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PERSHORE COMMUNITY YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING
7th October 2015

Minutes of the meeting of Pershore Community Youth Council, held at the Town Hall, 34 High Street
Persnore, Commencing at 2.00pm

Present:- Youth Cllr Oliver Bradstock
Youth Cllr Sam Godber
Youth Cllr Kate Howley
Youth Cllr Bethany Ireland
Youth Cllr Hugh Jeavons
Youth Cllr Thomas Parkinson
Youth Cllr Josh Pearson
Youth Cllr Matthew Pope
Cllr Tony Rowley
Youth Cllr Peter Saunders
Youth Cllr Megan Thoms
Youth Cllr David Ward
Youth Cllr Charlotte Whitehead

Items raised by members of the public

There were none

017. Election of Youth Mayor

Youth Cllr Pearson was proposed by Youth Cllr Parkinson but did not wish to stand.

Youth Cllr Ireland was proposed by Youth Cllr Pearson and seconded by Cllr Rowley. There being no further nominations, Youth Cllr Ireland was duly elected and took the Chair.

017. Election of Deputy Youth Mayor

In the absence of 6th form representatives this item was deferred until the next meeting.

018. Apologies

Apologies were received from Youth Cllrs Nicholls and Stanley who had a school commitment

019. Declarations of Interest

There were none

020. Youth Mayor's Announcements

There were none other than Youth Cllr Ireland thanks for the support of members in her election as Youth Mayor.

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021. Items brought to members attention by the Town Clerk

There were none

022. Minutes

It was proposed by Youth Cllr Bradstock, seconded by Youth Cllr Whitehead and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 14th September 2015 be signed as a true record of the proceedings.

023. Matters of Report

- a. Cllr Liz Tucker advised that the Three Springs Road junction had been built to national standards and therefore was considered safe for pedestrians.
- b. The Clerk advised that First Great Western had asked for specific examples of difficulties with students not being able to purchase tickets in advance of boarding the train and Youth Cllr Bradstock advised it had been a 1.23pm train on a Saturday from Evesham. It was agreed students keep a note of when such incidents occur so that the Clerk can contact the train company again if necessary.

024. Christmas Light switch on

- a. Mr Knight attended the meeting and explained that the Chamber of Trade had been unable to get permission to close the High Street for the fair and that now it was hoped to use Chapman Court, the Town Hall and Town Hall walkway, St Andrews Gardens and Church Walk. Further information would not be available until after the next Chamber of Trade meeting the following Monday.

The Clerk outlined various stalls and attractions already booked including:-

- Reindeer
- Face Painter
- Coffee and Crepe stall
- Roundabout and swing boats
- School orchestra

It was agreed those Youth Council members available meet on 21st October at 2.00pm at the High School to finalise arrangements. The Clerk will request a room and invite representatives of Rotary as well as Mr Knight to attend.

Members agreed to have the same lantern procession as in 2014 and to use their stall to sell lanterns.

- b. Following debate it was agreed to give younger students from the First and Middle Schools a choice of writing a Christmas poem or draw a picture representing "Persore at Christmas". Letters to go to the school would be delivered by members:-

- Youth Cllr Bradstock to Abbey Park First and Middle
- Youth Cllr Parkinson to :Pinvin
- Youth Cllr Pearson to Drakes Broughton
- Youth Cllr Ward to Cherry Orchard
- Youth Cllr Whitehead to Defford

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Youth Cllr Bradstock to Holy Redeemer

025. Public Transport in the area

a. Youth Cllrs Parkinson and Pearson reported on the recent meeting of the Public Transport Group they had attended. The group had asked whether the school could design a web site for them, whether a Visitor Information Board could be installed at the station, the possible provision of an A – Z style timetable by May 2016 and a possible meeting with First to discuss the various issues.

The group also had raised concerns about the car park at the station and Cllr Rowley outlined the various works currently being undertaken by the town and district councils to try to get a new or extended car park built.

The next meeting would be 28th October and if Youth Cllr Pearson is unable to attend Youth Cllr Godber would do so in his place. The Clerk will advise accordingly.

b. Youth Cllr Godber advised that taxis collecting students from school were not always advised of closures and changes and suggested the school be asked to keep the companies better informed.

026. Policing in Pershore

A member of the Local Policing Team attended and advised of the new initiative to run football sessions at the High School on the last Sunday of the month and he asked for help to publicise this. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Youth Cllr Thoms raised the issue of people hanging round the school and area of Cherry Orchard and generally making a nuisance of themselves. It was agreed that any incidents be reported using 101 so that the police can keep a log and see if a pattern emerges.

027. Youth Council projects

Members considered future projects and felt that an Easter Egg hunt might be a good event to stage. The Clerk advised that this had been part of Carnival activities on King George's Field last Easter and the Clerk will see if this is to happen again and if so offer the assistance of members of the Youth Council.

Cllr Rowley explained the Town Council's proposal for a Town Plan and the hope for some Youth Council involvement. More information would be available in due course.

028. Youth Council Charity

Following debate members agreed that they would have a charity this year and fund raising activities could include another festival at Number 8. Various suggestions were put forward for which charity and it was agreed the charity would be chosen at the next meeting.

029. Traffic on Station Road

Members expressed their concerns that with the increase in housing on Station Road traffic would increase to such an extent that getting to school could be a problem. Various solutions were put forward

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including using the rear entrance to the school and the possibility of an additional road to ease congestion. Cllr Rowley explained the possibility of the Northern Link road which it was hoped, if the funds were forthcoming, would be built in 2017 and take some of the pressure off Station Road itself. Cllr Rowley also advised that this issue should be raised as part of the proposed Town Plan.

030. Pershore Riverside Youth Centre

Cllr Liz Tucker advised that an open day was to be held to show people around the new extension on 31st October 2015 with an official opening for invited guests on 16th October.

It was suggested that the December meeting of the Youth Council be held at the Riverside Centre and the Clerk will discuss the possibility with the school.

031. Items for future agenda

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032. Items for Information

The next meeting of the Youth Council will be held on Wednesday 4th November at Pershore High School at 2.00pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.02pm.

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

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