

## Weston-super-Mare Youth Council Meeting Notes

<b>A.</b>	<b>Date of meeting:</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
<b>B.</b>	<b>Meeting Start Time:</b> 18.01 pm
<b>C.</b>	<b>Where is the meeting:</b> 32, Waterloo Street
<b>D.</b>	<b>Attendance</b> – Elenor ( <b>EH</b> ) Oliver ( <b>OM</b> ) Ian ( <b>IR</b> ) Zac ( <b>ZR</b> ) ( <b>IP</b> ) Lily ( <b>I ?</b> ) Inara  Sam Bishop ( <b>SB</b> ) (Democratic Services Manager – (DSM WSMTC) Councillor Martin Williams (Town Mayor)
<b>F.</b>	<b>Welcome</b> – The Chair welcomed everybody, in particular the Mayor and introductions were made.
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> – Alli W ( <b>AW</b> ) YMCA Youth Officer, <b>Natalie</b> (NPM) and ( <b>I?</b> ) Ivy.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> None.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Notes of Last Meeting</b> – ?? December 2025 (virtual meeting)  <b>PROPOSED BY:</b> OM <b>SECONDED BY:</b> IR  <b>RESOLVED:</b> That the meeting notes be approved.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Welcome new members</b> There were no new members present.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Youth Council Grants</b> There were no grants to consider.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Bench Update</b>  OM reported that upon a site visit to Ellenborough Park East to view the two possible benches for use as a 'Well Being bench'. He suggested that the bench furthest from the seafront end was the best location and pointed this out on google maps for the benefit of all members.  Members were all in agreement and therefore  <b>ACTION:</b> The DSM would notify the Grounds Manager on behalf of the Youth Council.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Newsletter</b>  Members reviewed the list of jobs for the newsletter:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Message (<b>Eleanor</b>) A short introduction as Chair (approx. 100–150 words) welcoming readers, summarising recent activities, and outlining what’s included in this issue. <b>Status – Received.</b></li> <li>• Highlights of the Month/Term Upcoming events (<b>Oliver</b>) Summarising what the youth council has been up to, community Projects (maybe include a couple of photos) <b>Status – Previously submitted – now needs to update.</b></li> <li>• Members section (<b>ZAC</b>) highlight a member with a quote of the Month (including why the members joined and what their interests are) <b>Status – Received.</b></li> <li>• Feature Story (<b>Ivy</b>)- Look into young people who do things to benefit others or spotlight a club through a member’s eyes. <b>Status – Outstanding.</b></li> <li>• Upcoming Events &amp; Opportunities (<b>Inara</b>) investigate what events are around for young people to attend, this could be groups. Also, what events the youth council are attending. <b>Status – Outstanding.</b></li> <li>• Get Involved (<b>Ian</b>) All the information to help young people apply to join the youth council. <b>Status – Outstanding.</b></li> <li>• Grants information- (<b>Natalie</b>) include how to apply to the youth council for grants. Including the link to the WTC website for the application form. How to apply for youth grants. <b>Status – Outstanding.</b></li> </ul> <p>Members were reminded that this was time sensitive due to the <b><u>deadline 20<sup>th</sup> January</u></b> and that information needed to be relevant.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> OM would send a reminder to all members on the group chat.</p> <p>The DSM directed members to the Town Council website where a lot of the information could be found.</p>
7.	<p><b>Ideas for the coming year</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summerfest – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – Opportunity to raise awareness of the Youth Council.</li> </ul> <p>The Mayor reported on some events he was aware of happening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weston Football Club – Charity fundraiser Fun Day – end of May The Football Club also has a Youth Club who were raising awareness of knife crime.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hildesheim Youth Exchange – 20<sup>th</sup> March-2<sup>nd</sup> April – Noting that the Youth Council is already hosting a ‘super’ at the YMCA.</li> <li>• Mud Master – 14<sup>th</sup> March – The Mayor was taking part and entering a team to raise money for his charities and offered to fund the Youth Council’s entry fee if they wanted to enter into the junior race.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:-</b> Ian, Elenor, Lily, Oliver, Inara and Zac were all interested in entering the Mud Master to raise awareness of the Youth Council and obtain sponsorship donating any funds raised, to the Mayors Charity fund.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Town Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> April</li> <li>• Mayors Charity Ball – 28<sup>th</sup> March</li> </ul>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Events</b></p> <p>Future litter picks. The Mayor was looking at doing some and offered the YC to partner up on arrangements.</p>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>OM informed that he would need to step down from his role as Communications and Marketing Officer in the near future and that members may wish to start thinking about replacement of this role.</p>
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>Meeting ended-</b> 6.43 pm</p> <p><b>Date of Next Meeting –</b> 10/02/26</p>