

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the
Youth Working Party
held on Monday 21st October at 18:00hrs
in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thattham

Present: Councillors Suzanne Adamantos, Justin Pemberton, Ben Schiffer-Harte and Stephanie Steevenson

In attendance: Emily Moseley (Community Engagement Manager)

YWP/2024/11 ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN
AGREED that Councillor Schiffer-Harte be elected Chairman of the Youth Working Party for the municipal year 2024/25.

YWP/2024/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Jeremy Cottam.

YWP/2024/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
 Councillor Schiffer-Harte declared a non-pecuniary interest as Town Council representative on the Thattham Youth Committee.

YWP/2024/14 MUSIC PROJECT
 The Community Engagement Manager provided an overview of the Town Council's Youth Music Project.

- a) Requested that young people be included in the creation of assets and design to attract the 'right' people
- b) Check the age that young people are allowed on each social media platform
- c) It was requested that it be asked what percentage of Thattham residents we are targeting and are non-Thattham residents who attend Thattham schools allowed to participate. **(Action: officer)**
- d) Councillors requested to know how this is being staffed, and to ensure that all adults working on the project directly with young people have DBS checks **(Action: officer)**

YWP/2024/15 EXISTING YOUTH PROVISIONS

- a) Members reviewed the list of Thattham halls and venues to consider their usefulness as a space for Youth provisions. The Councillors requested an update regarding the potential collapsable theatre-style seating in Frank Hutchings Community Hall. **(Action: officer)**
- b) Members noted the list of existing early years and young people's support services and organisations. It was recommended that the charities the Council engages with less regularly should be asked to attend a future meeting to update the members on what they offer, as well as being told TTC can offer them, and encouraged to apply for grants **(Action: officer)**
- c) Members reviewed the location and operators of breakfast and after school clubs. It was requested that it was requested to look into how and whether it is possible for Town Council funds to subsidise breakfast clubs for pupil in receipt of certain benefits etc **(Action: officer)**

Councillor Adamantos entered the meeting at 19:00hrs

- d) The schools have yet to send through their data. Following the meeting Councillor Pemberton will send an update regarding the number of pupils receiving Pupil Premium in each Primary School.

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YWP/2024/16 ACTION PLAN

- a) Members reviewed the strategy document. It was noted that this is the first time some members had seen this document as they were voted in subsequently to the strategy being written, and requested to be sent the full document (**Action: officer**)

YWP/2024/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Councillors Schiffer-Harte and Adamantos gave an update as to the short/mid-term future of Thatcham Youth.
- b) Councillor Schiffer-Harte gave an update regarding the Youth Race in the 2025 Thatcham 10k.
- c) It was noted that there is money in reserves to be used for Youth projects.

YWP/2024/18 RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMMITTEE OR COUNCIL

- a) Promote grants to youth charities
- b) Bring in Youth charities to talk to R and A Committee.
- c) Offer grants process training to Councillors and Officers to ensure consistency is knowledge.

YWP/2024/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19:45hrs.