

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON TOWN COUNCIL

VIRTUAL YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

In accordance with s78 of the Local Authorities and Police Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

12 November, 2020

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Present:

Youth Councillors:

Kerry Alcock	Eva Key
Amelia Betts	Saul McDougall
Danni Cleeve	Bianka Pawlowska
Aiden Drinkwater	Alfie Walker
Hope French	William Winter
Oli Hughes	

Town Councillors: Gill Cleeve, Tony Jackson (Mayor), Kate Rolfe

Clerks: Admin Clerk

Press: Absent

Public: None

1) A Message from the Youth Council Steering Group Chairman

The Chairman of the Youth Council Steering Group, Councillor Gill Cleeve, gave a speech to thank all Youth Town Councillors for their hard work so far. She also thanked the Town Councillors, the Town Clerk and the Committee Clerk for their work setting this new initiative up.

2) Election of the following Youth Town Council roles

2.1 Chair

Aiden, Hope and Alfie nominated themselves and each gave a short speech on why they believed they would make a good Chair.

The election was determined by written ballot, electronically submitted to the Committee Clerk.

It was therefore

RESOLVED: That Aiden Drinkwater be appointed as Chair of the Youth Town Council for the ensuing year 2020-21.

2.2 Deputy Chair

Kerry and Hope nominated themselves and each gave a short speech on why they believed they would make a good Deputy Chair.

The election was determined by written ballot, electronically submitted to the Committee Clerk.

It was therefore

RESOLVED: That Kerry Alcock be appointed as Deputy Chair of the Youth Town Council for the ensuing year 2020-21.

2.3 Treasurer

Saul and Alfie nominated themselves and each gave a short speech on why they believed they would make a good Treasurer.

The election was determined by written ballot, electronically submitted to the Committee Clerk.

It was therefore

RESOLVED: That Alfie Walker be appointed as Treasurer of the Youth Town Council for the ensuing year 2020-21.

2.4 Clerk

Danielle nominated herself and gave a short speech on why she believed she would make a good Clerk. This nomination was not contested.

It was therefore

RESOLVED: That Danielle Cleeve be appointed as Clerk of the Youth Town Council for the ensuing year 2020-21.

2.5 Deputy Treasurer

Oli nominated himself and gave a short speech on why he believed he would make a good Deputy Treasurer. This nomination was not contested.

It was therefore

RESOLVED: That Oli Hughes be appointed as Deputy Treasurer of the Youth Town Council for the ensuing year 2020-21.

3) Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Victoria Alcock and Cllr Philip How.

4) Declarations of Interest

None.

5) To receive written requests for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no requests.

6) To grant any requests for dispensation

There were no requests.

7) Public Participation

No one had registered to speak in Public Participation.

8) To Approve Draft Notes of the Youth Council Steering Group meetings on 5 August, 8 September, 17 September, 24 September, 1 October, 7 October and 22 October 2020

RESOLVED: The Draft Notes of the Youth Council Steering Group meetings held on 5 August, 8 September, 17 September, 24 September, 1 October, 7 October and 22 October 2020 be approved as a correct record.

9) Budget

Members discussed the following ideas that would require a budget:

- Social media paid advertising

Alfie suggested that social media is used to target residents between the ages of 14 and 18. He thought that paid promotions on both Facebook and Instagram might be a good way to do this. He noted that this may also help us recruit new members when necessary. Eva agreed that setting up the YTC's social media accounts would be a good first step, as we can then get ideas from other youths as to what we may want to set a budget for.

- Promotional posters

Cllr Cleeve noted that we should not limit our presence to social media as there may be residents who are not on social media for varying reasons. Amelia suggested posters might be another way to promote the Youth Town Council. She advised that she has contact with the Graphics department at Stratford College and that she would make some enquiries.

- Expansion and improvement on Stratford Skate Park

Cllr Rolfe advised that she knows that Stratford Town Trust may be interested in helping fund improvements for the Skate Park. She advised that Town Trust CEO Sara Apsley be invited to a future meeting.

10) Calendar of Meetings

Members noted the proposed dates, and it was unanimously

RESOLVED: to accept the Calendar of Meetings for 2020/21.

11) Press/Media

Amelia suggested that a Facebook Group is set up that other youths can join in order to share their ideas. Alfie thought that a group email account may also be a good method of receiving input.

HF noted that many schools have a Twitter page and that they could be asked to promote the Youth Town Council to their followers.

Cllr Cleeve noted that the local newspapers, Stratford Herald and Stratford Observer would be keen to run a piece on the YTC as well as Welcombe Radio being interested in an interview with the Chair.

The Committee Clerk said she would liaise with the Chair in order to obtain a quote for the STC newsletter, Bridging the Gap, that is due for publication on 26 November.

It was unanimously

RESOLVED: that the Committee Clerk would set up a separate 'Media and Promotions' group to proceed with setting up the YTC's social media. The Clerk asked that members get in touch with her if they would like to be a part of this group.

12) Co-Opting

Cllr Cleeve noted that it was agreed that the Youth Town Council would have 12 seats but currently only 11 are taken. Therefore,

members discussed how this position could be advertised and subsequently filled.

Alfie suggested that once our social media channels are up and running, this position could be advertised this way. Amelia suggested that if we received numerous applications, the applicants could be invited to attend a private meeting with the YTC members to explain why they would want to be a part of the Youth Town Council.

Other suggestions for advertising this position were:

- STC Twitter page to tweet about the opportunity;
- Posters outside schools;
- Teachers to mention in form;

The Chair suggested that a list should be made of relevant places to target regarding advertising this.

Alfie noted that anyone who was interested in being a part of the Youth Town Council but couldn't because of living outside of the Stratford town boundary, could be directed to Stratford Youth Forum.

13) Date of Next Youth Town Council Meeting

The next virtual Meeting of the Youth Town Council will take place at 5:00pm on Thursday 10 December, 2020.

The Chair declared the virtual meeting closed at 6:07pm.