

03.10.18

**PERSHORE COMMUNITY YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018**

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

Present:- Youth Cllr Ellie Coleman (Youth Mayor)  
Youth Cllr Jacob Archer  
Youth Cllr Reece Dickinson  
Youth Cllr Daniel Faizey  
Youth Cllr Rosie Forson  
Youth Cllr Cain Groom  
Youth Cllr Skye King  
Cllr Chris Parsons MBE  
Youth Cllr Peter Saunders  
Youth Cllr Jack Stone  
Youth Cllr Wilf Wild  
Youth Cllr Henrietta Wood

**Items from members of the public**

A representative of the Local Policing Team was in attendance

**469. Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Youth Cllrs Mark Hartley and Sarah Metson.

**470. Declarations of Interest**

There were none

**471. Youth Mayor's Announcements**

There were none

**472. Items brought to members attention by the Town Clerk**

There were none

**473. Minutes**

It was proposed by Youth Cllr King, seconded by Youth Cllr Wood and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 be signed as a true record of the proceedings.

**474. Matters of Report from the Minutes**

The Clerk advised that the overgrown footway alongside the Factory Shop and the wetlands boardwalk had been reported.

The Clerk advised that a flier from the Riverside Youth Centre would be produced in the

03.10.18  
next few weeks.

### **475. Christmas Light Switch on**

Members of the Youth Council had met in school to discuss this events in more detail and put forward the following suggestions.

Whether pony rides could be incorporated

To have a "Santa's Grotto" in the Town Hall (free entry and sweets distributed)

For "Santa" to walk with the reindeer from their point of arrival along the High Street to St Andrews Gardens (The Clerk will investigate a rolling road closure)

To borrow the Round Table's sleigh

Students to be dressed as elves

Straw to be provided by some youth councillors as well as that obtained by the Town Clerk

### **Music (times to be confirmed) to be provided by:-**

Mr Radford's band

Town Choir

PODS

School Choir

School orchestra

### **Stalls to date:-**

Interact (hot chocolate and cake)

Pig Roast (to book)

Coffee and crepes

Scouts (Youth Cllr Faizey to ask)

Guides (Youth Cllr Wood to ask)

Eco Club (Youth Cllr Archer to check)

Youth Council (making items to sell) and possible tombola

### **Entertainment**

The Clerk will liaise with Wychavon about:-

Childrens rides

Possible larger rides on Abbey Park (Clerk to discuss with Wychavon or Abbey)

Street entertainment

Fancy Dress competition – best Christmas outfit – more details at next meeting.

### **Switch on**

Clerk to see whether Broad Street can be closed for 30 minutes for the actual switch on to take place.

**476. Public Transport in the area**

There was nothing to report

**477. Policing in Pershore**

PCSO Jamie Denning attended the meeting and explained that whilst the police were aware of some of the issues raised by members at the previous meeting the police had actually been better behaved than in previous years. There had been a handful of incidents from the same groups of youths but the police were working closely with Asda who do call them should they feel the need.

Youth Cllr Coleman advised that there were also large groups of youths who congregated around the skate park, some of whom were older teenagers.

PCSO Denning advised that unless they were actually doing something wrong they could not be moved on. The main issues these could be were if they were causing a criminal offence regarding drugs, abusive behaviour, fighting, drinking or causing criminal damage. The police generally were reliant on members of the public calling them and making a report. PCSOs have some powers they can use in certain circumstances but police officers had more. Additionally the Pershore (town and rural) team have an area of 130 square miles to cover with limited resources. They did have an office in the Civic Centre.

Cllr Parsons asked whether PCSO Denning felt that resources were adequate and if not whether there was any likelihood of improvements. PCSO Denning advised that there was an issue nationally with staffing and cut backs and additional work with issues raised by social media, traffic and mental health issues which in the past would not have fallen to the police. He advised that Pershore was very busy but was a low crime area and the police would always listen and try to help.

**478. Youth Council Projects**

It was agreed to consider a cake stall and penalty shoot out to raise funds and these would be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

**479. Environment issues**

There was nothing to report

**480. Riverside Youth Centre**

The Clerk handed out a list of dates from the centre and advised that a flier would be available shortly.

**481. Items for a future agenda**

There were none

**482. Items for information**

There were none

03.10.18

**483. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm at Pershore High School.

The future meeting dates are:-

5<sup>th</sup> December at the Town Hall

9<sup>th</sup> January at school

6<sup>th</sup> February at the Town Hall

6<sup>th</sup> March at school

3<sup>rd</sup> April at the Town Hall

1<sup>st</sup> May at school

5<sup>th</sup> June at the Town Hall

3<sup>rd</sup> July at school

There being no further business the meeting closed at 15:00

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

Chairman