

Weston-super-Mare Youth Council Meeting Notes

A.	Date of meeting: 13 th May 2025
B.	Meeting Start Time: 18.05pm
C.	Where is the meeting: YMCA Youth Cafe
D.	<p>Members - Oliver (OM) Ian (IR) Eleanor (EH) Inara (IP) Ben (BW) Amie (AM) Aiden (AH) Shannon (SC) Inara (IP) Harry (I) Ivy (II) Natalie (NM) Sammy (SG)</p> <p>Alli W (AW) YMCA Youth Officer Councillor Charlie Williams (CWC) Weston Town Council Eva Jarvis (Weston College, Loxton Campus) Crystal Bliss (Weston College, Loxton Campus)</p>
1.	Welcome and check in – The Chair checked in with all members and welcomed our newest member Ivy along with guest Councillor Williams
2.	Apologies for Absence – Sam B (SB) Mylee (MRD) Zac (ZR) Lily (LAP)
3.	Declarations of Interest – There were none.
4.	<p>Notes of Last Meeting – 6th April 2025 The notes of the meeting had been circulated with the agenda. One small amendment from SG- Initials missing from Sammy in apologies for absence</p> <p>PROPOSED BY - AH SECONDED BY – OM</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the notes of the previous Youth Council Meeting be approved.</p> <p>EJ & SC left the meeting.</p>
5.	<p>Music event- 5.1- The progress for the event is coming along, AW asked if the College members would be able to use their resources to make a video inviting young people to audition for the event. CB said they would be able to do that. It was agreed by all that the following needed to be included-</p> <p>What the event is - a talent event showcasing young people’s talents across N Somerset. When it is being held September 27th 2025 Age – 11-21 Who can audition- any young person living in Weston-super-Mare The process- Send a video no longer than five minutes long, highlighting the group/person performing. Closing date – 31-07-25 Who to send it to - alli.waller@ymca-dg.org</p>

PROPOSED BY - OM
SECONDED BY – IR

RESOLVED – Video to be completed as soon as possible and distributed to the group chat for approval.

5.2-To nominate a young person’s charity to receive some of the money raised from the events

SG Read out the list of four charities and a little paragraph of how they support young people –

YMCA – local charity – do a great job of support lots of young people in the town – **IR** said this is potentially a good option.

Grand appeal – Bristol children’s hospital- **OM** said they gets lots of publicity and lots of support so maybe not this one- **All agreed- to remove out of the running.**

In Charlies memory Young, people’s mental health charity based in Burnham – **AW** said this charity is not local but has supported some young people within the town. Both **IR & ZR** both said then maybe focus on the charities within the town. – **All agreed- to be removed from the process**

Off the Record -local N Somerset mental health provision for young people. **AW** added that they regularly attend their youth sessions actively supporting the young people that attend- **IR** said that is great, **EH** agreed saying they are a good option.

The members present were asked to choose between YMCA & Off the Record- All in favour of Off The Record becoming the chosen charity.

Resolved – Off the record will receive some of the charity money raised.

5.3- Ticket prices

AW explained that she had met with Sally from the Blakehay & Fay to discuss the costs of the event. They agreed to waiver the cost of the event in favour of a ticket split of 50/50 with a £10.00 ticket price (special password protected discount if needed) to be reconciled after event and 50% to be sent to YMCA.

AW said she explained the young people wanted to charge £8.00 tickets & Programme £2.00. **SH** strongly advised to keep the pricing at £10.00 in order to cover the costs. All agreed.

Resolved – Ticket prices at £8.00 programmes £2.00.

Note- after another conversation it has been agreed that tickets would be £10.00 with programme included.

6. **Annual town meeting-** **AW** said what an amazing presentation three members of the youth council made at the meeting in the Blakehay. For those that hadn’t seen it- **OM** showed members the presentation on line.
CW said he had enjoyed the presentation and **AW** said if we can clean up the sound of the birds in the background it would be an amazing addition to our social media. **OM**

	said he would look to see if this was possible.
6.	<p>Newsletter- The chair asked CB about any updates on the Newsletter – CB asked the youth council if they wanted it monthly, or Bi-monthly – all agreed Bi monthly- Resolved</p> <p>CB asked members to create articles they could input in, Covering - Where are they now- This could be past members? Meet the members part- everyone needs to write a small piece about themselves and why they joined- can be a video or just some writing and a photo if they like. Think about anything else you would like to add by next meeting.</p>
7.	<p>Events- The chair asked how members thought the events organised for the Youth exchange students went. IR said there went ok. He explained that the youth centre activity day went the best as it was more spacious, and it would be good to have more entertainment for them maybe a group game versus the exchange students. AW said that was a great idea, this year was a little late organising the dates as their visit fell in the easter holidays and as staff were already committed to other project, the team was limited in their delivery. AW went on to explain that she had spoken with Steph, the exchange organiser and we already have the dates for next year so we can plan a much better event.</p> <p>The Chair asked if anyone had anymore dates to add to their calendar- AW said that the Chair & Vice Chair were invited to attend the mayor making celebrations so would update them at the next meeting.</p> <p>No other dates to add at present</p>
8.	<p>Appointment of Vice Chair – deferred from last month. Two nominations have been received from Natalie & Sammy- the chair invited both candidates to read out their presentation in turn. A small break was taken whilst the two candidates left the room and the remaining members made their silent nominations. The chair called the two candidates back in and counted the votes. Sammy -2 Natalie- 8 Resolved – The new vice chair is Natalie. Congratulations</p>
	<p>AOB-</p> <p>Advertising – asked the members if we should send our presentation to schools. AW said we could link it to the e- newsletter, once it was ready for distribution.</p> <p>Social media - OM asked if the Instagram page had been reviewed and ready to use. AW explained that as she was unable to access the password, she would have to open a new account.</p> <p>Grants - OM also asked why the Scout youth grant mentioned in the WTC AGM did not come through to the youth council- AW said she would ask Sarah Pearse that question.</p> <p>Wellbeing bench- We are just waiting on a reply from the WTC grounds team as to when is the best time to be able to access the bench to paint.</p>

	<p>Budget for youth council- how much – can we use the budget for hoodies. AW said it was about £500. CCW said he would confirm and let us know.</p> <p>Poo bins - IR said Sand bay bin in Kewstoke – not being emptied especially the bins next to bus stops, CCW said there was a system to report that and not sure who is responsible for them- N Somerset or WTC.</p> <p>OM asked if we had a Youth Parliament- candidate. AW explained that we had previous members try and join however the meetings were organised in school time and unless your school was part of the youth parliament, they didn't allow you to attend. CCW said he would look into it.</p> <p>Pot holes - Toll road – students use the road and the road is full of potholes and is dangerous. Do we know if the council is going to mend the road to make it safer for cyclists? CCW offered to ask committee if this road will be mended.</p>
12.	<p>Meeting Ended – 19.22 Date of Next Meeting – 10/06/24</p>