

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
YOUTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH
ON TUESDAY 5th March 2013
AT 17.00 HRS**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr Miss N Browne

Councillors: Cllr Miss C Allatt Cllr B Clayton Cllr Miss Z Jennings
Cllr Miss J Browne [Items 3-end only] Cllr Miss J Schofield
Cllr K Cronin Cllr Miss N Strong

Officers: Mrs. C Tibbles, Clerk to the Council/RFO

Guest: Miss A Munro (former Youth Councillor)

Also Present: Cllr Mrs. P Allen, Link Councillor

Public: 10 members of the public.

EVERYONE WAS AWARE THAT CAMERAS WOULD BE RECORDING DURING THE MEETING.

1. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr S Bird were noted. Cllr T Clayton and Cllr Miss Phillips were unable to attend as they were away studying.

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Miss J Browne, **SECONDED** by Cllr Cronin, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 8th January, 2013 having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

3. Guest Speaker: Miss Alice Munro.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Miss Munro talked about her exciting adventure with Ocean Youth Trust and showed the many photographs of the voyage that she had made. She had needed to raise £950 towards the cost and expressed her gratitude to Castle Bromwich Parish Council for their generous donation. The expedition was part of her Queen's Guide Award and she was a leader of the Ranger section and heavily involved in supporting the local Guiding District where she could. There were 12 young people taking part in the expedition and they had met and been prepared for the work in supporting the crew in sailing the 72 tonne ship. Everyone was very friendly and when August came they met in Plymouth to travel to Roscoff where they joined the ship. The crew were responsible for delivering it to the start point of a race. She had found crossing the Bay of Biscay horrendous and had been really ill but everything else had been really fabulous. Everyone was allocated to watches and you had to work the shift pattern of 6 hours off and 4 hours on. There was not just one highlight, every minute was a highlight. She had watched dolphins from the deck and eaten hot custard at 4 am, which helped boost morale after the biting ocean wind – however you couldn't use a bowl and spoon as the ship was rolling far too much. Three hours before reaching port they had spotted an isolated beach and decided to anchor there, taking lots of sunset pictures. Unfortunately that meant missing the slot to arrive at La Coruna so that was delayed a little. She recommended the experience to everyone and had been really grateful for the opportunity. It had been truly incredible. The Chairman asked members if they had questions and there was no objection to inviting the public to also do so. Cllr Riordan asked if Miss Munro had stood on the sail masts as shown in the photos. She replied that the Mexican crew had done that but not her crew, although they were wearing safety harnesses. She had visited all of the big sailing ships at La

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Coruna. Dr. Browne asked how the Queen's Guide compared with the Duke of Edinburgh Award and she answered that it was very similar. There were different categories that you had to complete and a section on community service that required 60 hours of work too. She had served on the Guiding Council Committee which was like the Youth Council but larger. She had taken part in research and practical work, gone alone on a residential and then the Ocean Sailing Trust had been her exploration project. It would take three years to complete her Queen's Guide and she had two sections remaining. It had been very enjoyable and she was sure she would be sad when it was finished and miss the companionship and fun it had given her. The Chairman asked if she would remain on the Guiding Council and Miss Munro said your term of office depended on which aspect you were serving on. On behalf of everyone, the Chairman thanked Miss Munro for coming to the meeting and giving a most interesting talk.

4. Project: How to Set Up a Youth Council.

The Chairman referred to the filming taking place of this meeting which had been organised at a joint working party meeting with Park Hall Academy students and staff on Monday 18th February. Members discussed what the next arrangements were that needed to be made. A working party meeting would be held at 10 am on Wednesday 3rd April to make plans for this project and for the Village Green. The Clerk undertook to book a room.

5. Working Party Reports.

None. (Already given under Item 4.)

6. Ideas and Questions from Councillors.

The Chairman reminded members that everyone was invited to the Annual Parishioners Meeting where she would give a report on their behalf on their activities during the year. A member asked about bird boxes and for the benefit of new members, it was explained that these had been made locally and put up as part of a community initiative in 2012. Following discussion, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Clerk should write to Castle Bromwich Scouts and ask for some more for 2013.

Cllr Mrs. Allen said the Parish Council had been granted Big Lottery funding to put keep fit equipment in the park. Members were invited to look at the mini-consultation display boards and respond with their preferences at the end of the meeting.

7. Report from Representatives.

Cllr Miss J Browne said she would be attending an HS2 meeting later in the month, accompanied by the Clerk.

The Chairman said that she had not attended any further meetings of the Parish Plan Steering Group but the Clerk confirmed that Cllr Whelan had recently reported that good progress was being made and nearly ready for a draft report to be compiled.

8. Clerk's Report.

The Clerk reported that the deadline was approaching for applications for grant funding to the Dame Mary Bridgman Trust. On behalf of the Youth Council she had drafted a letter of application which she read. **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that an application for any cash amount be submitted to support the purchase of new plants to supplement the Village Green Sensory Peace Garden. Contact details for youth councillors were checked and would be updated.

Members/
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3rd April
10 am
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Asst Clerk
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