

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of Youth Council Working Group

Held at The Grange Centre, Shrewsbury at

2:00pm on Thursday 28th November 2024

PRESENT

Youth Councillors - Finlay Cullen (Chair), Sophie Peake, Lloyd Jones, Eleanor Brayne, Pia Bowen, Charlotte Pugh, Freddy Anderson, Ruby Evans, Jake Lewis, Giovanna Marshall.

Town Councillors - Bernie Bentick, Alan Mosley & Rob Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE

Helen Ball (Town Clerk), Andy Hall (Youth and Community Manager) and Anita Foster (Youth Worker).

INTRODUCTIONS

All attendees introduced themselves.

20/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED:

That apologies be received from Orla Kealy, Cllr Elisabeth Addams and Cllr Chris Iemon.

21/24 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

The minutes of the Youth Council Working Group held on 28/11/2024 were submitted as circulated and read.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Youth Council Working Group on 28/11/2024 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

22/24 MATTERS ARISING

RESOLVED:

There were no Matters Arising for consideration.

23/24 YOUTH AND COMMUNITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The Youth and Community Manager read out his report. As of 4 November, Youth clubs were all up and running but weather had hampered the Monkmoor football. They were waiting to hear if the HAF project had funding from Central Government. Some pupils from Shrewsbury Academy attended

Alternative Curriculum (AC) weekly at The Grange Centre. Councillor Bentick reported that the youth sessions at The Meet Place welcomed pupils on Wednesday at 16.30 – 17.30.

RESOLVED:

That the report of the Youth & Community Manager be noted.

24/24 VISIONING SESSION

The Youth Council were shown the 5-year plan for the Big Town Plan. These were Vitality Life and Mix, Rethinking Movement, Natural Shrewsbury and Creating Enterprise.

The Youth Council and councillors were divided into three groups with a Town Cllr to create feedback on each goal and how it could be done.

RESOLVED:

That Objectives and priorities would be presented at future council meetings and feedback would be fed into the Youth Strategy.

25/24 YOUTH STRATEGY

The Youth and Community Manager spoke about the aims of the Youth Strategy and asked what was missing in Shrewsbury.

Jake Lewis spoke about feeling unsafe in Shrewsbury. Youth councillors spoke of safety issues relating to feeling unsafe in Pride Hill because of large groups and older groups of youths. He said guys felt unsafe too. Eleanor Brayne spoke about not feeling safe in poorly lit areas. She said walking in the dark was scary and the older streetlights were not bright enough. The youth councillors felt that CCTV was important. Charlotte Pugh had attended self-defence classes in school and pupils felt this was a good idea. Cllr Wilson asked what was safer; walking or cycling? Jake Lewis commented on not feeling safe waiting at the bus stop or judged for waiting for a lift.

RESOLVED:

That the Town Clerk would ask The Police and Crime Commissioner to attend.

25/24 REPRESENTATION ON CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND NATURE RECOVERY COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Climate Emergency & Nature Recovery Committee would take place on 16 January 2025 at 2.30pm. Jake Lewis, Orla Kealy, Eleanor Brayne and Jaira Jiju had requested to represent the Youth Council on the Climate Emergency and Nature Recovery Committee.

RESOLVED:

That reminder email invitations be sent to Jake Lewis, Orla Kealy, Eleanor Brayne and Jaira Jiju .

26/24 ACTION COUNTER TERRORISM TRAINING

The Youth Manager reported that due to time constraints the training would be held at a future meeting.

RESOLVED:

That a new date would be arranged by the Youth Manager and Town Clerk, with a possible visit from the Police and Crime Commissioner and Town Ranger.

27/24 FUTURE MEETING DATES/EVENTS

The date of the next meeting was for 20 January 2025 at 2.00pm, taking place at the Grange Youth Centre.