



# St Andrews Parish Council

**Draft Minutes of the Youth Committee Meeting**  
**Held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7:30pm**  
**at Redhouse Community Centre, Frankel Avenue, Swindon**

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

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

**Public Present:** None

## 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Jake Chandler.

## 3. ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Bradley Williams as Vice-Chairman with Cllr Beyioku proposing and Cllr Morris seconding.

## 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

## 5. MINUTES

All members approved and **RESOLVED** the minutes as a true record for the meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> May & 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023, both were duly signed by the Chairman.

## 6. YOUTH PROGRAMME

- a) Members discussed the advantages of joining Youth Action Wiltshire (YAW) and **RESOLVED** to pay the £50 annual fee. It was noted the membership will give access to template policies, safeguarding checks, continued advice, and on-site assistance upon start-up of the youth club.
- b) Various discussions were held in relation to the list at Appendix A, attached to the Minute Book. From Appendix A, all members **RESOLVED** the following:
  - All voted for Mr. Khan to lead the youth club as a volunteer on behalf of the parish council. No votes were received for a part-time employed youth worker or for a contractor to lead,
  - For Mr. Khan to lead the youth club for a trial period of six months.
  - For the Deputy Clerk to organise the governance documents with YAW.
  - It was agreed for the first two weeks of the youth club opening, for entrance to be available free of charge. This will give all children the chance to visit.
  - To purchase recycled plastic tokens. To prevent the handling of cash during the sessions, SAPC Youth Club entrance fee, will be with these tokens, (they can also have St Andrews Parish Council logo on them). The token's value will be 50 pence and can be purchased from and made available from the parish council office or Redhouse Community Centre (RCC) reception.
  - Depending on bookings for RCC and availability, to have a four-hour session. The first two hours for Years 7 to 8. The last two hours for Years 9 to 10, and Year 11 plus.
  - Cllrs Beyioku, Adams, and Morris would like to continue to visit local schools to introduce themselves, explain how the parish council operates

and to help advertise the youth club. It was agreed to handout a token to each child attending the assemblies or meetings, as an incentive to attend. Mr Khan will be asked if he would also like to attend these visits. Deputy Clerk to make the arrangements for the visits to the schools from September onwards.

- Members to hold a meeting with Mr Khan to discuss various items. Deputy Clerk to arrange.
- For all sessions to be inclusive for all children of all abilities.
- Storage shed at RCC. The Deputy Clerk to discuss with the Grounds Maintenance Manager in more details of where a storage shed could be positioned and the size. The Deputy Clerk will advise the Clerk for the RCC committee.

## **7. FUNDING**

The Chairman noted and thanked the Deputy Clerk for making an application for funding to the National Lottery Fund which was sadly declined. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that she attended a free webinar and from that a funding account had been set up with the EasyFundRaising group. Every time the parish council/members/family and friends or public, shops through the EasyFundRaising site, they can choose St Andrews Parish Council as the benefactor, and the retailers will donate money into the parish council's fund at no extra cost to the shopper. The funds will be sent to the parish council every three months if there is a balance of £15 or more in the fund.

## **8. YOUTH ENGAGEMENT**

- a) The Chairman confirmed that the visit to the Great Western Academy (GWA) parliament went well. The Chairman, Cllr Adams and the parish Clerk attended, meeting up with approximately 30 pupils and their teachers. The meeting started with a 'Questions and Answers' session, followed by everyone splitting into three smaller groups to discuss various local issues (please see the list of issues raised during the visit, attached to the minute book). Following on from this visit, the members would like to progress and strengthen relationships by rotating and visiting all the schools in the area. The Deputy Clerk will book up more visits every six months.
- b) The Deputy Clerk was pleased to announce that Swindon Borough Youth Workers will be deployed as outreach workers in and around St Andrews parish during the month of August. The main areas will be the larger play areas, Tesco Express, and the Common and allotment parks in Tadpole Garden Village. The information collated from these outreach sessions will be collated and reported back to the youth committee.
- c) Outdoor gym youth event - The Deputy Clerk confirmed that Swindon Town FC were too busy to commit to a gym event with local youth. The Deputy Clerk has sent emails to personal trainers and a boxing club but has not yet received any replies. Cllr Williams will speak to Everlast Gym. It was noted that during their visit to GWA, the parliament asked for more gyms in the area.
- d) Theatre and Music Workshops – Cllr Williams stated no further progress had been made and that this was more likely to be booked up for next August 2024. He also mentioned information received from the forest schools, for which he will find out further information and bring back to the committee.
- e) Arts & Craft Workshops - The Deputy Clerk had emailed a few local artists and the Hobbycraft stores' website to obtain quotes for sessions. She confirmed no reply had been received from Hobbycraft to date. One of the artists was not local enough as he did online sessions, some websites did not reply. However, she did receive quotes back from two local artists, one quoting with materials supplied and the other without

- materials (but she can provide mini easels in her sessions). The Chairman asked the Deputy Clerk to determine the costs for materials to be able to compare both quotes.
- f) Members discussed what activities they could provide for the October half-term week. They **resolved** to book one session of physical activity with BEST, and one session of Arts and Craft.

**9. LITTER PICK EVENT**

It was noted the last litter pick booked did not take place due to adverse weather conditions on 19<sup>th</sup> May. Following discussions, members **resolved** to support a monthly litter pick that already takes place in the parish. The community litter pick, led by an ex-councillor of St Andrews Parish Council, is normally held on Saturday mornings, and appears to be successful. Therefore, the committee would like to link up with the volunteers for a joint effort.

**10. YOUTH STRATEGY**

St Andrews Parish Council draft youth strategy – Cllrs Beyioku & Williams will get together to progress this further for the next meeting.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

The meeting closed at 8:55 pm

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

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