

YOUTH WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Thursday 18th September 2025, 5.30pm, 12 Market Place

Present: Cllrs Rowlands, Coniam, Golding

In Attendance: Town Clerk

1. Apologies

None

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes and Matters Arising

The previous minutes were noted. It was agreed to reschedule the Youth Partnership Forum.

4. Youth funding, review of last year

It was generally agreed that more oversight was required on the grant funding and that organisations should be invited to the working group, or Community Committee, to report and update on their projects.

5. Consideration and discussion for future youth funding – where is it heading?

A good discussion took place on how the youth funding could be distributed in the future and how the council's strategic pillars could be used as a guide. Also rather than expecting an organisation to come up with options that may meet the pillars, whether the working group or committee decides the priorities to be delivered and invites organisations to bid instead, eg a certain amount of money is set aside for an organisation to form a youth council.

ACTION: Cllr Rowlands to write a discussion paper for circulation

6. Items for future discussion

Invite youth grant applicants to future meetings.

7. Date and frequency of meetings

It was agreed that the group needed to meet more frequently and that it should have a regular monthly slot prior to the Community Committee meeting.