

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
YOUTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH
ON TUESDAY 1st July 2014
AT 5.00 pm**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr Miss J Browne [Item 1-5 only]
Councillors: Cllr Miss C Allatt Cllr K Cronin Cllr Miss A Morris
Cllr Miss N Browne Cllr Miss L Judd Cllr Miss N Strong
Cllr B Clayton [Item 3-end only]
Officers: Mrs. C Tibbles, Clerk to the Council/RFO
Guest: Mr. F. Oxley, Solihull Youth Police Commission [Item 1-3 only]
Also Present: Cllr Mrs. P Allen, Link Councillor
Public: 1 member of the public

1. Apologies.

The apologies received from Cllr D Payne and Cllr J Smith were noted for the reasons given. Cllr Miss G Raii, Cllr C Shread and Cllr Miss K Tuffin were absent. The Chairman apologised that unfortunately she would have to leave before the end of the meeting due to another unavoidable commitment.

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Miss N Browne, **SECONDED** by the Chairman, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 6th May, 2014 having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

3. Guest Speaker: Frank Oxley – Member of Solihull’s Youth Police Commission.

Prior to addressing the meeting, Mr. Oxley reported the recent death of the West Midlands Police Commissioner and condolences were given by members. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Oxley explained his role and hoped when the next vacancy arose that someone from Castle Bromwich may be interested in standing. He then tabled an outline of how the Knife Surrender Bin scheme worked, explaining it was run by a voluntary non-police organisation and was successfully helping remove knives from the streets. In response to questions, the following topics were considered: possible stigma and negative perception by having a bin, knife crime committed by people from outside your area, safety/security of bins and visual impact (although consultation took place prior to installation, support work in local schools to enhance the message to young people. In summary, members agreed it was a good idea in principle but unsure of current relevance to Castle Bromwich community. Mr. Oxley asked if there were other issues of concern and the Clerk reminded members of the council’s long standing worries about speeding traffic on Water Orton Road. The Chairman, on behalf of members, thanked Mr. Oxley for attending.

4. Ideas and Questions from Youth Councillors.

Cllr Miss N Browne explained that Solihull Youth Council was being restructured and would be forming area groups in future with representation by local youth organisations and she hoped that this Youth Council would be interested in sending a representative. The Clerk was asked to watch for details being received.

The Chairman asked if the Youth Council could join the British Youth Council and,

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with the agreement of members, the Clerk undertook to find details of the cost and the opportunities that it would provide so that consideration could be given on a future agenda.

5. Questions from the Public.

None.

6. Election of Acting Chairman.

The Chairman left the meeting and in the absence of the Vice-Chairman, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Clayton, **SECONDED** by Cllr Miss N Browne, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Cllr Cronin be appointed as Acting Chairman for the remainder of this meeting. Cllr Cronin took the chair and the meeting continued.

7. Working Party Reports.

None

8. Youth Council DVD.

Members noted that production may be delayed until after the summer. The Clerk would retain the list of 'orders' that had been received in February.

9. Youth Council Visits.

9.1 Some members handed in permission forms for the visit. The Clerk tabled a provisional itinerary and members were asked to note the revised departure time due to unplanned road closures at Westminster on the day of their visit. It was noted that two members had dietary restrictions. Following discussions, it was **AGREED** that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman share responsibility for using the video camera on the day to film their visit and create a visual record.

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9.2 Following a reminder, several members reported possible problems with attending the Council meeting of Solihull MBC on 15th July. It was **AGREED** all members should liaise with their Chairman on this matter to confirm attendance and if necessary a second visit could take place. The Clerk confirmed they were attending as members of the public and no special arrangements had been put in place.

10. Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Cllr Mrs. Allen reported she had enjoyed attending the opening of the Sensory Garden on behalf of the Youth Council, who had previously made a donation from money raised at the Jubilee Picnic in the Park in 2012. The Acting Chairman opened a thank you card from the hospital that had been given to Cllr Mrs. Allen and this was shown to members.

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11. English Table Tennis Association.

Members noted the possibility of applying for funding to provide an outdoor table tennis table and following discussion, the Clerk undertook to seek permission from the Council for the Youth Council to do further research and invite a guest in September to explain the project outline in more detail.

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12. Clerk's Report.

The Clerk reported that an invitation had been received to the Youth Justice Service conference in London but as it cost £355 this was not within budget. Flyers for the forthcoming Summer Football coaching scheme had been circulated and places being booked already. Members agreed the Clerk may ask the Council if they could do a reading at the annual civic service. The Acting Chairman presented a Youth Council badge to Cllr Miss Morris and on behalf of the past Chairman of the Council, Cllr Mrs. Allen presented Service Certificates to members who had been unable to attend the annual parishioners meeting in May. An enquiry for membership had been passed to the Clerk and was being followed up.

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