

St Andrews Parish Council

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Minutes of the Youth Committee Meeting Held on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at 7:00pm at The Redhouse Community Centre, Swindon.

Councillors Present: Cherie Adams, Daniel Adams (Chairman), Kola Beyioku

and Kate Tomlinson*

Officer Present: Emma Sylvester, Parish Clerk

Public Present: 0

46. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Debbie Young

47. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

48. MINUTES

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on 2nd July 2025 as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

49. PUBLIC RECESS

No public present.

50. SUMMER ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Members noted the report from the Administrative Officer outlining attendance at the summer activities, which included yoga, craft, and story time sessions. Attendance was good at the start of the summer but declined towards the end of August, with some issues regarding non-attendance and walk-ins. Members discussed a potential future project with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to run a 5–6 week programme with a group of children, with further discussion to take place at the next meeting. The Chairman expressed thanks to the Administrative Officer for her hard work in organising these events in a timely manner.

51. FINANCE

Members noted that Full Council had agreed to allow Redhouse Community Centre to be used free of charge for youth activities provided by the Youth Committee.

52. YOUTH STRATEGY

The Clerk requested clarification on the outstanding Youth Strategy. Members reported that a draft had been submitted to a previous meeting.

RESOLVED that Cllr Beyioku will resend the draft youth strategy to the Clerk, for the item to be placed on the agenda for Full Council in October for adoption.

^{*}arrived 7.07pm

53. OFFICER REPORT

- (i) Members noted that Full Council had requested the Youth Committee to submit a proposal for the 2026/27 budget for staff, as current staff workloads are too high to cover youth work and all other committees have a dedicated staffing budget.
- (ii) Members discussed the matter and requested the Clerk to provide costings for a dedicated Youth Worker for consideration at the next meeting. Members noted that having a dedicated Youth Worker would enable the committee to plan and deliver regular youth activities, engage effectively with young people, and ensure continuity, quality, and oversight of all youth provision.

Meeting closed at 7:49 pm.		
Chairman	Date	