



## Minutes of the Youth Council

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm**

**Members present:** <redacted>

**Councillors present:** Cllr John Stewart (JCS), Cllr Johanna Maitland (JM), Cllr Judy Snowball (JS), Cllr Ken Edwards (KE)

**Officers present:** Helen Platt (Admin Assistant)

**Chair:** <redacted>

**Vice Chair:** <redacted>

### **YC16/23 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

<redacted> due to prior engagement<redacted> due to prior engagement, <redacted> due to illness, <redacted> due to illness and Cllr Helen Ellwood.

### **YC17/23 To resolve to approve the minutes from 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 (YC09/23- YC15/23)**

Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.

### **YC18/23 Matters raised from the minutes**

To receive an update on the guest speaker from Cllr J Stewart  
JS informed the group that Phil Redmond would be a guest speaker at a future Youth Council meeting but, as of yet, a date has not been arranged.

### **YC19/23 To review each Youth Councillor's poster to assist the litter issue outside the local Tesco store**

Five posters were submitted. The Youth Council members viewed all the posters and then voted for a winner. The votes were:

- Poster 1, by <redacted> – 2 votes
- Poster 2, by <redacted> – 0 votes
- Poster 3 – by <redacted> – 3 votes
- Poster 4 , by <redacted> – 2 votes
- Poster 5, by <redacted> and <redacted> – 4 votes

Poster 5 won and will be printed off and put up around Bollington. The Chair thanked all the members who submitted posters.

## **YC20/23 To agree action points for the following and allocate Youth Councillors to each responsibility with support from the Working Group**

The Youth Council members were asked to volunteer to head each project.

- Plant more trees – <redacted> and <redacted>
- More bins on Middlewood Way – <redacted>
- Support BTC Big Green Week – <redacted> and <redacted>
- Walking to school – <redacted>
- Launch agreed poster campaign – <redacted>
- Higher handrails on canals – <redacted>

It was agreed that, to enable each group to be supported by a member of the Youth Council Working Group, it would be better to choose three points to work on first. The Youth Council members voted for their top three:

- Plant more trees – 3 votes
- More bins on Middlewood Way – 2 votes
- Support BTC Big Green Week – 3 votes
- Walking to school – 0 votes
- Launch agreed poster campaign – 1 vote
- Higher handrails on canals – 0 votes

It was agreed what the three projects to focus on first would be, which Youth Council Members would work on each project, and which Youth Council Working Group member would support each group:

- Plant more trees – <redacted> – supported by Cllr Judy Snowball
- More bins on Middlewood Way – <redacted> – supported by Cllr Ken Edwards
- Support BTC Big Green Week – <redacted> – supported by Cllr Jo Maitland

The three groups then discussed their projects and reported back to the Council:

- Plant more trees – <redacted> – discussed places to plant and what to plant, get volunteers to plant, and get donations of plants. <redacted> asked if there was a budget. JCS said that they would need to come back with a proposal. Discussed the possibility of fundraising at BTC Big Green Week. JCS said that BTC could do some research before the next Youth Council meeting.
- More bins on Middlewood Way – <redacted> – discussed what the bin could look like to make it more appealing to children to use them, animal shaped and a voice to respond to the litter being put in the bin. KE added that they had discussed what is a bin, the design, how many bins, funding could come from grants or advertising on the bins. <redacted> added that the design needs to be a nice animal, not a scary one.
- Support BTC Big Green Week – <redacted> – discussed tree planting, litter pick, sponsored walk, walk (to school or anywhere) Wednesday, meat-free Monday, outdoor workshops, with local school forest school teachers helping. <redacted> added that we could ask for donations of tree seeds. <redacted> added that funds could be raised by making the litter pick a sponsored event.

It was agreed that the Youth Council members, and their Youth Council Working Group support, would stay the same each month to allow continuity. It was also noted that the three members absent today would be able to join a group when they return.

It was also noted that more needs to be done, by BTC, in between meetings to ensure that projects keep moving forward.

**YC21/23 To acknowledge the Youth Consort vacancy**

JCS explained to the members that there would be a vacancy for a Youth Consort, starting in May 2023 when there is a new Mayor. Helen Platt explained to the members what the role of Youth Consort involves.

**YC22/23 Date of next meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 at 4.00pm**

Meeting closed at 5.00pm