

Weston-Super-Mare Youth Council Meeting Notes

A.	Date of meeting: 14 th Jan 2020
B.	Meeting Start Time: 6.02pm
C.	Where is the meeting: YMCA Youth Café
D.	Attendance - Ramari, Olivia F, Sean Youth Council officer – Alli Waller Lauren Easterbrook - Councillor Codling
F	Welcome – Councillor Codling Joined us via facetime – 6.05pm
F.	Last Meeting Notes – Accepted: Y Proposed Olivia Seconded: Josh
1.	Council meeting visit – AW asked if any of the youth council would like to attend a Full Town Council meeting. All four members present were keen, so AW will find out when the next meeting is.
2.	Grant Applications- No grant applications were received
3.	Grant Funding – As discussed in previous meetings, we need to advertise Josh will write up a piece for the newsletter.
4.	Partnerships with outside organisations Wellbeing day -will be on 25 th Jan, Youth councillors were asked if they would attend to promote the youth council. Olivia said she would be attending. Climate Meeting- AW informed the youth council that she had been approached by the Town Council asking if any of the our members would like to attend the climate meetings. Olivia and Josh both expressed an interest. AW to find out more details for next meeting.
5.	Progress Updates Social media update – Olivia informed the youth council that Instagram now has 51 followers, she said that there needs to be more postings to boost following. Newsletter update- The newsletter is still slow due to lack of attendance at meetings, however a template of how it will look is in place. It was agreed that the best layout would involve Microsoft publisher. Some stories have been written, however if we don't speed up the process they may become outdated. Fundraising- Jake was going to ask Waitrose if it was possible for the youth Council to do a Bag pack for "In Charlies Memory", but as Jake isn't present, we will find out more at next meeting.
6.	Youth Council Portfolios – Have been ordered by the Town Council. They should be here by next meeting.
	AOB – Olivia asked if the attendance of Youth council members could be addressed. There has been a decline of attendance since the Youth council roles were announced. Josh agreed that it was hard to make any decisions or progress with the newsletter if members were not coming to meetings. Councillor codling said member need to make more of a commitment as we are revisiting the same points at meetings and not moving forward. AW also said that she had sent out the list of

	dates in advance so everyone put them into their diaries. She will send them out again.
10.	Date of Next Meeting – What date and time has been agreed for next meeting? Date: 11 th Feb Time: 17.15 Working Meeting 18.00 Youth Council Venue: YMCA Weston
11.	Meeting End Time: 18.38pm

TOWN COUNCIL – 16TH MARCH 2020

YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Launched on Thursday 13th February, the Your Neighbourhood consultation and engagement brings together a group of consultations about services which local residents use regularly. North Somerset Council (NSC) have chosen to group these consultations together so that we can understand the bigger picture for every neighbourhood as well as showing how each proposal or strategy works on its own. They are asking for everyone's views to shape what comes next in these services, which are:

- Libraries
- Leisure and sports centres
- Street cleansing
- Parks and open spaces
- Garden waste

NSC are particularly interested in hearing ideas about how the council might work alongside local communities and stakeholders to create effective partnerships, pool resources where possible and take advantage of income generation opportunities in order to make valued services as efficient and sustainable as possible.

The easiest way to access the consultation is by using the following link: www.n-somerset.gov.uk/yourneighbourhood.

There is also a 'Your Neighbourhood Dropbox' with materials, FAQs and information that can be used on any social media posts, websites etc.

NSC will also be running public engagement sessions around North Somerset. Places can be reserved via Eventbrite. Evening public engagement sessions include a formal public engagement meeting at 6-8pm, on Tuesday 31st March, at The Campus, Weston-super-Mare. The proposed agenda is as follows:

(All officers to arrive 30 mins before start of session for briefing and explanation of roles).

1. Welcome and Introduction – Town Council chair/representative (5 minutes)
2. Background – NSC executive member and senior officer (5 minutes)
3. Introduction to engagement format – Gemma Dando (5 minutes)
4. Discussion tables (3 x 20 minute sessions = 60 minutes)
 - 5 discussion tables: Parks, Garden Waste, Cleansing, Leisure, Libraries – each with lead facilitator and supported by one other officer
5. Round up and next steps (10 minutes)

Total: 1.5 hour session with 30 minutes for packing up / exit at 8pm.

The Town Council has been invited to supply an officer or member to be present at the session, to welcome the public and to start the session. Other town councils have done so at sessions in their areas and it would be good for the Town Council to have a presence at the 'top table', perhaps represented by the Mayor or another town councillor.

There have also been 'Drop-in groups': 1.30-3.30pm, 2 March, Sovereign Centre, Weston-super-Mare ; and 12-2pm, 10 March, Healthy Living Centre, Weston-super-Mare

The Council is asked to consider whether it has any comments as a corporate body. The tone of the consultation is very clearly directed at individual residents, asking which services they use, which they value most, and which they would be willing to forego if savings were required. I do not have any professional expertise in these particular services but can pass on any comments the Council may wish to make at this stage.

Recommendations

1. The Town Council be represented at the formal evening consultation event at the Campus by a member or officer.
2. That all Town Councillors be requested to complete the survey and give their views on all five topics in the consultation.
3. To instruct the Town Clerk to pass on any initial comments from this Town Council meeting.

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Town Clerk
6th March 2020