

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
YOUTH PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH  
ON TUESDAY 2nd September 2014  
AT 5.15 pm**

**Those present:**

- Chairman:** Cllr Miss J Browne
- Councillors:** Cllr Miss N Browne      Cllr D Payne      Cllr J Smith
- Officers:** Mrs. C Tibbles, Clerk to the Council/RFO
- Guest:** Mr. A Crawford, Infrastructure Services Manager, SUSTAiN
- Also Present:** Cllr Mrs. P Allen, Link Councillor
- Public:** No members of the public

**1. Apologies.**

The apologies received from Cllr B Clayton and Cllr Miss K Tuffin were noted for the reasons given. Cllr Miss C Allatt, Cllr Miss L Judd, Cllr Miss A Morris, Cllr Miss G Raii, Cllr C Shread and Cllr Miss N Strong were absent. A resignation had been received from Cllr K Cronin who would be moving away to study at university. The Clerk undertook to send a letter of thanks on behalf of members for his service and valuable contribution to the work of the Youth Council. [Clerk's Note: The meeting was delayed in starting due to waiting for absent members to arrive.]

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**2. Minutes of the previous Meeting.**

**ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Miss N Browne, **SECONDED** by Cllr Payne, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2014 having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

**3. Guest Speaker: Alan Crawford – Sustain.**

3.1 The Chairman welcomed Mr. Crawford to the meeting and invited him to explain about opportunities for grant funding, with particular interest in the potential for provision of outdoor table tennis facilities. Mr. Crawford said he had been really pleased to have a response from the Youth Council expressing an interest in a new funding application and outlined different funding opportunities currently available with Sport England, Big Lottery, Heritage Lottery and the Arts Council. As the Table Tennis Association was able to guide applicants through the funding process, he suggested the Youth Council invite them to help. He knew that community projects applying to Awards For All needed to show one or more criteria could be met by benefitting health, giving skills for life, bringing the community together or improving the urban environment. He suggested if they were to pursue junior outdoor fitness equipment they should speak to young people under 12 to see if they what equipment they would use. The obesity rate in north Solihull was of particular concern and members agreed that priority equipment would need to be fun if it was to be popular. Members noted the approval by the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the Youth Council to investigate the feasibility of the project.

3.2 **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Miss N Browne, **SECONDED** by Cllr Payne, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that a draft survey be prepared with councillors perhaps presenting this to local schools and youth groups, a date agreed for replies to be considered, the Table Tennis Association invited to a meeting with members (requesting half-term if possible), outline plans to be drawn up and submitted

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to the Leisure Services Committee for approval and agreement to make an application. A working party may be held to progress the project when information was ready. Members apologised that so few of them had heard Mr. Crawford's helpful information and the Chairman, on behalf of members, sincerely thanked him for attending.

3.3 Members then considered other funding opportunities and following discussion agreed their priority needs were a replacement for the peace tree at the Peace Garden that had died (cost £498 + VAT); a special commemorative bench to enhance the linking of past remembrance/future peace at the Green and the Shrine area (cost £535 plus installation) and the replacement of the wooden sleepers at the Peace Garden that had totally deteriorated (alternative design and costs to be sought). **ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Payne, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Clerk obtain the necessary information for funding applications to be made to the Dame Mary Bridgeman Trust and the St. Thomas' Dole Charity for these items, depending on deadline for submissions and the information available at that time.

#### 4. Ideas and Questions from Youth Councillors.

None.

#### 5. Questions from the Public.

None.

#### 6. Working Party Reports.

It was noted that £150 had been gratefully received from the Dame Mary Bridgeman Trust for plants at the Peace Garden and 'blue' species would be sought where possible. The Clerk reminded members that £100 donation had been awarded by Cllr Whelan earlier in the year from the Chairman's Charity Fund.

#### 7. Youth Council DVD.

The Clerk reported that a new enquiry had been received for the DVD, although production had still not been completed and original orders from February had not yet been supplied. The Clerk asked that a date be arranged urgently or she would have to contact everyone to apologise/explain about the delay.

#### 8. Youth Councils.

8.1 Members noted the changes to the structure of Solihull Youth Council and agreed to defer this to November, when hopefully more members would be in attendance, when appointing a representative to become a member of the new 'hub' could be considered. It would involve attending one meeting per month although different people could share the role.

8.2 Following consideration of the information, cost and potential benefit, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Miss N Browne, **SECONDED** by Cllr Smith, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Youth Council should join the British Youth Council at a cost of £54, with a review taking place of the benefits gained before deciding about renewal.

#### 9. Youth Council Visits.

9.1 Members confirmed their thorough enjoyment of the visit to Westminster on 7<sup>th</sup> July, photographs had been shared and letters of thanks sent to everyone who had helped. The Clerk reported that the Youth Council budget had been fully spent by paying for the coach, although income was due for some of the seats taken by non-members.

9.2 Members noted the link supplied to enable them to look at dates for Solihull MBC meetings but in the absence of so many members no decision was reached.

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**10. Clerk's Report.**

The Clerk reported that Castle Bromwich Library had been successful in bidding for a special event and on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September would be hosting a free workshop for children aged 7 -11 and giving away a limited number of free books. Members noted their prominent role at the annual Remembrance Parade on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November (invitations to follow soon). All members were needed to attend a rehearsal at the War Memorial on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 10 am and the Clerk would need to be notified of any apologies well in advance. 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.

Mr. Crawford was thanked by the Chairman for staying for the whole of the meeting.

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