

Weston-super-Mare Youth Council Meeting Notes

A.	Date of meeting: 11 th March
B.	Meeting Start Time: 18.17pm
C.	Where is the meeting: Weston Town Council Chambers
D.	Attendance – Oliver (OM) Natalie (NM) Ian (IR) Zac (ZR) Eleanor (EH) Ben (BW) Natalie (NM) Amie (AM) Harry (HW) Aiden (AH) Alli W (AW) Sam B (SB) Chrystal B (CB) Eva Jarvis (EJ)
E.	Welcome – EH welcomed everyone and checked in - All good. EH informed everyone that Kelly (KH) has stepped down from their role as Deputy Chair, and sent the following message - “thank you for letting me be part of the youth council. Unfortunately, I have a lot of things going on right now so its time to leave. It’s been great fun”
1.	Apologies for Absence – Inara- (IP) Sammy (SG)
2.	Declarations of Interest – None
3.	Notes of Last Meeting – Section numbering not corresponding on the notes. All checked and in line. Approve – OM Second- ZR
4.	Music event – AW told the members that she had met with Sally (SH) from the Blakehay and Faye Powell (FP) Deputy Clerk for Weston Town Council, to talk about the running costs for the event. They have offered to waiver the normal cost of the event, however suggested that the tickets sales could be split so that half would go towards the cost of Electric/Staff etc; and the other half would be for the youth council to use for other events. The funds raised from the raffle and lucky programmes could then be donated to the charity of our choice. They also suggested that ticket costs should be around the £8-£10 mark to stay in line with other shows. OM & IR said that seemed a lot and IR said some people may not be able to afford that. AW explained that SH had said they could offer a reduced family ticket, which would encourage sales or a concession price with a promotional code. IR and EH said that would work. AW asked what price they would like to confirm, and OM said £8.00 seems ok EH & IR agreed. AW said if the programme was £2.00 that would be £10.00 for both. Approved – EH Second – AH AW also asked if everyone was happy with the Image for the posters that OM had made (OM showed everyone present the image) Everyone agreed it was suitable. AW said as soon as the information was confirmed she would send it to SH to generate

	the Posters. All that is needed now is the Name of the event, ZR said what was the working name for the event they have decided on at the last meeting – AW said she would check but members need to confirm by next meeting so it can go onto the poster. Working title is – Next Gen Youth showcase. All ideas for the name of event to be shared on whatsapp group.
5.	Annual Town Council Meeting – EH introduced SB to speak. SB explained that every year the Town Council have an annual meeting held at the Blakehay telling everyone what the Town Council have been doing – The Mayor chairs the meeting and they invite 3-4 speakers to talk about what they do. We would like to ask the Youth Council to speak as this year's meeting as the focus is Youth Voice. SB went on to explain that it was an ideal opportunity to highlight some of the events they have been attending. AW added that some youth council members attended last year's meeting and that it would fall nicely into launching the music event too. EL said that if the college were able to bring along some equipment to the next meeting on 1st of April, then they could plan what they wanted to add to the presentation and film some of the members talking. CB said she will ask their media department if they can loan some cameras for next meeting. EL explained that he would need the completed presentation 2 weeks before the meeting to allow time for it to be included. IR asked what they would need to include, and SB said they could include how the youth council have grown over the year and the events they have attended and held.
6.	Newsletter – EH introduced CB and the College members to update on the newsletter ideas. CB explained that the student that designed it was unable to make the meeting, but she would be able to update in her absence. AW showed the members a printed copy of the idea as CB spoke. CB said that as they had chosen an electronic copy, they would need to make a decision as to whether they wanted a turn the page newsletter or a scroll. IR said a scroll idea would be better as sometimes you can miss pages by turning them too quickly. CB agreed and asked if the members felt there was anything missing. IR & OM said they thought it looked good and didn't think anything was missing. AW suggested that it would be good to add a bit of text informing young people how they could join. EL asked members if they would mind him taking some photos as the meeting went on then they could use it on the newsletter. All members agreed. AW offered to send out the newsletter template to all members so they can look over it at their leisure and if they think of anything else they want added, they can send their ideas to the whatsapp group.
7.	Events – -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

	-Reset youth Awards finalist panel– Monday 7th April 6pm at Reset, WSM, 63 Meadow Street, W-S-M, BS23 1QL - St Georges Day – Italian Gardens- 2pm Please let AW know if you will be attending the above events by 3rd April -Young Peoples music event- all members required to attend Saturday 27th September — Blakehay Theatre 10am -4pm (event 2-4.30pm) All members are expected to attend the full day.
8.	Any Other Business Horse Manure – IR said he had noticed that the police horses had been present in the Town and that their manure was just left in the middle of the road when they went to the toilet. He asked if there a legal obligation for horse owners to pick up after them. AW said she had investigated this and unfortunately in most places, horse owners are not legally required to pick up their horse's poop, unlike dog owners, as horse manure is generally considered less of a health hazard and is often left to decompose naturally. IR thanked AW for the update. Parliament Tour. AW said she had been approached by the office of MP Dan Aldridge to ask if the youth council would like a tour of Parliament. All members said they would like to go. AW said she will look into dates and Laise with his chief of staff to arrange a date. UK Youth parliament – HW Asked about youth parliament. AW said that some previous members had tried to attend but meetings were during school time, so it was tricky to attend. Bins - IR mentioned that there are no bins at the bus stop in the town, there should be some. AW said she believed it was N Somerset that was responsible for bins at the moment. Crewkerne Youth Council – AW said that she had been approached by Crewkerne Town council to say that their Youth council would like to come and meet Weston Town Youth Council and spend the day learning about what they do and see their town. They had two dates pencilled in for Easter holidays. Would anyone be interested. IR said he would like that but wasn't available during the holidays. Could we do it in the Summer. EH, OM & LAP agreed. AW said she wasn't available either as she was working on another project however a day in the summer would work. Our youth council could take them to the Council chambers for a tour, chat about what they do and maybe meet the mayor. Then a walk down to the beach for some games followed by some fish & chips at the youth hub. Is that something they would like to do. All members thought that would be a great idea. AW will contact Crewkerne Clerk and finalise some dates.

	Vice Chair Vacancy – IR asked about the vacancy. AW said as KH had stood down as the vice chair, this has left a vacancy. All members who would like to apply for the role will need to send an email to AW expressing their interest to apply and include a couple of paragraphs why they would like the role. AW will then send them to the chair and at the next meeting, each applicant will be required to read out their applications to the other members and when they have heard all the applicants the members will be asked to vote for the person they would like to have the role. All applications will need to be with AW by Thursday 20th March. Next Meeting Date- AW explained that she was on leave when the next meeting was due and as Easter fell in the middle of April and they needed the time to plan the music event and presentation. She had spoken with SB who had offered to hold the meeting for her. So, the next meeting will be held on 1st April at the Council Chambers, Waterloo Street again. EH asked if there was any more AOB, then ended the meeting.
9.	Meeting Ended – 19.11pm Date of Next Meeting: 01-03-25