

Weston-super-Mare Youth Council Meeting Notes

A.	Date of meeting: 9 th September 2025
B.	Meeting Start Time:
C.	Where is the meeting: YMCA Youth Cafe
D.	<p>Attendance –Oliver (OM) Eleanor (EH) Natalie (NM) Ian (IR) Zac (ZR)) (IVY (II) Inara (IP) Alexa (AL)</p> <p>Alli W (AW) YMCA Youth Officer Evan Linde (EL) (Communications Officer – WSMTC) Sam Bishop (SB) (Democratic Services Manager – WSMTC)</p>
1.	Welcome – EH checked in with all present
2.	Apologies for Absence – Sammy (SG) Aimee (AM) Ben (BW)
3.	Declarations of Interest – None
4.	<p>Notes of Last Meeting –</p> <p>Proposed – OM</p> <p>Seconded- NM</p>
5.	<p>Music Event- Date Change-</p> <p>EH said AW had an update on the music event. AW explained that she had received an email from the Town Council to say that the Blakehay theatre had changed management and that the new management would be in touch soon to discuss the event planned. A few days later she had received an email to say that no tickets had been sold for the event and that there was also another event happening that weekend, so it may be worth postponing until later in the year or early next year and it can be properly advertised.</p> <p>AW agreed to meet with Gemma Coles to discuss another date.</p> <p>AW asked how everyone felt- ZR said it was a shame but it gave us more time to prepare. IR & OM agreed.</p> <p>AW asked the members when they thought would be a good time to reschedule the event.</p> <p>Just before Christmas was suggested, but overall thought was a lot of people would be busy. EH suggested just after Christmas in January. The member agreed and AW said she would let them know the youth council's preference.</p> <p>Marketing – AW said it would give us time to promote the acts. OM suggested using social media to highlight each one. IR suggested making a flyer promoting the acts so everyone can give them out.</p> <p>Raffle- EL has got two prizes for the raffle. IR contacted Asda express who have offered a prize also. AW explained that if everyone scouted for a prize, then it would be easier than one person doing it.</p> <p>AW to meet with Gemma Coles to confirm a new date. All members to enquire locally for Prizes.</p>

6.	<p>Newsletter- AW said that the newsletter was suggested by HM to be slimmed down, so it was easier to edit each month and was agreed by all members present.</p> <p>EL explained that when they had the basic format it would be easy to update every month as some of the details wouldn't change.</p> <p>AW asked what would be important to add-</p> <p>Ideas given</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome message from the chair - Youth council members info - Spotlight on members - Meeting dates - Get involved - Local hero (young person) - Youth Voice - Events - Final thoughts
7.	<p>Upcoming Events-</p> <p>Reset youth awards- OM Told the members about the event he had attended on the pier and how there was a lot of young people with amazing talents. He had contacted a few that had performed at the event to see if they would like to attend our showcase.</p> <p>Crewkerne Youth Council - NM updated all present about the visit from Crewkerne youth council. She explained that two of their members came to Weston and met with five of our members. Their visit was to learn more about how WTC youth council worked and how they coped with the many challenges of recruitment. They had a Q & A on the beach before meeting the mayor for fish & chips. The mayor then walked everyone down to the council chambers and gave them a tour. They even got to see inside the CCTV room. said it was great to see how other Youth councils work.</p> <p>Town Council meeting - 22nd September All welcome</p> <p>Eat Weston -27th September.</p> <p>Remembrance parade- 9th November</p> <p>Christmas lights switch on -15th November</p>
8.	<p>Wellbeing Bench- Just an update, Youth council to decorate an existing park bench so it becomes a buddy bench. Somewhere for people to sit if they are lonely and would like to have a chat.</p> <p>Location is confirmed as Ellenborough Park -West</p> <p>The bench is to be painted a light green ready for the youth council to decorate with bright painted flowers.</p> <p>We are just waiting for the go ahead from the grounds team-</p> <p>SB said she would contact them and be in touch-</p>
9.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Dates for coming year- AW read out the years meeting dates and they have been approved-</p> <p>AW to send out list with the minutes.</p>

	<p>Instagram OM asked about access to the Instagram page AW said she would share the log in details with him.</p> <p>Promote youth council more- IR asked about promoting the youth council more, how could we let more people know. OM said could we have a flyer to give out and send to groups like cadets, rangers scouting, & super culture.</p> <p>Youth parliament – AW said that she had been sent the details of the first Youth Parliament meeting, who would like to attend- OM & EH & SB said they would like to go.</p> <p>AW to Send email details to the above – OM,EH & SB</p>
10.	Meeting ended 19.09pm
11.	Date of Next Meeting – 14/10/25