

Minutes of a meeting of
Children and Young Adults Committee
Held on Thursday 18th January 2024
At School Green Centre commencing at 19:30

Present: Cllrs Fernandes, Grimes, Matic & Montgomery (Chair)

Attending: B Winton (Clerk), S Herring (Deputy Clerk)

24/CYA/1 Public Questions

- 1.1 There were no public questions

24/CYA/2 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

- 2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Johnson and Tatla

 It was **NOTED** that three members have children of school age

2.2 There were no declarations of members' interests

24/CYA/3 Minutes of the previous meeting

- 3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

Proposed: Cllr Grimes
Seconded: Cllr Montgomery
Approved: Unanimously

- 3.2 Matters arising from the minutes

23/CYA/1.2 Clerk to arrange for Cllr Montgomery to sign an acceptance of office form

This had been done



24/CYA/4

Terms of Reference

- 4.1 The Terms of Reference for the Children and Young Adults Committee were approved subject to the following amendments:
- These will be residents of the Parish who are of at least secondary school age but under the age of 21
 - And would include University students who have links to the parish (either residents of the parish or studying at the University of Reading)

Proposed	Cllr Grimes
Seconded	Cllr Matic
Approved	Unanimously

ACTION – Clerk to add to the agenda of the next Full Council Meeting

24/CYA/5

Education

- 5.1 Members discussed the following:

Ofsted report – Oakbank School

The report had indicated that three out of the four measures required improvement. It was recognised that the staff had worked hard to start to improve the school and much of the report recognised those achievements but that they needed time to be established. However, the outcome was not helpful in retaining teaching staff and promoting the school to the community.

Shinfield Parish Council (SPC) recognised the benefits of a successful Oakbank school and were keen to help promote the school and assist in anyway possible. Members felt that it would be helpful to engage with the school trust to discuss the vision for the school and how SPC may assist, for example, utilising facilities in Shinfield Parish (e.g. using the cinema when installed as a lecture space), connecting with Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) and local businesses to develop a 'specialist' school, etc.

It was noted that Cllr Tatla had been invited to become a school governor.

ACTION - Clerk to invite Anthem Trust to a meeting with SPC

- 5.2 Education Working Party

AT the last meeting of the Education Working Party it was agreed that a further meeting would take place in January when the following items would be discussed:

- BCllr Bray and Rebecca Brookes to provide an update on secondary school allocations for 2024 and the projected impact on school transport
- BCllr Bray was due to report back on WBC's policy on post 16 education
- Oakbank Secondary School

ACTION - Clerk to arrange the meeting



24/CYA/6

Anti-Social Behaviour

- 6.1 The Clerk reported that anti-social behaviour (ASB) was a continuing problem. Two weeks before Christmas a teenager was assaulted on the way to Youth Club and the police had been called. The newly installed shutters were vandalised the day after installation and the police were investigating. The ASB had resulted in the Youth Club Christmas party being cancelled.

24/CYA/7

Young Councillors

- 7.1 Members decided that a good time to promote the Youth Council would be when either the cinema or Millworth Lane sports facility were completed. Promotion would include publication in the SPC Newsletter and contacting groups such as: Oakbank School, Activate Learning, Scouts, Guides, ACF cadet force, Duke of Edinburgh Award participants.

24/CYA/8

Youth Club

- 8.1 The Clerk reported that the youth leaders were exploring options for operating an alternative model to the traditional youth club as this was not working well due to the ASB. The intention was to have a youth club based at the School Green Centre for a slightly younger age group than at present with fewer but more focused activities for older children. These would be designed to engage more effectively with that cohort and could be held at varying locations to suit the activity.

Members agreed in principle to this change of approach and that this was something that could be discussed with the Youth Council in the future.

To achieve the objectives of the Youth Service in Shinfield Parish, Cllr Grimes requested that an outline of the Youth Service should be drawn up to give guidance for future development.

ACTION – Clerk to draft objectives for the Youth Service in Shinfield Parish

24/CYA/9

Governors for Shinfield St Mary's Church of England Junior School

- 9.1 Shinfield St Mary's Church of England Junior School had approached Shinfield Parish Council to ask for volunteer Foundation Governors at the school. Cllr Fernandes indicated that he would be prepared to undertake this role.

ACTION – The Clerk to advise Shinfield St Mary's Church of England Junior School accordingly

24/CYA/10

Date of Next Meeting

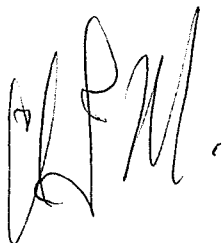
- 10.1 The date of the next Children and Young Adults Committee meeting will be 14th March 2024

The meeting ended at 21:40



List of Actions

24/CYA/4.1	Clerk to add Terms of Reference to the agenda of the next Full Council Meeting	Clerk
24/CYA/5.1	Clerk to invite Anthem Trust to a meeting with SPC	Clerk
24/CYA/5.2	Clerk to arrange a meeting of the Education Working Party	Clerk
24/CYA/8.1	Clerk to draft objectives for the Youth Service in Shinfield Parish	Clerk
24/CYA/9.1	The Clerk to advise Shinfield St Mary's Church of England Junior School that Cllr Fernandes expressed an interest in joining the governing body	Clerk

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