



Minutes of a meeting of the Chippenham Youth Council held in the , on Tuesday 12 December 2023 at 4.45 pm.

Youth Councillors Present:

Six Youth Councillors were present

Officers Present:

Alex Cooper (AC), Democratic Services Officer
Heather Rae (HR), Head of Democratic Services

1	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></p> <p>There were no apologies for absence.</p>
2	<p><u>SUSTAINABLE CHRISTMAS EXERCISE</u></p> <p>Youth Councillors discussed the items that might cause the most issues, from a sustainability perspective, at Christmas or over the festive period. They highlighted and discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas trees - Youth Councillors received information about the pros and cons of real and synthetic Christmas trees, their creation and what happens to them after Christmas.• Wrapping paper and Christmas gifts - Youth Councillors discussed the prevalence of plastics in Christmas wrapping paper and Christmas gifts. Members suggested sustainable alternatives to these plastic-containing items.• Food - Members discussed the issue of non-seasonal foods being consumed, overconsumption and the prevalence and harms of palm oil in certain foods. <p>Youth Councillors suggested that some of the information that they had discussed could be shared on their social media, if possible.</p>
3	<p><u>UPDATES FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL AND YOUTH COUNCILLORS</u></p> <p><u>Teen Takeover Update</u></p> <p>Youth Councillors received an update on the plans for the Teen Takeover event, organised by Wiltshire Council, which is due to take place in April.</p> <p>Youth Councillors agreed to pursue a collaboration with Chippenham Photo Club and to run an environmental and sustainability themed photo</p>

	<p>competition, with prizes provided from the Youth Council's budget.</p> <p>Officers will continue to seek the input of Youth Councillors in planning this event over the coming months.</p> <p><u>Updates from Youth Councillors</u></p> <p>Youth Councillors updated fellow members on the events and activities that they were currently involved with.</p>
4	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Chippenham Youth Council is due to take place on Tuesday 16 January 2024.</p>

The meeting concluded at 5.35 pm

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting

Signed on behalf of the Committee as a true record of the meeting

Chair:

Date: