

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of Youth Council Working Group

Held at The Grange Centre, Shrewsbury at

2:00pm on Thursday 20th March 2025

PRESENT

Youth Councillors – Aya Fawwaz (Vice-Chair), Eleanor Brayne, Pia Bowen, Jake Lewis, Sophie Peake, Leo Bishop, Jaira Jiju, Tabitha Bishop, Ruby Evans, Orla Kealy, Charlotte Pugh, Freddie Anderson, Faye Pritchard and Thomas Gardiner.

Town Councillors - Alan Mosley, Rob Wilson, Elisabeth Addams, Bernie Bentick

IN ATTENDANCE

Andy Hall (Youth and Community Manager) Max Ball (Communications Officer) Julia Buckley (Shrewsbury MP) Lisa Freudmann (Shrewsbury Moves) and Anita Foster (Youth Support Worker).

INTRODUCTIONS

All attendees introduced themselves.

37/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED:

That apologies received from Councillor Dartnall. Apologies also received from Helen Ball (Town Clerk) and Clare Turner (Deputy Town Clerk)

38/24 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

The minutes of the Youth Council Working Group held on 20 January 2025 were submitted as circulated and read.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Youth Council Working Group on 20 January 2025 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

39/24 MATTERS ARISING

RESOLVED:

There were no Matters arising for consideration.

40/24 YOUTH AND COMMUNITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The Youth and Community Manager (YCM) gave a verbal report. All Youth clubs were all up and running as normal, Monkmoor football was also back.

RESOLVED:

That the report of the Youth & Community Manager be noted.

41/24 MOVE FESTIVAL

Lisa Freudmann from Original Shrewsbury gave a presentation about the Shrewsbury Moves Festival that began on 19 March 2025.

Topics included how young people tackled mobility, what ensured safe and accessible travel and how to empower youth voices, these were all discussed in small groups. Each small group then shared their thoughts after the group discussions.

RESOLVED:

That Youth councillors Jake and Eleanor and (YCM) Andy Hall would represent the youth councillors views at the Moves Festival on 21 March 2025

42/24 JULIA BUCKLEY (SHREWSBURY MP)

The vice chair welcomed Julia Buckley, MP for Shrewsbury, who represented 75,000 Shrewsbury residents.

Julia spoke of her priorities (Health, Education, Water and Transport) for the town and what she had been working on.

43/24 FEEDBACK FROM WORKING GROUPS

Each of the four working groups fed back their progress.

Planters - All schools had been sent details of the planter competition. Youth councillors were to engage with their schools.

Mascot and logo - Aya shared her design with the group and asked for feedback. Max had contacted various companies requesting quotes for making a mascot.

Web page and social media - Max had a meeting booked

Riverside garden - Youth councillors would arrange a get together with others to discuss.

RESOLVED:

That the meeting for the webpage was 4 April 2025 and a date was to be arranged for the Riverside Garden meeting.

44/24 FUTURE MEETING DATES/EVENTS

- The new council started in May. Councillors were welcome to re-elect next year. A new meeting time was discussed. Freddie asked if they could do these meetings in schools or college.
- Councillor Addams said that the youth council looked great on their CV.
- Councillor Wilson thanked the youth council members for giving up their time.
- The YCM reminded councillors of the date for this year's "Stay Safe" day which would be held on Wednesday 25th June 2025 in the Quarry. This date would coincide with the School/College's stepping up day.
- The Mayors Fete would take place on 5 May and youth councillors were asked to get involved.
- The date for the next Youth Council meeting would be arranged in due course.