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PERSHORE COMMUNITY YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING
4th February 2015

Minutes of the meeting of Pershore Community Youth Council, held at Pershore High School, Station Road, Pershore, commencing at 2.00pm

Present:- Youth Cllr Rebecca Wallbank (Youth Mayor)
Youth Cllr Oliver Bradstock
Youth Cllr Alex Harborne
Youth Cllr Bethany Ireland
Youth Cllr Hugh Jeavons
Youth Cllr Thomas Parkinson
Youth Cllr Joshua Pearson
Cllr Tony Rowley
Youth Cllr Adam Rowling
Youth Cllr Charlotte Whitehead

Items raised by members of the public

There were none

774. Apologies

Apologies were received from Youth Cllr Rachel Hitchings who was unwell and Youth Cllr Perry who had school commitments.

775. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

776. Youth Mayor's Announcements

There were none

777. Items brought to members attention by the Town Clerk

There were none

778. Minutes

It was proposed by Youth Cllr Bradstock seconded by Youth Cllr Whitehead and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 7th January 2015 be agreed as a true record of the proceedings.

779. Matters of Report

a. The Clerk advised she had again contacted the County Council asking whether an officer from the Council had now looked at the safety of the Three Springs Road junction as agreed. A response was awaited.

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b. The Clerk had written to First Great Western expressing members concerns at the proposed timetable changes as agreed.

780. High School Year Groups

Members considered the consultation from the High School and a recently published appendix as to whether the High School should start to take year 7 students instead of the youngest students in the school being year 8.

Members had various views with 4 councillors being strongly in favour of the change and the remainder having a variety of concerns. It was agreed that the Clerk would report to the High School outlining members comments including:-

Adverse impact on First and Middle schools, particularly teaching staff

More pressure on existing High School staff

Additional pressure on public transport and school buses

Extra vehicles using car park and Station Road.

Year 7 students are not ready for transition to High School

Year 6 students would need to take SATs and be prepared for High School which is additional pressure

Those in favour commented:-

Bring the school into line with the majority of the rest of the country

Bring talented students into school at an earlier age with more opportunity to develop

More consistent approach to teacher, particularly for GCSEs

Better education for students who have longer to prepare for exams.

781. Public Transport in the area

Members noted that the Sunday bus was still being trialled and generally agreed it was an important service which should, if at all possible, be retained.

782. Policing in Pershore

Youth Cllr Wallbank outlined the format of the assemblies on cycle safety the following week and reminded members of a meeting with the police that following Friday to finalise arrangements. It was agreed Youth Cllrs Pearson, Bradstock, Parkinson and Whitehead would assist the Youth Mayor with this event.

A poster competition was to be organised and it was agreed to ask PC Woods to judge this with posters then being distributed around the town. The possibility of a voucher prize was discussed and the Youth Mayor will liaise with PC Woods in this regard.

783. Youth Council Projects

a. The Clerk advised that she was still awaiting a response from Pershore College regarding plans for the improvements to King George's Field.

b. Members considered the report of the working group regarding the Music Festival and posters calling for potential bands were distributed. Youth Cllr Bradstock agreed to create a template for tickets which would be emailed to the Town Clerk for finalising and

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printing.

Posters advertising the event itself would be needed in time for the next meeting and tickets would be sold at the Town Hall, High School and Library.

The Clerk agreed to ask Mr Walden if he could help with shortlisting the bands between 23rd February and 4th March.

It was agreed the working group would meet again on 3rd March at 2.00pm at the High School to discuss their next steps.

c. Cllr Wood reported that the Parks Officer at Wychavon had now calculated the cost as between £50,000 and £60,000 and there were various options for funds if these were applied for by the Youth Council.

It was agreed that the next steps should be to identify the location of the extension and obtain public support including the submission of a planning application. Once these had been achieved funding applications could be submitted to various potential providers. The Clerk will also put the suggestion as a recommendation from the Youth Council to the Town Council to ascertain whether they would also support the project.

784. Youth Council Charity

In the absence of Youth Cllr Perry this item was deferred although it was agreed the music festival posters state that proceeds would be in aid of Birmingham Children’s Hospital.

785. Riverside Youth Centre

Cllr Rowley advised members of the proposal for a River Festival to be held on King George’s Field and the Riverside Centre on the weekend of 18th July.

786. Items for Future Agenda

King George’s Field

787. Items for Information

The next formal meeting of the Youth Council will be held on Wednesday 4th March 2015 at 2.00pm at Pershore High School, Station Road, Pershore

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.55pm.

Signed.....Date.....

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