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**PERSHORE COMMUNITY YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**19<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Minutes of the meeting of Pershore Community Youth Council, held at the Pershore High School  
Persnore, Commencing at 2.00pm

Present:- Youth Cllr Jacob Archer  
Youth Cllr Logan Blight  
Youth Cllr Ellie Coleman  
Youth Cllr Reece Dickinson  
Youth Cllr Daniel Faizey  
Youth Cllr Rosie Forson  
Youth Cllr Kira Gill  
Youth Cllr Cain Groom  
Youth Cllr Mark Hartley  
Youth Cllr Skye King  
Youth Cllr Sarah Metson  
Youth Cllr Sam Morgan  
Cllr Chris Parsons MBE  
Youth Cllr Jack Stone  
Youth Cllr Wilf Wild  
Youth Cllr Henrietta Wood

**451. Election of Youth Mayor**

Youth Cllr Ellie Coleman was nominated by Youth Cllr Skye King and seconded by Youth Cllr Logan Blight. There being no further nominations Youth Cllr Ellie Coleman was duly elected and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Parsons presented Youth Cllr Coleman with her badge of office.

**452. Election of Deputy Youth Mayor**

Youth Cllr Skye King was nominated by Youth Cllr Blight and seconded by Youth Cllr Archer. There being no further nominations, Youth Cllr King was duly elected Deputy Youth Mayor and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**453. Apologies**

There were none

**454. Declarations of Interest**

There were none

**455. Youth Mayor's Announcements**

Youth Cllr Coleman thanked members for the vote of confidence in her as their Youth Mayor for the coming year.

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

There were none

**457. Minutes**

It was proposed by Youth Cllr Wood, seconded by Youth Cllr Gill and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 be signed as a true record of the proceedings.

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

Youth Cllr Gill advised that there still seemed to be an issue with large groups of youths gathering around Asda and being somewhat intimidating, particularly for the elderly. There had also been an issue at the Plum Fair in the same area. It was agreed the Clerk would go back to the police with this problem.

**459. Christmas Light Switch on**

Cllr Parsons advised that whilst he had hoped the event could have been moved back to Broad Street the police believe it to be unsafe and therefore for this year it would have to remain in St Andrews Gardens. He asked the members if they had any suggestions for the event.

Youth Cllr Wood suggested that the competition as to who should switch on the lights which had been successful in 2017 should be repeated and this was agreed.

Youth Cllr Coleman stated that the reindeer were very popular and should come along with Father Christmas. Members should consider whether or not to have a stall and if so what type of stall they would prefer.

Members felt having music worked well and Mr Hanson advised that the new school choir may be in a position to sing at the event and he would speak to Mrs Witherick.

Members felt they would like to make more of Father Christmas and possibly incorporate a "Santa's Grotto" into the event. Members also wanted food stalls, children's rides and noted that better signage was needed for the road closure so that people did not get as far as Church Street and find they had no way of turning round.

Other suggestions included:-

Fancy Dress competition

Tombola in school to raise funds

Additional lighting required

Fireworks – the Clerk to ascertain whether they could be fired from the same place as 2017.

All stalls need to be "Christmassy"

It was agreed all these be discussed in more detail at the next meeting, along with inviting various school and other youth organisations to have stalls on the day.

**460. Public Transport in the area**

Members raised issues with local buses which double up as school buses being

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overcrowded at times with standing room only. Youth Cllr Stone said this applied particularly with the X54.

Youth Cllr Blight asked how long the temporary traffic lights would be in Station Road and Cllr Parsons outlined the issues with the junction. He explained that the Town Council had been working for a roundabout to be installed instead but the County Council had not listened and it was likely the permanent lights would be installed. The Town Council has been advised that these will probably be “smart” and were awaiting events.

Youth Cllr Gill advised that there were issues with some of the bus stops in Drakes Broughton saying that buses would not be stopping and yet some still were. It was agreed the Clerk would report this issue to the County Council. Additionally a number of buses no longer went around the “loop” at Stoulton meaning a long walk for those who wish to catch the bus.

Cllr Parsons asked students to ascertain how many seats were on the bus they travelled on and how many people were standing in comparison to the sign at the front of the bus indicating how many were allowed to stand.

Youth Cllr Wood asked whether any progress had been made in establishing a late night bus. Cllr Parsons reminded the meeting that the last bus currently was 17.10 and the Clerk explained that with the proposed reduction in the bus service, the Vale Public Transport Group had felt it important to concentrate on those before trying to introduce a new service.

Youth Cllr Morgan also expressed his concern at the frequent and unannounced train cancellations recently as well as the fact that with no ticket machine on the station at Pershore it was common to be able to travel to Worcester without paying.

It was agreed to ask Cllr Julian Palfrey to a future meeting so that he could explain where the group were with negotiations with both the bus providers and the County Council.

#### **461. Policing in Pershore**

Youth Cllr Blight commented on the lack of police presence in the town and it was agreed to ask a representative from the Local Policing Team to attend a future meeting of the Youth Council.

Youth Cllr Metson advised of the smoking and possible drug taking in the skate park and Youth Cllr Morgan said the same of the Football Club and back of the Leisure Centre and it was agreed this would be discussed when the police were in attendance.

#### **462. Youth Council Projects**

It was agreed that fund raising for the zip wire should continue and it was agreed to bring suggestions to the next meeting. Youth Cllr King agreed to obtain the funds from the school event held at the end of the summer which was with the school secretary.

#### **463. Youth Council Charity**

It was agreed to focus fund raising efforts on the zip wire for the coming year.

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**464. Environment issues**

Youth Cllr Archer advised that the Environment Group were intending to continue to concentrate on reducing litter around the school. Youth Cllr Gill noted that the boardwalk on the wetland was becoming overgrown and it was agreed the Clerk would report this to the relevant officer at the District Council.

It was also noted that the alleyway by the Factory Shop was again overgrown and the Clerk will report this to the County Council.

**465. Riverside Youth Centre**

It was noted that the noticeboard in the school was no longer kept up to date. Youth Cllr King asked for a list of events from the centre so that this at least could go in and this may increase the usage of the centre.

**466. Items for a future agenda**

Youth Cllr Coleman advised that she would try to get a group of members together to work on the Christmas Light Switch on and bring their suggestions to the next meeting.

**467. Items for information**

There were none

**468. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 2.00pm at the Town Hall with tea and biscuits.

The future meeting dates are:-

- 7<sup>th</sup> November at school
- 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 15:05

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

Chairman