

Minutes of a meeting of
Children and Young Adults Committee
Held on Tuesday 10th September 2024
At School Green Centre commencing at 19:30

Present: Cllrs Fernandes, Grimes, Johnson, Matic, and Montgomery (Chair)

Attending: S Herring (Deputy Clerk)

24/CYA/41 Public Questions

41.1 There were no public questions

24/CYA/42 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

42.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Tatla and B Winton (Clerk)

42.2 There were no declarations of members' interests

It was **NOTED** that Councillors Fernandes, Johnson and Matic had children of school age

24/CYA/43 Minutes of the previous meeting

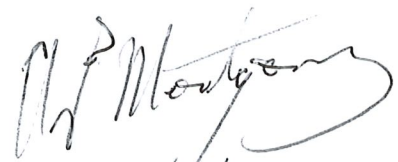
43.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

Proposed: Cllr Grimes
Seconded: Cllr Matic
Approved: Unanimously

43.2 Matters arising from the minutes

24/CYA/35.1 Cllr Grimes to write to the local MP and invite her to the next parents meeting to be held at the SGC

This had been done.


5/11/24

24/CYA/35.1 Cllr Grimes to contact Reading Buses regarding school transport

The situation had evolved since the last meeting. A meeting had been arranged with Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) on 19th September to discuss whether Shinfield Parish Council (SPC) could manage the school bus transport within the parish.

24/CYA/35.2 Clerk to arrange the next meeting of the Education Working Party

A meeting would be arranged after 19th September.

ACTION – Clerk to arrange the next meeting of the Education Working Party

24/CYA/35.2 Clerk to invite a representative of Oakbank School to the Education Working Party

This will be done once a date has been set.

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24/CYA/36.1 Members to investigate ideas of places on SPC land where a shelter for teenagers could be placed

The Clerk had suggested that Millworth Lane would be a useful site. The newly built playground on Longacre appeared to have a shelter included in the build.

24/CYA/37.2 Clerk to contact the Army Cadet Force (ACF) to see if they would be interested in participating in an event in 2025

The Clerk will contact them when organising the Remembrance Service event.

ACTION - Clerk to contact the Army Cadet Force (ACF) to see if they would be interested in participating in an event in 2025

24/CYA/37.2 Youth Council to be added to the agenda in September

This was on the agenda

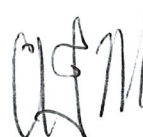
24/CYA/37.3 Cllr Fernandes to review the website and advise of ways to sign post Youth Activities

This was on the agenda

24/CYA/37.3 Increase signage around the Parish with QR codes to direct Youths to local groups

This had not yet been done.

ACTION – Clerk to arrange for increased signage around the Parish with QR codes to direct Youths to local groups



- 24/CYA/38.1 Clerk to arrange for the display screen to be re-sited in the café area
- It had been hoped to use an available spare screen but this could not be accommodated anywhere in the café.
- Various options were discussed for promoting activities, for example:-
- Fitting new blinds in the cafe
 - A portable advertising screen
- ACTION – Clerk to prepare options and quotes for the next meeting**
- 24/CYA/38.1 Clerk to arrange for the ‘user-friendly’ agendas to be displayed
- Due to time constraints this had not been done.
- ACTION - Clerk to arrange for the ‘user-friendly’ agendas to be displayed**
- 24/CYA/39.1 Cllr Montgomery to contact the ‘governors’ and report on the result of their proposal to become an academy school
- It was reported that the ‘governors’ were meeting on 19th September regarding the proposal to become an academy school. It was felt that they should be contacted prior to the meeting to request that SPC continues to be represented on the new trust.
- ACTION – Cllr Grimes to write to the governors prior to the meeting to request that SPC be represented on the new trust**
- 24/CYA/39.1 Cllr Montgomery to write to Shinfield St Mary’s C.E. (VA) School (Junior School) to ask how their governance would continue if they became an academy school
- As above.

24/CYA/44

Education

44.1 Oakbank School

Following a meeting with Yuan Yang, MP for Earley and Woodley constituency, she had agreed to discuss the concerns of SPC with the Department for Education (DfE). SPC were keen to have high quality secondary education within the parish and were eager to see progress.

Cllr Grimes was happy to write to the Regional Director of Education at the DfE relating to the disadvantages faced by SPC students, setting out the scenarios for Primary, Secondary and Post-16 Education.

ACTION –

- Clerk to follow up with Yuan Yang, MP for any update

44.2 **Spencers Wood Primary School – Planning Application 241861/2**

WBC had responded to SPC stating that they had no intention of selling the land to the north of the site or not expanding the school at a later date. Members felt that this should be stated on the application before SPC withdrew their objection.

ACTION – Clerk to request WBC to state on the planning application that they had no intention of selling the land to the north of the site or not expanding the school in the future

44.2 **Education Working Party**

This will be arranged following the meeting with WBC on home to school transport on 19th September. SPC would require information on the budget available prior to further consideration and discussions with Reading Buses.

ACTION – Clerk to arrange a meeting of the Education Working Party

24/CYA/45

Anti-Social Behaviour

45.1 **Party at the Spencers Wood Pavilion**

The Deputy Clerk reported that some youths had disrupted a party at the Spencers Wood Pavilion causing distress to the hirers, however, the hirers had not reported this to the police at the time.

45.2 **Theft and drug related incidents**

Members expressed considerable concern over the amount of theft from the local Co-op. The thieves were never challenged and blatantly walked out with goods. This was not setting a good example, especially for children and there was a general feeling of anger and frustration among residents.

Reporting a crime took too long to process discouraging reports being made.

ACTION –

- **Cllr Johnson to speak to the Chief Inspector at the Lower Earley Police Station**
- **Cllr Johnson to write to the Co-op to ask how they were dealing with the situation**
- **Clerk to draft a letter for Cllr Grimes to send to the Police and Crime Commissioner, Chief Inspector, Chief Constable, Borough Commander, Press and Yuan Yang, MP requesting that more resource was needed, specifically a visible police presence in the community**



24/CYA/46

Youth Club & Youth Services

64.1 Youth Event

Nothing further to report at the current time.

46.2 Young Councillors Working Party

Schools had only just returned after the summer break so this will be progressed at an appropriate time.

46.3 Shelter for Teenagers

This was discussed under 43.2.

46.4 SPC Website

Cllr Fernandes reported he was reviewing the website and looking at ways to signpost Youth Activities.

24/CYA/47

Correspondence

47.1 Proposal to work in partnership with Earley Town Council for Youth Events in Shinfield north

The Community Engagement Officer at Wokingham Borough Council has suggested working in partnership with Earley Town Council for Youth Events in Shinfield North. Members felt that it would be useful to engage and include activities in each other's publicity material.

ACTION – Clerk to liaise with Earley Town Council on promoting Youth Events being held in both areas

47.2 It was **NOTED that on the 1st May 2009 SPC had responded to a planning application that included the comment that "We also express concern at the lack of secondary school places and call for S106 amenity provision to provide or enhance local leisure amenities."**

It was noted that this was probably at the time that Ryeish Green School was closing.

24/CYA/48

Date of Next Meeting

48.1 The date of the next Children and Young Adults Committee meeting will be 12th November 2024

The meeting ended at 21:12

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List of Actions

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