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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 14 April 2026 at 4.45 pm.

Youth Councillors Present:

Eleven Youth Councillors were present

Officers Present:

Heather Rae, Director - Democratic Services & Governance

Sadie Klos, Democratic Services Officer

PS, the newest Youth Councillor, was welcomed as this was their first meeting.

53 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Youth Councillor SN.

54 YOUTH COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Youth Councillor LS reported that people at their school saw the Your Vote Week videos the Youth Council made and received positive feedback about them.

Youth Councillor CP brought up an idea for school assemblies designed to get young people to bring their ideas forward.

Youth Councillor TL reported that they help run public bat-walks with their family.

55 ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL

Youth Councillors received the following items for communication from Town Councillors:

- i) At the Grants Sub-Committee meeting on 05 March 2026, Councillors requested that the Youth Council be informed of successful grant applications.
- ii) At the Full Council meeting on 25 March 2026, Councillors requested that the Youth Council be notified that Councillors resolved to formally sign the Power of Youth Charter as a means of further empowering the young people of our community.

With all in favour, it was;

RESOLVED that:

	The Youth Council send its responses, as seen below, to the relevant Committees. i) The successful grant applications were noted. ii) The Youth Council noted that the Power of Youth Charter sounded very positive, and expressed that they felt that they should take the lead in actioning it.
56	<u>POWER OF YOUTH CHARTER</u> Youth Councillors considered participating in the Power of Youth Charter and the #iwill movement. Youth Councillor MH, already an ambassador for the #iwill movement, told their fellow Youth Councillors about the #iwill movement and the ‘hack’ style event they held to bring young people and their ideas together. Youth Councillors discussed putting on a similar style event and how they could ensure community engagement. With all in favour, it was; <u>RESOLVED that:</u> The Youth Council wanted to host an event around the Power of Youth Charter and the #iwill movement.
57	<u>NEW MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION</u> Youth Councillors discussed that they would like to pursue the public piano idea further. Officers updated that they have reached out to the Chippenham Train Station and are awaiting a response.
58	<u>PRESENT TO FULL COUNCIL</u> Youth Councillors considered if they would like to present an update on everything they’ve done to Full Council at their meeting on Wednesday 17 June 2026. With all in favour, it was; <u>RESOLVED that:</u> The Youth Council would like to present to Full Council on Wednesday 17 June 2026.
59	<u>YOUTH COUNCIL'S TERMS OF REFERENCE</u>

	Youth Councillors considered the updated Youth Council Terms of Reference and with all in favour, it was; <u>RESOLVED that:</u> The updated Youth Council Terms of Reference were adopted.
60	<u>ECO FUTURE FEST PLANNING</u> Youth Councillors considered and discussed what to do at the Eco Future Fest. With the majority in favour, it was; <u>RESOLVED that:</u> The Youth Council would hold a wildlife-themed bake sale where the proceeds would be donated to Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and that an extra planning-session be held to prep for the event.
61	<u>SOCIAL MEDIA & ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION</u> There were no items for communication.
62	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The next Youth Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 May 2026 at 4:45pm.

The meeting concluded at 5.54 pm

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