

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of Youth Council Working Group Held at The Grange Centre, Shrewsbury at 2:00pm on Thursday 12th June 2025

PRESENT

Youth Councillors – Pia Bowen, Leo Bishop, Tabitha Bishop, Ruby Evans, Charlotte Pugh, Lloyd Jones and Millie Evans

IN ATTENDANCE

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

INTRODUCTIONS

All attendees introduced themselves.

01/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED:

That apologies were received from Youth Councillors unable to attend and Councillors Wilson, Dartnall and Bentick.

02/25 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

A statement from Jake Lewis was read out asking for him to be considered as the next Chair position. Members agreed for Jake to become the next Chair.

RESOLVED:

That Jake Lewis be elected as the new Chair of Youth Council.

03/25 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Eleanor Brayne was nominated to become the next Vice-Chair. A discussion would take place with Eleanor and if necessary, they could re-elect at the next Youth Council meeting.

RESOLVED:

That Eleanor Brayne be elected as the New Vice Chair.

04/25 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

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

RESOLVED:

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

05/25 MATTERS ARISING

RESOLVED:

There were no Matters Arising for consideration.

06/25 YOUTH AND COMMUNITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The Youth and Community Manager (YCM) gave a verbal report. All Youth clubs were up and running as normal. HAF had taken place over Easter and would run again in the summer break.

Alternative Curriculum sessions were working well and signed up for the following year.

The Stay Safe day would take place on 25 June in the Quarry. The focus this year would be Mental Health and Wellbeing. Youth Council members were asked to attend if possible and requested to share information about the event with their schools to get other pupils attending.

RESOLVED:

The report of the Youth & Community Manager be noted.

07/25 SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION UPDATE

Clare Turner (Deputy Town Clerk) gave a presentation about the Town Council and an Election update for each ward.

The Youth and Community Manager suggested a Youth Council visit to Weeping Cross, to see the Town Council's greenhouses. It was also suggested inviting the Mayor to a future youth council meeting.

Leo Bishop asked for the PowerPoint presentation to be shared with schools.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted

08/25 YOUTH STRATEGY

The Youth & Community Manager proposed the Youth Strategy.

RESOLVED:

That the Youth Strategy was accepted

09/25 FEEDBACK FROM WORKING GROUPS

Max Ball fed back on the working groups.

Planters: There were over 300 entries for the planters competition and six winners were chosen. These were selected in school year groups. The six winning designs would be made and displayed in Shrewsbury Square. A plaque with the original design would be displayed with the planters. The Mayor will present certificates at each school. The Youth & Community Manager suggested the Chair attended the presentation.

Mascot and logo: Costing for the mascots had been done.

Web page and social media: - The Youth Council needed to be added, consent would be required. The Youth & Community Manager asked if Youth Councillors would want their pictures and logo included.

10/25 STAY SAFE DAY

The Youth & Community Manager asked Youth Councillors to attend the event which would be held on 25 June in the Quarry. Anita Foster would send reminders to all Secondary Schools. Parents needed to give permission for their children to attend. Youth Councillors were asked to obtain permission from their schools asking if they could attend. The event was the same day as the schools moving up day.

11/25 OTHER TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEES

The Deputy Town Clerk presentation had covered this agenda item.

12/25 FUTURE MEETING DATES

The date for the next Youth Council meeting would be in September, date to be confirmed.