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**PERSHORE COMMUNITY YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING
5th December 2018**

Minutes of the meeting of Pershore Community Youth Council, held at Pershore High School, Station Road, 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 Cain Groom
Youth Cllr Skye King
Youth Cllr Sarah Metson
Cllr Chris Parsons MBE
Youth Cllr Peter Saunders
Youth Cllr Jack Stone
Youth Cllr Henrietta Wood

Items from members of the public

A representative from Pershore Rotary was in attendance

500. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Youth Cllr Forson

501. Declarations of Interest

There were none

502. Youth Mayor's Announcements

There were none

503. Items brought to members attention by the Town Clerk

There were none

504. Minutes

It was proposed by Youth Cllr King, seconded by Youth Cllr Saunders and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 7th November 2018 be signed as a true record of the proceedings.

505. Matters of Report from the Minutes

There were none

506. Christmas Light Switch on

Following this event members considered whether there were any changes they felt should be considered for 2019 as follows:-

It was felt that the events went smoothly and the fireworks were good. The addition of Santa arriving with the reindeer and sleigh had worked well with many people lining the High Street. However the number of stalls on St Andrews Gardens had been disappointing and it was suggested some shops on the High Street may like to have a stall. It was also suggested more support from school groups would be helpful. Additionally there had been nothing for older young people to do and maybe some fairground rides for them would be good for 2019.

Santa's grotto had gone down well but demand had been high and some children had been disappointed. Suggestions were made that next year the grotto not be free but a small fee be charged and a gift given. Additionally consideration could be given to a small charge being made for parents to take a photograph of their child with Santa.

It was felt it would have been nice to have had more arts and crafts stalls selling things that people could buy for Christmas. Additionally more funds could have been raised with a tombola or raffle. Youth Cllr Coleman did point out her disappointment that she had made all the items to sell on the stall with very little help from fellow councillors. Cllr Parsons suggested that an evening at the Town Hall could have been arranged for everyone to come. This may be feasible for a future stall, possible for Carnival and this will be an item for a future agenda.

The Clerk advised that Danters had kindly given a donation of £40 from their takings on the afternoon and had offered to bring additional rides for 2019.

507. Public Transport in the area

The Clerk advised that there was still debate at County Council about public transport and they had been unable to assure the Town Council at this stage about the future of the Hopper and Plumline bus services.

In response to a question Cllr Parsons advised that he understood that the lights at the Station Road/Wyre Road junction were likely to be in place until Easter 2019.

508. Policing in Pershore

There was nothing to report.

509. Youth Council Projects

a. Various options were considered and the difficulty of the fingerprint system for paying in school was raised. For a stall to work students had to remember to bring cash in to school and they often forgot. If the fingerprint system was used it was difficult to then get the cash back out of the school account. Following debate it was agreed to:-

- i. investigate sporting related activities
- ii. Provide coffee and biscuits at the Year 11 parents' evening (16th January) and possible Year 9 (February)

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- iii. The Clerk contact Tesco and Waitrose to see if they can be part of the “token” scheme
- b. It was agreed the Clerk apply for a grant from the Pershore Rotary Club scheme
- c. It was agreed a fund raising coffee morning be held on both 16th February and 16th March with a raffle and as much publicity as possible. The Clerk will book the Town Hall.

510. Environment issues

Youth Cllr Archer advised that the Eco Group were focussing their efforts on reducing the amount of litter around school.

511. Riverside Youth Centre

It was noted that there was currently no Youth Leader at the centre.

512. Items for a future agenda

There were none

513. Items for information

Cllr Parsons explained the event on 16th December at the war graves at Pershore Cemetery and asked whether either Youth Cllr Coleman or Youth Cllr King could attend. This event was traditionally organised by the Youth of the town and currently was arranged by the Royal British Legion. Cllr Parsons suggested they attend if at all possible and see whether this event was something they felt the Youth Council could organise in the future.

514. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th January at 2.00pm at Pershore High School

The future meeting dates are:-

6th February at the Town Hall

6th March at school

3rd April at the Town Hall

1st May at school

5th June at the Town Hall

3rd July at school

Exclusion of the Public and Press

Owing to the confidential nature of the following agenda items it was proposed by Youth Cllr King, seconded by Youth Cllr Gill and RESOLVED “that in accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, as amended by the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting owing to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted” ie: police issue

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515. Police issue

The Clerk updated members on an issue in the town and advised that she had now given a statement to the police in the hope this would help them resolve it.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 14:55

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

Chairman