

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
YOUTH PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH  
ON TUESDAY 6th May 2014  
AT 5.00 pm**

**Those present:**

**Chairman:** Cllr Miss J Browne

**Councillors:** Cllr Miss N Browne      Cllr Miss L Judd      Cllr C Shread  
Cllr B Clayton      Cllr D Payne      Cllr Miss N Strong  
Cllr K Cronin      [Item 2-end]

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

**Also Present:** Cllr Mrs. P Allen, Link Councillor

**Public:** 1 member of the public

**1. To elect a Chairman.**

Cllr Miss J Browne was proposed for Chairman by Cllr Miss Strong and seconded by Cllr Miss N Browne. Cllr D Payne was proposed by Cllr Cronin and seconded by Cllr Clayton. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that Cllr Miss J Browne be elected as Chairman of the Youth Parish Council for the Civic Year 2014-2015. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Clayton, **SECONDED** by Cllr Payne, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the declaration of acceptance of office, which had been duly signed and witnessed, should be received. Members then congratulated the Chairman on her re-election.

**2. To elect a Vice-Chairman.**

**ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Cronin, **SECONDED** by the Chairman, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Cllr Payne be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Youth Parish Council for the Civic Year 2014-2015.

**3. Apologies.**

The apologies received from Cllr Miss C Allatt, Cllr Miss A Morris and Cllr Miss K Tuffin were noted for the reasons given. Cllr Miss G Raii and Cllr J Smith were absent.

**4. Minutes of the previous Meeting.**

**ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Cronin, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

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

Members noted that the guest speaker had asked to delay his talk until the July meeting due to another engagement.

**6. Youth Volunteering Service.**

Following discussion and careful consideration, members **AGREED** that Mr. Hobbs be thanked for the information he had presented at the last meeting but inform him that there was no formal partnership envisaged with the Youth Council. Members would be able to join in a personal capacity but any official relationship would need the prior approval of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Council.

**7. Ideas and Questions from Councillors.**

None.

**8. Questions from the Public.**

None.

**ACTION**

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## 9. Working Party Reports.

The Chairman thanked the few members that had managed to attend the working party meeting, noting that apologies had been sent by Cllr Miss Judd to the Clerk but unfortunately not read until after the meeting due to her holiday. A grant application to buy plants for the Sensory Garden had been sent to the Dame Mary Bridgeman Trust but their meeting postponed. Members considered applying to the Big Lottery Fund for youth fitness equipment and Cllr Mrs. Allen reported that she had since spoken to Sustain who would be willing to help the Youth Council put an application in. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Miss N Browne, **SECONDED** by Cllr Payne, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Finance and General Purposes Committee be asked to approve the Youth Council's recommendation to apply for another Big Lottery grant for youth keep fit equipment, with members having a working party meeting after 18<sup>th</sup> July (when exams should be finished) to plan the project. The Clerk reported that the new signage for the keep fit equipment had been delayed as not all companies had submitted the quotes and necessary details. Members also **AGREED** to plant bluebells in the Sensory Peace Garden as this colour was not yet prominent enough in the agreed scheme.

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## 10. Youth Council Projects for consideration.

10.1 Youth Council Website pages – Following discussion, the Clerk would seek help from the website manager on possible format themes. Cllr Payne suggested a 'look how good we are' focus and volunteered to write information for members to consider in September on plans and future projects.

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10.2 Special Events - Members felt the Youth Fitness Equipment project should take priority and be their focus. Therefore no special event would be planned for 2015.

10.3 Solihull in Bloom - Members agreed they would wait until the plants and hedging were more established in a few years time before considering entering again.

## 11. Youth Council Visits.

11.1 Some members returned their forms and noted the arrangements that had been made for 7<sup>th</sup> July. The opportunity to meet Caroline Spelman, MP, was gratefully accepted. The adult council would be invited to take vacant places (once Youth Councillors had confirmed their attendance and the additional 24 seats on the coach could perhaps be 'sold' to a local school who wished to visit Westminster. This would be investigated further.

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11.2 Following consideration, the following members agreed to attend the Council meeting of Solihull MBC on 15<sup>th</sup> July, travelling independently: Cllr Miss N Browne, Cllr K Cronin, Cllr B Clayton, Cllr Miss N Strong, Cllr Miss L Judd, Cllr C Shread. Cllr Miss J Browne and Cllr D Payne would unfortunately be unable to attend due to prior commitments..

## 12. Clerk's Report.

Following consideration, members were grateful to Cllr Mrs. Allen who would be willing to represent them at the Sensory Garden Recognition Evening at the Birmingham Children's Hospital on 17<sup>th</sup> June. The Clerk offered to provide transport but this was declined. The production of the Youth Councils Promotion DVD was still not confirmed but assistance was offered and gratefully received. Nearly 50 councils had requested copies.

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