

Weston-super-Mare Youth Council Meeting Notes

A.	Date of meeting: 10 th September 2024
B.	Meeting Start Time: 18.02pm
C.	Where is the meeting: YMCA Youth Cafe
D.	Attendance –Sammy (SG) Oliver (OM) Natalie (NM) Ian (IR) Mylee (MRD) Zac (ZR) Eleanor (EH) Ellis (ER) Alli W (AW)
F.	Welcome – Check in, EH welcomed new member Ellis and asked everyone to introduce themselves.
1.	Apologies for Absence – Charlie (CM) Sam B (SB) Kelly (KH) CL has now left the youth Council due to work commitments
2.	Declarations of Interest – None
3.	Notes of Last Meeting – Error made in item four- Change the initials in first response. Approved - Proposed- EH Second- NM
4.	Upcoming Events – AW listed the event coming up- Town Council meeting – 23 rd sept. A meeting is being held at the Town Council offices, who will be attending- OM , MRD NM confirmed their attendance, ER , ZR & SG not sure they can attend due to other commitments? Weston Carnival - IR asked if we they could do something for the carnival, AW suggested an open access event 4-6pm- where young people can meet their friends safely before the carnival. Hot chocolate could be served too. MRD , OM & IR said that would be a great idea. Propose – OM Second - IR
5.	Wellbeing Event – Date is confirmed as 12 th October 2-5pm paperwork is completed This will take place at the YMCA youth hub. Poster is ready- AW to send to OM to distribute to schools More information to be confirmed at working meeting. ZR to do a playlist of calming music to play at the event. OM to send an invitation to the Mayor. AW to send an invitation to the MP
6.	Wellbeing bench – Date and colour to be decided at working meeting Aw asked what date the members would you like to meet and paint it? Date agreed as Sunday 22 nd September – 1-3pm Ellenborough park Light green base. Confirmed with different coloured flowers. AW to contact FP to arrange the paint to be available.
7.	Fundraising Ideas - At the last meeting ZR suggested a young person's music event, do we want this to be our main event for 2025.

	IR said that we wouldn't have time to do it this year. AW agreed. AW said we can start to plan after the wellbeing event has taken place. All agreed, Propose – OM Second - IR
11.	Any Other Business Youth Council Growth – College IR said it would be good to Promote the YMCA more as they do a lot for young people. AW offered to send their posters for groups over for member to post in their social media and schools. Litter picking – Weston youth centre – AW explained that she had been contacted by Debbie Apt regarding the litter problem around the Weston youth Centre on the Bournville. She wanted to organise a litter pick as we had discussed doing this at the last meeting, would the Youth Council like to join in. IR said he had his own equipment that they could also use. ER agreed it would be good too. Bins – IR said that he was upset that a lot of bins that are either overflowing or missing around the town, there are not enough recycling bins around the town, we need to take photos to show the needs. MRD said there was one near her house which had been boarded up so no one could use it, now people are throwing rubbish on top and around it. Why is this happening. AW said that young people that attend the Bournville youth club have complained that there are no bins around the youth centre for them to use. Young people get blamed for littering but there are no bins available a metal bin would be perfect as it wouldn't get vandalised unlike a plastic or wooden bins. AW said maybe over the next month members could check in their areas and see if bins are being emptied or even useable and they can then see how they can help the situation.
12.	Date of Next Meeting – 19.11pm 08/10/24