025 at 4:45pm.

The meeting concluded at 5:45pm.

1. What was your favorite part of the Youth Council this year?
 - a. The outdoor activities we did
 - b. The events we did and the photo competition
 - c. I haven't been here very long but I enjoyed the wildlife stall and the park with the tombola
 - d. I don't really know because I haven't been here before
 - e. The Mayor's ceremony (changing mayors)
 - f. My favourite part of being a Youth Councillor this year was the Country Comes to Town event, as I found it really interesting to talk to people about the Youth Council and it helped build confidence in public speaking.
2. What issues/topics would you like to discuss or learn more about next year?
(This can include issues/topics you covered this year)
 - a. Recycling and talking about the environment and climate change
 - b. ?
 - c. Probably crime and wildflowers in local areas
 - d. Mental health and wellbeing
 - e. I don't know
 - f. A topic I would like to learn more about is policing in Chippenham, and potentially talking to a Police Officer at a meeting to learn about crime and antisocial behavior in Chippenham with the eventual aim of working with the police, helping from a youth perspective.
3. What is an issue you see in Chippenham that you would like to try and do something about with the Youth Council? - or - What would you like to accomplish with the Youth Council next year?
 - a. Littering & young people vaping
 - b. Climate change and also I would maybe like us to do a mud run
 - c. I would like to plant some trees around Chippenham
 - d. Stop littering and to have clean healthy streets
 - e. More people to be aware about litter

4. What do you think the Youth Council is doing well?
 - a. I don't know
 - b. Telling people about us & who we are & also raising awareness about rising issues
 - c. Turning up at fairs and making Chippenham happy
 - d. Putting in effort for all of these event e .g. litter picking, teen takeover
 - e. Listening to one another's ideas and acting on them
 - f. I believe that we, as a Youth Council, are doing very well with face to face community engagement events, like Teen Takeover.

5. What do you think could be improved for the Youth Council?
 - a. A few more members and perhaps a grown up version of youth council but not the full council
 - b. More meetings / time to discuss events/stuff
 - c. More people
 - d. More activities to do during the meetings
 - e. I don't know
 - f. I think that we should try and improve our social media following in order to inform people about who we are and what we do.