

Minutes of a meeting of
Children and Young Adults Committee
Held on Thursday 4th June 2026
At School Green Centre commencing at 19:30

Present: Cllrs Matic, Montgomery (Chair) and Rance

Attending: B Winton, Clerk
One member of the public

26/CYA/17 Election of the Chair of the Children and Young Adults Committee

17.1 Cllr Montgomery was nominated for Chair of the committee for 2026/27.

Proposed: Cllr Matic

Seconded: Cllr Rance

17.2 Cllr Montgomery was elected as Chair of the Committee for 2026/27.

17.3 Cllr Montgomery signed the acceptance of Office form.

26/CYA/18 Election of the Vice-Chair of the Children and Young Adults Committee

18.1 Members decided not to appoint a Vice-Chair to the committee.

26/CYA/19 Public Questions

9.1 There were no public questions.

26/CYA/20 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

20.1 Approval of apologies for absence

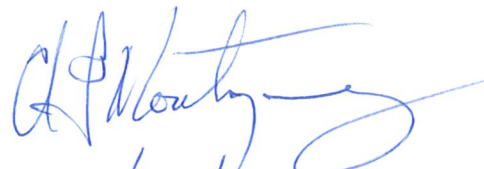
No apologies for absence had been received.

10.2 Members' declarations of pecuniary interest

Cllr Rance advised that she was also a Borough Councillor

Cllr Matic advised that he had children of school age

- There were no other declarations of members' pecuniary interests.
- There were no other declarations of members related interest in respect of the agenda.


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Minutes of the previous meeting

- 21.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Matic
Seconded: Cllr Rance
Approved: Unanimously

- 21.2 Matters arising from the minutes

- 12.1 Clerk to arrange a meeting with Oakbank School and Cllrs Rance, Bowler and Pollock

The Clerk had been offered either 18th or 19th June for a visit to the school and would confirm when he had checked availability with the relevant councillors.

ACTION – Clerk to confirm date for visit to Oakbank School

- 12.2 Clerk to arrange a meeting with BClr Bray and members of the Children and Young Adults Committee

BClr Bray had offered dates for a meeting, and the Clerk would check availability and respond to her with a preferred date,

ACTION – Clerk to circulate offered dates to committee members and then confirm with BClr Bray

- 13.2 Clerk to raise the Youth Education and Employment Alliance with Natural History Museum

A site visit had been arranged for 24th June 10.00 to 12.00, and the Clerk would look to raise it then if there was an opportunity.

ACTION – Clerk to invite Cllr Pollock as the future SPC representative on the NHM group

- 13.3 Cllr Matic to make a more formal approach to WBC regarding SPC involvement in Duke of Edinburgh Scheme

This is on the agenda.


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- 15.2 Clerk to follow up with WBC to see what scope there was for partnership working

The Clerk had held a very positive meeting with WBC (Sarah Desson plus her line manager whose name escapes me).

We discussed the survey that sparked our interest and our plans for the future. WBC have very little money to do things directly but now they know what we have to offer in terms of resources and desire they can steer relevant organisations and groups towards us.

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Education

22.1 Any Education Matters

Members considered potential discussion points for the meeting with BCllr Bray which included:

- Oakbank
 - Numbers for next year
 - GCSE performance before and after switch to Greenshaw Learning Trust
- School buses
- WBC position regarding NEETs
- Wider Children's Services issues?
- How can SPC help with initiatives?

Cllr Montgomery would also raise this with BCllr Gray

ACTION – Cllr Montgomery to discuss with BCllr Gray how SPC could engage effectively with WBC Childrens' Services

- 22.2 The Clerk suggested that consideration be given to how SPC could support students during the exam season e.g. by providing study space at the School Green Centre.

ACTION – Clerk to investigate potential exam support for secondary school students.

It was suggested that secondary school pupils may be able to make use of the University of Reading library and the Clerk said he would investigate further.

ACTION – Clerk to investigate potential secondary school pupil use of University of Reading library

- 22.3 Cllr Montgomery mentioned previous discussions with the University regarding student mentoring of secondary school pupils.

ACTION – Clerk to raise potential mentoring with Molli Cleaver at the University of Reading

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22.4 Education Working Party

It was agreed that the Clerk should arrange the next meeting of the Education Working Party for September 2026.

ACTION – Clerk to arrange a meeting of the Education Working Party for September 2026

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Youth Matters

23.1 Youth Club activities

The Clerk reported that attendance at the Youth Club remained high and that there were no issues to report to the committee.

23.2 Duke of Edinburgh Scheme

Cllr Matic was still exploring the potential for linking into the WBC Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. This had been delays due to a restructuring of responsibilities within WBC.

23.3 The Clerk advised that the Half-Term holiday Friday Fun Day on 29th May had been well attended and included WBC, PCSO, Bright Hope Church and support from the local Scouts. He praised Sarah Bell for leading on delivery and the wide team that had helped make the event a success.

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Anti-Social Behaviour

24.1 Update on Anti-Social behaviour within the Parish

There had been ASB at Millworth Lane in the previous week when a group put a lit disposable barbecue tray on the trampoline in the playground and it burnt it completely away. The damage was reported to the police and to the PCSO attending Friday Fun Day.

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Terms of Reference

25.1 Terms of Reference

Members approved the modified Terms of Reference for the committee.

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Correspondence

26.1 Annual Report from the Thames Valley Criminal Justice Board

The Clerk had circulated the report as it contained a useful summary of the out of court actions that could be applied to children and young adults.

Members **NOTED** the report


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26.2 Frensham Green

The Clerk advised members of a meeting held with Andy Glencross from WBC. Mr Glencross advised that there were some developers funds available to be utilised in the parish and had sought the council's view on how best to utilise them. The Facilities committee had agreed the following which were relevant to this committee:

- Funds be used to create a kickabout area in the area adjacent to the Star Rise playground.
- Funds be used to extend/enhance the part MUGA facility at Frensham Green

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Date of Next Meeting

27.1 The date of the next Children and Young Adults Committee meeting will be 1st October 2026

The meeting ended at 20.20

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List of Actions

Reference	Action	Responsible
26/CYA/12.1	Clerk to confirm date for visit to Oakbank School	Clerk
26/CYA/12.2	Clerk to circulate offered dates to committee members and then confirm with BCllr Bray	Clerk
26/CYA/13.2	Clerk to invite Cllr Pollock as the future SPC representative on the NHM group	Clerk
26/CYA/22.1	Cllr Montgomery to discuss with BCllr Gray how SPC could engage effectively with WBC Childrens' Services	Cllr Montgomery
26/CYA/22.2	Clerk to investigate potential exam support for secondary school students.	Clerk
26/CYA/22.3	Clerk to raise potential mentoring with Molli Cleaver at the University of Reading	Clerk
26/CYA/22.4	Clerk to arrange a meeting of the Education Working Party for September 2026	Clerk


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