

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON TOWN COUNCIL

YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

10 March, 2022

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Present:

Youth Councillors:

Kerry Alcock	Gabriel Gaiser
Danni Cleeve	Saul McDougall
Aiden Drinkwater	Francesca Savidge
Gabriel Gaiser	Bianka Pawlowska

Town Councillors: Gill Cleeve
Clerks: Lisa Cowley
Press: Absent
Public: None

1) Apologies

Apologies were received by Oli Hughes, Lara Richardson, Alfie Walker and Yasmine Yadav.

2) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3) Public Participation

No one had registered to speak in Public Participation.

4) To Approve Draft Minutes of the Youth Town Council meeting held on 27 January, 2022

RESOLVED: The Draft Minutes of the Youth Town Council meeting held on 27 January, 2022 be approved as a correct record.

5) Green Initiatives/Wilding

- **To determine how to progress with Green Initiatives/Wilding**

KA suggested that the Youth Town Council take wilding an area for 'Carpets for the Queen' much like the full Town Council are doing for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was agreed that it would be nice to brighten up certain corners in town.

STC's Environmental Strategy Panel are currently working on a list of areas suitable for wilding.

After a discussion it was

AGREED: that once this list has been finalised, it will be shared with the Youth Town Council so that they can choose an area or multiple areas they would like to take ownership of the planting of.

This item will also be put on the agenda for the next meeting so that further plans can be made.

6) Youth Awards

- **To receive an update from the Youth Awards Task & Finish Group**

The Youth Awards Task & Finish Group has now been rescheduled and is due to take place at 10:00am on Sunday 13 March at the H&M building.

Aiden, Alfie, Bianka Danni, Kerry, and possibly Gabriel have agreed to attend.

The Awards are due to take place on Saturday 24 September, 2022 at the Town Hall.

After a discussion it was

AGREED: The following factors need to be discussed at the Task & Finish Group:

- Seating arrangements/layout of the Town Hall – it is currently thought that an information fair will take place in the downstairs rooms, whilst the Awards and entertainment/refreshments will be upstairs. It was suggested that art from the winner of the Artist of the Year category could be displayed;
- How to receive nominations – some possibilities include reaching out to schools, Town Council website, social media, flyers (to be handed out at youth clubs/activities and in paper rounds), an article in the Herald etc. It was thought that if nominations were received via an electronic form, photos and/or video clips could be added as evidence;
- How the categories will be judged. The categories are:
 - Youth of the Year;
 - Creative/Artist of the Year;
 - Volunteer of the Year;
 - Environmentalist of the Year;
 - Mental Health Champion of the Year;
 - Activist of the Year;
 - Sports Person of the Year;
 - Animal Friend of the Year;
 - Young Carer of the Year;
 - Against All Odds;
- Whether the award should be a trophy or certificate;
- How to obtain sponsorship for award categories or refreshments – sponsorship ideas could be ascertained from Youth Questionnaire responses.

GG had to leave the meeting at this point.

7) Youth Survey/Questionnaire

- **To agree the timing and method of distributing the Youth Town Council questionnaire**

After a discussion it was

AGREED: to firstly upload the questionnaire to the Town Council website and start sharing it on social media. However, it was agreed that the

following methods of distribution could be utilised:

- Send to schools – asking for dedicated time for each student to fill it out, or given out in form sessions;
- Send to youth groups such as Guides and Scouts;
- Go out to areas that youth populate during the after-school period to get on-the-spot feedback – it was agreed that volunteers should be sought for this using the YTC WhatsApp Group;
- Man a stall on the Friday Rother Street Market (during school holidays) in order to publicise the questionnaire as well as the Youth Awards – a QR code could be used to link to the YTC's webpage so that the forms can be filled out at a later time/date.

8) Date of Next Youth Town Council Meeting

The next Meeting of the Youth Town Council will take place at 5:30pm on Thursday 28 April, 2022.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:30pm.