

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL**

**Meeting of the Youth Council**

**Held at The Grange Centre, Shrewsbury at**

**2:00pm on Thursday 22 January 2026**

**PRESENT**

**YOUTH COUNCILLORS** – Eleanor Brayne, Orla Kealy, Lloyd Jones, Leo Bishop and Jake Lewis

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Andy Hall (Youth and Community Manager) Max Ball (Communications Officer) Anita Foster (Youth Support Worker).

**INTRODUCTIONS**

All attendees introduced themselves

**13/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**RESOLVED:**

**That apologies be received from Town Councillors: Rob Wilson, Alan Mosley, Rosemary Dartnall.**

**Youth Councillors: Aya Fawwaz, Melody Edwards, Ruby & Millie Evans.**

**14/25 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL**

The minutes of the Youth Council held on 12 June 2025 were submitted as circulated and read.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Minutes of the Youth Council on 12 June 2025 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.**

**15/25 MATTERS ARISING**

The Communications Officer continued to develop the website.

## **16/25 SERVICE DEVOLUTION UPDATE**

The Communications Officer presented the findings of the Future Services Survey. All Shrewsbury Households received the questionnaire, generating 1,200 responses. Engagement from residents under 25 were notably low.

The Key points raised by Youth Council members were:

- Orla recommended promoting the survey through schools and social media platforms such as TikTok and Instagram
- Jake supported the proposal for Shrewsbury Town Council to manage street cleansing, noting potential improvements through efficient use of resources
- Elanor suggested involving volunteers in park maintenance

### **RESOLVED:**

**That the update be noted**

## **17/25 YOUTH & COMMUNITY MANAGER REPORT**

The Youth & Community manager reported that all services were operating as normal.

Two windows were damaged during an incident at the Grange; Police had contacted the parents who would cover repair costs.

The Million Hours funding had been approved with further details awaited. The funding would focus on youth projects in areas affected by anti-social behaviour. A detached team was also being considered to support work around anti-social behaviour.

An application had been submitted for Easter HAF.

The minibus was operational again.

### **RESOLVED:**

**That the update be noted.**

## **18/25 YOUTH PARLIAMENT MEMBERSHIP**

No Youth Council members attended the Youth Parliament Day at SYA. The application window had now closed and representatives had been appointed.

## **19/25 STAY SAFE EVENT**

The event was scheduled for the final week of June, with plans to collaborate with Shropshire Festivals.

The Communications Officer proposed inviting a range of guests and partners, including the Mayor, High Sheriff, MP Julia Buckley, sports clubs, wellbeing organisations, school nurses and others. The Youth & Community Manager would re-contact the recovery team and encourage schools and the Youth Council to take part, including through producing interview-style video content.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the update be noted**

**20/25 FUTURE MEETING DATES/EVENTS**

The Youth & Community Manager proposed holding a meeting on a Thursday in March/April at 3pm in the Council Chamber at the Guildhall, allowing Youth Council members to meet Councillors. He also suggested hosting the May meeting at the Town Council's Weeping Cross depot.