



# St Andrews Parish Council

**Minutes of the Youth Committee Meeting  
Held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7:30pm  
at Redhouse Community Centre, Frankel Avenue, Swindon**

**Councillors Present:** Cllr Dan Adams (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Kola Beyioku (Chairman), Cllr Paul Morris and Cllr Bradley Williams

**Officer Present:** Debbie Braiden (Deputy Clerk)

**Public Present:** None

## 9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Chandler.

## 10. ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was resolved to defer this item until after the Full Council meeting which will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 23.

## 11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

## 12. MINUTES

All members approved and **RESOLVED** the minutes as a true record of the last meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023, and were duly signed by the Chairman.

## 13. YOUTH PROGRAMME

- Members discussed the viability of holding a youth club session in the Redhouse Community Centre. Cllr B Williams asked the Deputy Clerk to find out what days and times the halls were available as regular slots.

Members agreed that when a youth club starts, a trial period of six months would be a sufficient trial period to run the youth session.

It was noted the parish council would require a list of volunteers to be able to regulate DBS checks and appropriate training such as safeguarding, first aid etc. The chairman requested that Mr Khan should be involved in the outline plans.

A member enquired as to whether the hire of the hall should be at full charge as it was a joint venture by the parish council. This will be included in a report to full council to decide.

- Theatre & Music workshops – Cllr B Williams reported that the supplier was booked solidly through the summer months but stated the parish council could book up for next year. He also confirmed that he was waiting for a response from the Wyvern Theatre Outreach section, which provides free activities, and he is hoping to hear back from them by the end of the month. Cllr B Williams suggested this activity could be booked for the October half-term and requested for it to be listed on an agenda in July-September.
- Members discussed other activities such as craft workshops. It was suggested that the Deputy Clerk contact Hobbycraft stores to enquire about craft workshops or names

of craft workers. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that she knew of an artist that may take art lessons in the hall. The chairman asked the Deputy Clerk to present details for art lessons at the next available meeting.

- Members discussed the activity called, Slackline, but found it was not financially viable.
- Treecouncil.org – Members discussed and liked the idea of encouraging children to plant trees. They asked the Deputy Clerk to investigate further such as planting time for trees and if the Grounds Maintenance Manager would be able to assist managing the planting.

#### 14. FUNDING

- (i) Members noted the Deputy Clerk had made a funding application to Persimmon for £5,000. Members **RESOLVED** for relevant funding applications to be made.
- (ii) The advice and ideas from the meeting between the Deputy Clerk from St Andrews Parish Council (SAPC), the Estates Manager and Youth Worker from Swindon North Parish Council (SNPC), regarding funding and the running of a youth club, were noted by members. SNPC gave the Deputy Clerk sound advice regarding safeguarding, courses available and some useful contacts. SNPC run a youth session every Wednesday for two hours with two workers, it is well attended and working well. They also run programmes every year and organise trips out. To assist with their funding, they employ a part-time funding officer, and they employ a full-time youth worker. The youth worker qualifications were provided by Streetgames UK. SNPC provided the storage for youth equipment, and most equipment was donated from the community. SNPC suggested SAPC should run a trial period. The chairman thanked the Deputy Clerk and SNPC staff, for their time and the information.

#### 15. YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

- (i) The correspondence received from the Great Western Academy (GWA) was noted and members **RESOLVED** the date to meet with the school's parliament be arranged for either the 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> June. The chairman asked for this to be circulated to all St Andrews Parish Council members to see who wanted to attend. The Deputy Clerk will inform the GWA.
- (ii) The Deputy Clerk confirmed that she had not received a response from SBC youth section with respect to engaging youth workers to do some outreach work, by connecting with youth in the parish. The Deputy Clerk will try and obtain further contact information to move this forward.
- (iii) Members received and were pleased with the attendance figures for the BEST activities during the Easter half-term. Cllr B Williams asked the Deputy Clerk to obtain the age groups that attended.
- (iv) Outdoor gym event for youth – the Deputy Clerk confirmed she was waiting to hear back from Swindon Town Football Club (STFC). Cllr Morris confirmed he was in touch with the STFC goalkeeper and could make some arrangements with him. Cllr B Williams suggested to also contact personal trainers. Deputy Clerk to find out costs and present further information at next meeting.
- (v) Cllr B Williams confirmed it was proving difficult to obtain a definitive PSHE emailing list. The Deputy Clerk will try to find details from her existing contact lists.
- (vi) Members noted a group called Headstartz ran some sessions recently in the hall, which appeared to fulfil subjects the youth committee are passionate about. Various discussions took place with the following ideas for future reference, animal handling and street art. Members discussed the viability of a skate park again but concluded that there were no suitable sites within the parish.

**16. LITTER PICK EVENT**

Cllr Beyioku received the risk assessment for the litter pick event, booked for Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May around Bridlewood School and Lady Lane. The Deputy Clerk confirmed the litter picks and black bags would be dropped off at Cllr Beyioku's home.

**17. YOUTH STRATEGY**

Cllr Beyioku confirmed he was still awaiting a youth report from Swindon Youth Service to build on his youth strategy. To move this item forward Cllr Beyioku, will liaise with Cllr B Williams to produce their own youth strategy and will present the draft strategy at the next meeting.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (to be approved at the next Full Council meeting)

The meeting closed at 8:40pm

**Chairman** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_