

# Youth Council Steering Group

8 September, 2020

4:00pm

Notes

Present:

Cllr Victoria Alcock (VA)

Cllr Gill Cleeve (GC)

Lisa Cowley (LC)

Cllr Kate Rolfe (KR)

Sarah Summers (SS)

All members attended the meeting via Zoom

1. Apologies

Cllrs Philip How (PH) and Tony Jackson (TJ) gave their apologies.

2. Members

- **Submissions**

11 submissions were received from both males and females with a good age variety between 13 and 18.

It was Proposed, Seconded and

AGREED: that all 11 applicants should be invited to the first meeting of the Youth Council Steering Group at 4:30pm on Thursday 17 September.

- **Location of first meeting – in person / Zoom**

GC commented that she would like to see first meeting held at the Town Hall, as long as we could socially distance all attendees.

SS expressed concern over the breaking news of rising Coronavirus cases, especially in younger people.

VA suggested that the first meeting is arranged to be held online, to which KR agreed.

It was agreed that the first meeting should take place on Zoom and that hopefully at some point a visit to the Town Hall could be arranged for the younger members.

**N.B.** Since this meeting, the government have announced that social gatherings of more than six people are set to be banned by law in England.

- **Contacting applicants**

LC will contact applicants to invite them to the first meeting and will send them a meeting agenda, the Zoom protocol and the proposed Standing Orders. LC will also express the importance of sending apologies if unable to attend a meeting and will send out reminders for the meeting nearer to the date.

It is thought that at the first meeting, younger members should speak for a few minutes to elaborate on their submissions. Longstanding members and Officers in attendance should also talk about their role in the Town Council in order to make the younger members feel more comfortable.

A discussion ensued on items for consideration for the members of the Youth Council, these included:

- Should a representative of the Youth Council attend full Council meetings to give a 'youth update'?
- Should there be a full Council representative at the Youth Council meetings for guidance and to answer any questions?
- Calendar of meetings;
- How are members elected to the Youth Council?
- Do they want to elect a Chairman, Treasurer etc?
- How long is a term?
- Code of conduct;
- Keeping in touch, e.g. through a WhatsApp group (parental consent will need to be sought for members under the age of 16)

It was agreed that all four of the members currently attending these meetings should attend the Steering Group meetings with the younger members to offer guidance and advice on setting up the Youth Council. GC will be the Chairman of this group.

3. Date of the Next Meeting

The first meeting with younger members will take place at 4:30pm on Thursday 17 September. KR has noted her apologies for this meeting.

*This meeting closed at 5:10pm.*