

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON TOWN COUNCIL

YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

29 September 2022

Open Minutes

Present:

Youth Councillors:

Kerry Alcock	Danni Cleeve
Aiden Drinkwater	Beatrice Ferraioli
Lara Richardson	Francesca Savidge
Yasmeen Yadav	

Town Councillor: Gill Cleeve
Clerk: Caroline Nash
Press: Absent
Public:

1) Apologies

Apologies were received from Oli Hughes, Saul McDougall and Bianka Pawlowska and Gabriel Gaiser.

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 14 July 2022

RESOLVED: The Draft Minutes of the Youth Town Council meeting held on 14 July 2022 be approved as a correct record.

5) Awards Evening Update

Due to a number of circumstances it had been necessary to postpone the Awards evening which had been planned for Saturday 15 October until Spring 2023. Possible dates were discussed for this as it was important that it did not conflict with any school trips and the 11 March 2023 was penciled in. Youth Town Council members were reminded that they would need to actively promote this to encourage participation. All those who had made nominations had been written to about the postponement and advised that their nominations would still stand. The Mayor spoke about the idea to combine the event with 'Stratford Youth got Talent'.

Later in the meeting it was agreed that a Working Group be set up in order to assist in the facilitation of this event.

6) Future of the Youth Town Council

With the Youth Town Council having been set up to be developed by young people for young people and to give them the opportunity to have a voice, discuss relevant issues, engage with decision-makers and contribute to improving the lives of other young people within their communities there was now some concern about the current platform for delivery of this.

There then followed discussion on the best way forward to encourage contribution and debate. It was decided that no Councillors or Council employees would attend future meetings unless specifically invited to. The meeting would be clerked by a member of the Youth Town Council.

7) Vote on new Treasurer

Following the vacancy for a Treasurer. it was

RESOLVED: That Aiden Drinkwater be appointed as Treasurer of the Youth Town Council for the remainder of the year 2022-23.

8) Any Other Business

Items were discussed for the next agenda:

- How to fund an outside roller-skating park
- The Mayor undertook to look at organising a visit to House of Parliament
- Future dates for meetings to appear on agenda
- There are two current vacancies on the Youth Town Council which should be considered at the next meeting and consideration given to how they are to be recruited.

9) Date of Next Youth Town Council Meeting

The next Meeting of the Youth Town Council will take place at at 5:30pm on Thursday 3 November, 2022

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:32pm.