



Garstang Youth Council

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Youth Councillors

I hereby give you notice that a meeting of the Youth Council
will be held at **Wyrebank**
6.00pm, Wednesday 16 January 2019

E Parry
Town Clerk
10 January 2019

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

2. Minutes – for decision

Youth Councillors are asked to approve as a correct record, the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 21 November 2018.

3. Garstang Scarecrow Festival – for information

Town Cllr Elizabeth Webster will be attending the meeting in her capacity as Chairman of Garstang Scarecrow Festival. "I would like to talk about the festival with the youth council, what involvement they would like to have, invite the Youth Mayor to help with the judging again and also invite the Youth Council to have a stand at the festival to raise money for the Youth Mayor's charity".

4. LCC – for information

- a) Temporary road closure on Bridge Street, Garstang, Bonds Lane and Garstang Road, Barnacre With Bonds, on 23.01.19 until 28.01.19 to enable surface dressing patching works to take place.
- b) **Minibus/MPV** - The Clerk has received information from LCC as detailed in the Appendix.

5. Christmas lights - Design a light feature – for information

The Clerk will provide information about the above at the meeting.

6. Policy and Procedure Audit (2018/19) - for information – Youth Cllr Oliver

Further to minute 005(2018/19) the approved Complaints and Concerns Procedure has been uploaded to Airtable (Named V1.3) as well as the updated Constitution.

7. Kepple Lane Park Football Nets - for information – Youth Cllr Oliver

The Youth Council is being made aware that for the coming weeks the football goal and net has been removed from the park. Over the coming weeks work will commence on the park to improve this area with an increased number of goals and a rotational system in place to maintain the grass.

8. Cornmill - for decision – Youth Cllr Oliver

Further to minute 012 (2018/19) Youth Cllr Oliver will update the Youth Council on why the event did not go ahead, it is suggested that the Youth Council could visit at a later date such as February half term/the Easter period or sooner.

9. Follow up item – Clerk – Is there any progress to report

004(2018/19) Trip to Parliament (21/11/18)

Resolved: YC Nathan and Cllr Atkins agreed to follow up some details regarding the trip. The details would be brought to the next meeting to discuss.

10. Follow up item – Clerk

007(2018/19) End of Year Report (2017/18) (21/11/18)

Resolved: YC Nathan to add the report onto Airtable. The Clerk will verify the fundraising amount and the item will be officially adopted at January's meeting.

The fundraising monies for 2017-18 are 1,358.30

The Youth Council will be asked to adopt the End of Year Report (2017/18)

11. Follow up item – Clerk

010(2018/19) Financial matters (21/11/18)

Resolved: Nathan to arrange a photo with a cheque, detailing the money he has raised in his Mayoral year.

12. Follow up item – Clerk

011(2018/19) Youth Council planted trough on the War Memorial, Cllr Perkins (21/11/18)

Resolved: A rota of Youth Cllrs to check on the planter and tend to it monthly when needed.

The following YC's agreed to go on the rota; Nathan, Jorge, Liam, Robert, Oliver and Declan

They agreed to organise the rota themselves.

13. Mayors Report – for information

The Youth Mayor will provide a verbal update.

14. Matters for the attention of the Town Council – for decision

Does the Youth Council have any issues they wish to bring to the attention of the Town Council?

15. Financial matters - The Treasurer and the Clerk will report any financial matters.

16. Youth Council next meeting - for information - 6 March 2019

Appendix

Dear Stakeholder

As you will be aware, Local Authorities across the country are facing significant financial challenges and here in Lancashire this is no exception. All services have been asked to review every aspect of their expenditure to identify ways of saving money by working smarter, more collaboratively or reducing aspects of delivery. One of the options agreed in relation to the Children and Family Wellbeing Service has implications for its fleet of vehicles which I know are sometimes used by the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector partners. Therefore, I felt it only right and proper that I write to you to inform you of this decision due to the implications this will have.

The service's fleet of vehicles is aging and some analysis of its usage over a period of months has shown a significant reduction in the use of its minibuses and multi-purpose vehicles (MPV). This review has led to a decision being taken to reduce the fleet in order to contribute to reducing the county council's financial gap. The Service will redistribute the remaining vehicles in order that a vehicle can be accessible within a reasonable travelling distance covering all areas of the county. The reduction will result in the withdrawal of 10 minibuses and 1 MPV, leaving 2 minibuses and 6 MPVs across the county. These will still be able to be booked by registered Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector organisations however some additional travel time may be incurred in collecting and returning vehicles and keys, particularly if a minibus is required. The transition to this revised model will be complete by 31 March 2019.

I realise that this may be disappointing for a number of organisations but hope that you can understand the reasoning behind this decision and can continue to benefit from the use of the reduced fleet in the future.

Yours sincerely, Debbie Duffell, Head of Children & Family Wellbeing Service