

Weston-super-Mare Youth Council Meeting Notes

A.	Date of meeting: 11 th February 2025
B.	Meeting Start Time: 18.05pm
C.	Where is the meeting: Blakehay Theatre
D.	Attendance –Sammy (SG) Oliver (OM) Ian (IR) Zac (ZR) Eleanor (EH) Inara (IP) Lily (LAP) Alli W (AW) Sally Heath (SH)
F.	Welcome – EH Checked in with Members to see how they are.
1.	Apologies for Absence – Sam B (SB) Kelly (KH) Natalie (NM) Mylee (MRD) Ellis (ER)
2.	Declarations of Interest – None
3.	Notes of Last Meeting – All correct. Proposed- OM Second- SG
4.	Music Event – Update & Tour SH took the Youth Council members on a tour of the Theatre to help visualise the space in preparation for the Music event planning. Afterwards SH asked the members if there were any questions. -ZR asked about equipment and what plugs etc were available- SH said that on the Blakehay website, they would find a document called a Tech pack that would answer all their questions around technical equipment. -ZR also asked if the acts could be recorded. SH explained that due to copyright laws unfortunately they wouldn't be able to, they also would not be allowed to use Disney or Grease songs. -IR asked how long they would be able to use the theatre for. SH explained that there is a maximum hire time of 12 hours so the Youth council would need to work out how long the event would be, add an hour before and after for clearing up and then some time for rehearsals. -IR asked about when to promote. SH said her team would be responsible for doing the posters, ticket sales all the youth council would need to do is provide an image for the poster and name for the event. Timings and ticket prices. She explained that she would be meeting with AW and Fay Powell to organise the financial agreement. -SH said Tickets would need to go on sale 6 weeks before the event and all the first stage of planning by the 28th April so they can promote at the Town council meeting.
5.	Litter pick feedback – EH asked those members that attended the silent disco litter pick the previous Saturday how they thought it went. IR said he thought it went well. EH said it was fun. ZR Said would there be an opportunity to do another one? AW said if that's what they wanted, they could do it twice yearly. All members present were unanimous in the event being repeated. AW added that they poster had been shared many times across social media and was talked about at different groups. However, the members still need to be proactive with

	sharing and getting the word out to encourage more young people to join in.
6.	Newsletter – College members update EH explained that this item would need to be deferred to the next meeting as there was no college members present to update the youth council.
7.	Events – EH reminded all members of the upcoming events and to add them to their diaries. AW said if they could let her know who could attend and if there were any dates, they would like to add to let her know. Youth Exchange Visit Saturday 5th April– Activity afternoon – Weston Youth Centre- 2-5pm, Tuesday 8th April Welcome Party – Youth Hub Lower Bristol road 7.30pm-9.30pm Tuesday 15th April – Farewell Party - Youth Hub Lower Bristol road 7.30pm-9.30pm Young Peoples music event- all members required to attend Saturday 27th September — Blakehay Theatre 10am -4pm (event 2-4pm)
11.	Any Other Business Members Videos- IR reminded everyone about making a short video to add to the social media platforms in order to encourage new members. OM told the members the ways in which the videos can be produced and to send them to the group chat for him to edit before posting. IP asked if she could be added to the Groups whatsapp – OM said he would organise that. SG- Asked the members did they have any recommendations for charities for the music event? OM said Off The Record and suggested YMCA also. IR said he has mentioned YMCA before as they support young people across the Town. AW suggested In Charlies Memory. SG said she would look into each charity and do a little write up on each for the members to decide. AW – said she had caught up briefly with Fay Powel regarding the well-being bench project so it was on her radar as the weather would be changing soon. She also mentioned the possibility of obtaining a metal bin to be placed at Weston youth centre to encourage young people to dispose of their litter responsibly. She said she would look into both and get back to her.
12.	Meeting ended – 19.20pm Date of Next Meeting – 11/03/25