



Minutes of the Youth Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 18:00 at Old Lanscore School, Greenway, Credition, EX17 3LP

Present:	Cllrs Liz Brookes-Hocking, Rachel Backhouse, Giles Fawssett
Apologies:	Cllr Frank Letch
In Attendance:	One member of the public Cath Kelly – Lead Youth Worker
Minute Taker:	Rachel Avery – Town Clerk

MINUTES

13 / WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

2024 Cllr Brookes-Hocking opened the meeting and members introduced themselves.

14 / PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

2024 The member of the public did not wish to speak.

15 / APOLOGIES

2024 It was resolved to approve the apology of Cllr F Letch. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).

16 / DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS

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16.1 / TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPI'S) IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

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There were no declarations of interest.

16.2 / TO CONSIDER ANY DISPENSATION REQUESTS (REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE TO THE TOWN CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING)

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There were no requests for dispensation.

17 / ORDER OF BUSINESS

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There were no changes to the order of business.

18 / CHAIR'S AND CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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There were no announcements.

19 / YOUTH SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

2024 It was **resolved** to approve the minutes. (Proposed by Cllr Fawssett).

20 / YOUTH SURVEY

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20.1 / TO RECEIVE THE RESULTS OF THE YOUTH SURVEY

2024

The Lead Youth Worker provided an overview of the results received from the youth survey, accompanying the presentation slides attached to the agenda. There had been a clear appreciation for provision in Crediton, noting that there is a wide and diverse group of young people with different needs. Gaps identified included teen gym sessions (oversubscription at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre) and access to live music. Issues raised regarding either DCC or MDDC will be sent through the Town Clerk. Cllr Fawssett raised concerns regarding the number of respondents and how the town council ensures that those not responding to the survey are heard. Consideration was given to the response number and it was generally accepted that the response rate was high.

20.2 / TO NOTE THE FORTHCOMING PLAN OF WORK FOR 2024/25 (INFORMED BY RESULTS)

2024

The Lead Youth Worker explained that the partnership (QE, PCN, Youth Clubs, Involve MD) will work to assess gaps and plan for the future, especially around support for parents and carers. Crediton Youth Service will:

- Continue with junior and senior youth club
- Trial a quiet club once a month as a pilot project (term time only, with promotion by Crediton Play Scheme)
- Girls group, having received specific funding for 12 months (term time only, targeted provision)
- Forest School using QE Outdoor Education Space at QE (Barnfield)
- Transition Project for year 6 and year 8, also offering support to year 11
- LGBTQIA+ investigation
- Youth Festival investigation
- Meaningful inclusion of young people at town events, such as Big Boniface Bash.

21 / CELEBRATION OF YOUTH EVENT

2024

21.1 / TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT ON THE EVENT

2024

Cllr Brookes-Hocking was pleased with the enthusiasm and commitment from all who attended the event and was surprised by the wide variety of provision on show. The event was positive, with a high level of partnership working. Promotion in Crediton Courier had been excellent.

21.2 / NEXT STEPS, INCLUDING PARTNERSHIP WORKING

2024

Discussions focused on how to move forward to get people to actively participate in Crediton's offerings. As part of the next steps, the committee considered who to reach out to next and whether there were worries and anxieties about joining. The role of the social prescriber was discussed, and QE has identified young people who didn't attend or will be engaged with. There was a lot of next step exploration.

22 / YOUTH STRATEGY

2024

The committee discussed the investigation of a Community Interest Company (CIC) as part of the youth strategy. The discussion included a realistic view of both local and national pictures. The Town Clerk and Lead Youth Worker will present findings and initial proposals for a 5-year plan in May.

23 / NATIONAL YOUTH AGENCY REGIONAL ROADSHOW

2024

The Lead Youth Worker provided an update on her attendance at the National Youth Agency Regional Roadshow. The roadshow is a body that governs youth work in England and Wales, focusing on the quality and standards of training, curriculum, and safeguarding. It also lobbies the government regarding funding at the national level and researches national, regional, and local pictures. The discussion highlighted the lack of a blanket youth service as it was when delivered by local authorities and the community impact. Youth work now falls under culture and sport in the government, rather than education. The general picture is a struggle for funding, regardless of the model used (CIC, charity, etc.). The Lead Youth Worker felt invigorated post-COVID and emphasized the value of youth services. Provision is both generic open access, alongside targeted support. It was reassuring that Crediton Town Council's delivery is similar to national and regional standards. The statutory duty and what it should be were also discussed.

24 / DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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The date of the next meeting was agreed as Thursday 16 May 2024 at 9.15. The meeting was closed at 18.57.

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