



**Minutes of the Youth Committee meeting held on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at 14:30, at
Manor Office, North Street, Credition, EX17 2BT**

Present: Cllrs Rachel Backhouse, Steve Huxtable, Guy Cochran and Vix Frisby,
Apologies: Cllr Liz Brookes-Hocking
In Attendance: Cath Kelly, Lead Youth Worker
Minute Taker: Rachel Avery, Town Clerk

MINUTES

28 / WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

2025 **Decision:** In the absence of Cllr Brookes-Hocking, it was **resolved** to elect Cllr Cochran as Chair of this meeting. (Proposed by Cllr Huxtable)

29 / PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

2025 There were no members of the public in attendance.

30 / APOLOGIES

2025 **Decision:** It was **resolved** to note and accept the apologies of Cllr Brookes-Hocking. (Proposed by Cllr Huxtable)

31 / DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS

2025

**31.1 / TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND DISCLOSABLE
2025 PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPI'S) IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

No declarations of personal interest or disclosable pecuniary interests were received.

Cllr Frisby joined the meeting at 14.34

**31.2 / TO CONSIDER ANY DISPENSATION REQUESTS (REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE
2025 TO THE TOWN CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING)**

No dispensation requests were received prior to the meeting.

32 / ORDER OF BUSINESS

2025 There were no changes to the order of business.

33 / CHAIR'S AND CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 Members were reminded not to use any names during this meeting.

34 / YOUTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

2025 **Decision:** It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2025. (Proposed by Cllr Backhouse)

Cllr Backhouse expressed concerns that there had been no recording of her concerns raised around safeguarding at the meeting held on 25 September 2025, and that her follow up email had not been shared with the wider committee. These concerns were noted.

Decision: It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2025. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran)

35 / YOUTH WORK DELIVERY

- 2025 The Lead Youth Worker advised that half term events had been successful, with a session for those interested in the youth council being held.
- There is difficulty around finding suitable spaces to hold events; whilst the Girls Group and Youth Council seem unphased by a new location, the D and D group are not happy with any changes to the current arrangements.
- The Youth Council will likely be in the Library and Girls Group in the Arts Centre, cost dependent. It was suggested that the Elephant on the Green be investigated as a suitable location, with the Lead Youth Worker would investigate.
- Cllr Huxtable stated that there was a lack of data on young people attending sessions. The Lead Youth Worker advised that:
- Average of 12 young people attending Girls Group
 - Average of 20 young people attending D and D when held in The Hub, dropped to 7 at Meadow Suite (Lords Meadow Leisure Centre)
 - Over 30 attended the Arts Centre in 2024 for the workshops held in collaboration with the Heart Project, but this year only 4 attended.

Leaving the Hub has caused a drop in numbers, but it is likely that the D and D group will be offered to attend the library, with a Peer Educator supporting delivery.

The Lead Youth Worker advised that work experience projects continue to be delivered and the photography offering.

36 / SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

- 2025 **Decision:** It was **resolved** to approve the recommendations within the report. (Proposed by Cllr Huxtable)

37 / PART II STANDING AGENDA ITEM

- 2025 The reported regarding Part II standing agenda items was **noted**.

38 / DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 2025 The date of the next meeting was **noted**.

39 / PART II

- 2025 **Decision:** It was **resolved** to approve the exclusion of the public and press were from the meeting under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran)

40 / SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

- 2025 There was no update.

41 / REPORTS
2025

Signed ...



Dated 18/02/26