



# St Andrews Parish Council

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## **Draft Minutes of the Youth Committee Meeting Held on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 at 7:00 pm at The Redhouse Community Centre, Swindon.**

**Councillors Present:** Cherie Adams, Daniel Adams (Chairman), Kola Beyioku and Kate Tomlinson.  
**Officer Present:** Mrs Rose  
**Public Present:** 1

**38. Apologies for Absence**  
None

**39. Declaration of Interests**  
No declarations of interest made

**40. Presentation**  
Mr. Havlik provided an overview of the operation and activities involving radio-controlled (RC) cars, including his proposal to engage local youth through this initiative. He explained that the idea originated during the COVID-19 pandemic and involves racing RC cars, which travel at speeds of up to 8 mph, on a track he has constructed within local halls. The activity aims to provide a constructive and engaging opportunity for young people, with the involvement of parents or guardians.  
Mr. Havlik was advised that a risk assessment and a DBS check would be required to proceed. He would be willing to offer the sessions free of charge.

**41. Minutes**  
**RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**42. Activities within the parish**

- (i) The Administrative Officer informed members that the Youth Committee's current budget stands at £1,650.00
- (ii) Members discussed a variety of activities within the parish
  - a. It was **RESOLVED** that a rock snake would be created at four locations within the Parish – St Andrews, Redhouse, Tadpole, Abbey Farm. With permission from the landowners, the Parish would initiate the project by placing a painted rock and an introductory board that explains the idea. The board would encourage children to paint their rocks at home and add them to the snake. It was resolved to delegate to the Administrative Officer a budget of £100 to purchase materials for this.
  - b. It was resolved to book four 1-hour craft sessions with the provider *Crafts with Amy* at a total cost of £258. The sessions will take place at the Redhouse Community Centre during the summer holidays, with

dates to be confirmed. **RESOLVED** to delegate to the Administrative Officer the organisation of this event.

- c. It was **RESOLVED** to contact Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to explore the opportunity of holding a nature drop-in session for families to visit the newts. A budget of £100 was agreed for high-visibility vests or other necessary materials.
- d. It was **RESOLVED** to book four park yoga sessions by provider Tiny Bugs Yoga across four areas of the Parish—Abbey Farm, Redhouse, St Andrews Ridge, and Redhouse. The total cost would be £120 for four 45-minute sessions.
- e. It was **RESOLVED** to contact the Scouts to discuss the possibility of them making bird boxes and bug houses to be placed around the Parish. Permission would also be sought from Swindon Borough Council to place the bird boxes in the trees. Additionally, consideration would be given to allowing children from the Parish to participate in this activity as a one-off event, all in support of encouraging local wildlife and promoting nature growth.
- f. It was **RESOLVED** to hold a reading session with author Kate Claxton at a cost of £150. The event will take place at either the Redhouse Community Centre or North Swindon Library.
- g. It was **RESOLVED** to send a recommendation to Full Council requesting the use of the Redhouse Community Centre Hall free of charge for youth events. The Centre has expressed a willingness to be flexible and accommodate both regular and planned bookings.
- h. It was **RESOLVED** to cover the £21 cost of the Remote Control provider Mr Havliks' DBS basic check, in exchange for providing four free remote-control car activity sessions for youth attendees, each accompanied by a parent or guardian.

**43. Plans for 2025 – 2026**

Members received a draft calendar of events. It outlined school holidays and potential activities, but no decisions were made—it was simply reviewed for discussion.

**44. Tenpin Bowling**

The Youth Committee hosted a tenpin bowling event on 28th May 2025 at 11:00 AM. Although attendance was lower than expected due to last-minute preparations, the event was a success overall, with the students who attended enjoying themselves. Members received and noted the report.

**45. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Youth Committee will take place on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025, at the Redhouse Community Centre, Frankel Avenue, commencing at 7:00 pm.

**Meeting closed at 8:42 pm.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_