

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting of Youth Council Working Group
Held at The Grange Centre, Shrewsbury at
2:00pm on Monday 20th January 2025

PRESENT

Youth Councillors – Aya Fawwaz (Vice-Chair), Lloyd Jones, Eleanor Brayne, Pia Bowen, Jake Lewis, Sophie Peake, Leo Bishop, Jaira Jijū

Town Councillors - Alan Mosley, Rob Wilson, Elisabeth Addams

IN ATTENDANCE

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

INTRODUCTIONS

All attendees introduced themselves

28/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED:

That apologies be received from Town Cllrs: Chris Iemon, Bernie Bentick, Rosemary Dartnall.

Youth Cllrs: Orla Kealy, Finlay Cullen, Charlotte Pugh, Freddy Anderson, Ruby Evans, Giovanna Marshall.

29/24 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

The minutes of the Youth Council Working Group held on 28 November 2024 were submitted as circulated and read.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Youth Council Working Group on 28 November 2024 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

30/24 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising for consideration.

31/24 YOUTH AND COMMUNITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The Youth and Community Manager (YCM) gave a verbal report. As of week commencing 6th January 2025, all Youth clubs were all up and running as normal and were very busy.

It was suggested by Councillor Rob Wilson that Youth Councillors could be invited to visit Young Shrewsbury's youth clubs to see them in action; the YCM would make these arrangements.

The YCM had attended a "Climate Fresk" the previous evening and explained the benefits of this session and how the Youth Council could also participate in this training.

RESOLVED:

The report of the Youth & Community Manager be noted.

32/24 VISIONING SESSION

The Youth Council were shown the update on 6 areas identified from the last meeting. The Town Clerk facilitated a group session to "dig deeper" into these areas to identify objectives and priorities to form the projects and activities to take forward as their contribution to the Big Town Plan.

RESOLVED:

Working groups formed for the following projects:

- **Schools Roundabout planting Competition (Schools can win planters for their setting)**
Jake Lewis, Eleanor Brayne, Max Ball. It was agreed to arrange a visit to Weeping Cross for those who are interested.
- **Create a Loggerheads Mascot celebrating 600 years – Aya Fawwaz**
- **New Youth Council webpage, Instagram page, What's app group – Max Ball, Aya Fawwaz**
- **Ideas for the new Riverside development open space – Eeo Bishop, Jaira Jiju, Eleanor Brayne**

33/24 REPRESENTATION ON CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND NATURE RECOVERY COMMITTEE

This meeting took place on 16th January 2025 at 2.30pm at Livesey House. Youth Cllrs Jake Lewis, Eleanor Brayne attended and gave a verbal report to the committee.

RESOLVED:

That the report from Youth Councillors to be noted.

34/24 ACTION COUNTER TERRORISM TRAINING

Due to time constraints the training would be held at a future meeting.

RESOLVED:

That a new date be arranged by the Youth Manager and Town Clerk, with a possible visit from Police and Crime Commissioner and Street Ranger.

35/24 CLIMATE FRESK

To agree Training/Presentation to Youth Council in March 2025. The YCM gave a brief overview of the Climate Fresk to the committee members for discussion.

RESOLVED:

That a date be arranged by the YMC & Sarah Clayton to deliver the Youth a 2 hour Fresk at a future meeting.

36/24 FUTURE MEETING DATES/EVENTS

- The YCM confirmed the date for this year's "Stay Safe" day will be held on Wednesday 25th June 2025 in the Quarry. This date will coincide with the School/College's stepping up day.
- The date for the next Youth Council meeting will be 20th March 2025 at 2pm, taking place at the Grange Youth Centre.