



Town Hall | 61 Newland Street | Witham | Essex | CM8 2FE

## YOUTH WORKING GROUP

### AGENDA

THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021 AT 7:30pm, COUNCIL CHAMBER

<b>MEMBERS:</b>	S. Ager J. Bayford C. Lager S. Rajeev J. Williams	<b>OFFICERS:</b>	N. Smith
<b>CO-OPTEEES:</b>	J. Kempf		

- 1) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**  
To appoint a Chairman of the working group.
- 2) APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**  
To appoint a Vice-Chairman of the working group.
- 3) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
To receive apologies for absence.
- 4) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
To receive the minutes of the previous Task & Finish Group (Social Isolation) held 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (attached).
- 5) CLIMATE AUDIT PANEL**  
To receive and discuss the following recommendation from the Climate Audit Panel-  
  
It was further **AGREED** that the Council's Youth Working Group should identify opportunities to work with schools on climate change subjects, with a proposal to create a mobile phone recycling, town-wide competition between all schools, with an award to be given to the most successful school. It was **AGREED** this proposal would be put to the Youth Working Group to deliver.
- 6) 'GET WITHAM READING' CAMPAIGN**  
To discuss the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 'Get Witham Reading' campaign and how Witham Town Council could be involved.
- 7) FUTURE BUSINESS**  
To consider any future business the group would like to pursue.

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**NOTES OF THE PROPOSED ACTIONS FOR DELEGATED DECISION MAKING AT THE MEETING OF TASK AND FINISH GROUP (YOUTH) HELD 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021 AT 7:30PM VIA ZOOM.**

PRESENT:- J Williams (Chairman), J Kempf  
Councillors: S Ager, P Barlow, J Bayford, C Jay  
Staff: N Smith - Deputy Town Clerk

**1. CLERK'S REPORT**

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the 'Easter Quest' had received positive feedback and the planned Halloween event would have a daytime element suitable for a similar age group.

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that she had spoken with Mr Adam Dean, Head Designate of The Chatten Free School who had accepted an invitation to come and speak with members of the Community Committee on May 17<sup>th</sup> 2021.

It was **AGREED** to receive and note the information.

**2. YOUTH ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

Members received a report regarding the EALC Youth Engagement Conference held on 28.04.2021.

It was reported that other parish councils had successfully engaged with youth representatives by producing social media content aimed at children and by holding 'Youth Engagement Weeks'.

It was reported that one parish council had invited a youth representative to sit on the council as a non-voting member.

It was **AGREED** that further information be sought regarding this.

**3. MALTINGS AND NEW RICKSTONES ACADEMY MEETINGS**

Members were asked to consider a list of questions for students of Maltings and New Rickstones Academy.

Members **AGREED** that the below questions should be asked-

What is the best social media for the council to use to appeal to younger people?  
What do you like doing outside of school?  
Where is your favourite place to be when not at school?  
What is missing from our town?  
Where are your nearest play areas and do you use them?

**4. WITHAM SKATE PARK CONSULTATION**

A report was given regarding the planned consultation on the Spa Road skate park by Braintree District Council.

Members discussed the importance of publicising the consultation once it had been released and encouraging engagement from local schools.

Members discussed the importance of Braintree District Council keeping the town involved in the decision making process.

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Members discussed recreational areas within the Town and how they could be publicised. Members **AGREED** that a motion would be referred to the Policy & Resources Committee regarding the use of videos to advertise recreational areas.

**5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Members **AGREED** that there was sufficient work for the committee to proceed with.

**6. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would confirm availability with Members for six weeks' time.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:00PM

NS 29.04.2021

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Mrs J Williams  
Chairman