

Shaftesbury Youth Council

Shaftesbury School

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To: All interested pupils at Shaftesbury School For Information: All other recipients

AGENDA

SHAFTESBURY YOUTH COUNCIL

You are invited to a meeting of the Youth Council for the transaction of the business shown on the agenda below. To be held at **1.30 pm on Wednesday 29th March 2023** at the **Shaftesbury School**.

Mrs Brie Logan Town Clerk, 23rd March 2023

1. Minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 18th January 2023

- 2. To receive a report for information to the Youth Council from Shaftesbury Town Council
- 3. Sustainable Shaftesbury update
- 4. King's Coronation Community programme of events
- 5. Shaftesbury Lido

Minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 18th January 2023

When the meeting is approving the draft minutes of a previous meeting as an accurate record, the only issue for the meeting is whether the minutes accurately record the proceedings of the meeting and the resolutions made at them.

Recommendation

Confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on January 18th 2023

Agenda Item No. 2

To receive a report for information to the Youth Council from Shaftesbury Town Council

To provide a progress update on projects linked to the Youth Council priorities:

<u>Mampitts Green</u> – The following works have been commissioned:

- 1. Ecologist (preferred contractor) to carry out the Ecology report Darwin Ecology
- 2. Arborist (preferred contractor) to carry out the Tree Assessment
- 3. Topographical Survey the survey will be undertaken this month
- 4. Architect

<u>Heating works Lido</u> - In February 2023, Shaftesbury Town Council resolved to progress with the replacement boiler works in the Lido Plant Room. External funding has been approved (£24,600) and this will help toward the costs to prepare for the 2023 season.

<u>St James Park</u> – Works will be complete by 29th March. The Park will officially re-open on 7th May. Time is needed for the new grass to grow!

<u>Play Masterplan</u> – the <u>Youth Council feedback</u> has been sent to the Landscape Architect for consideration.

Great Big
Green
Week

The Great Big Green Week – a national campaign runs from 10th to 18th June 2023 and the local website can be accessed via this link.



Shaftesbury Wellness 2023 The planning for the 2023 event(s) is underway. The launch event is on 29th April and the event(s) will run for 14 weeks. This year's activities will be Yoga, Qi Gong, Circuits and Jazzercise. In 2022 there were 1682 participants and this year we are expecting 2,000+. The collaboration with the Blackmore Vale partnership (BVP) will continue for the 2023 season. Further funding has been received and this will go towards a new programme of Aquafit at the Lido. This programme will run for 14 weeks and will link in to the BVP to support those patients that may benefit from gentle water-based exercise.

Sustainable Shaftesbury update

A Sustainable Shaftesbury Town Council Working Group has recently been formed and the process of developing a robust plan for the town is underway.



The Climate Action Group is an informal advisory group, developing, influencing and implementing projects that help to reduce Shaftesbury's carbon footprint and to restore biodiversity.

The Climate Action Group will meet to progress the Sustainable Shaftesbury Plan and establish how to bridge gaps between different eco-community groups and organisations. The group meets monthly to consolidate progress and develop new plans. Version 4 of the Sustainable Shaftesbury Action Plan can be viewed here. The Youth Council feedback has been incorporated in to the plan which is currently being reviewed and adapted.

Members use the group as a means to help people to keep healthy, active and green, and provide a space where sectors can learn from and be inspired by one another about sustainable practice.

The themes within the **Sustainable Shaftesbury Vision** are:

- 1. Engaging and Enabling our community
- 2. Transforming our Nature
- 3. Supporting Sustainable Food
- 4. Reducing Consumption and Waste
- 5. Reducing Energy Demand and Producing Smarter Energy
- 6. Changing the way we move around

There will be a need for Shaftesbury Town Council to review some of its policies. One of the policies under review is the Allotment policy.

Allotment	A resident has requested to place a beehive on the A30 allotment site. It is timely to review
Working	the Allotment Policy and consider amendments that may be appropriate.
Group	
	The council may want to consider setting up a Working Group, including allotment holders,
	to review the policy and consider amendments that link in with the Sustainable Shaftesbury
	aims and objectives.

The Youth Council are asked to read the current <u>Allotment Holders Policy</u>. Thinking about the Youth Council priorities – (3) Sustainable Shaftesbury what do you think is missing from the policy?

The Supporting Sustainable Food group are keen for closer engagement with the school about education and promoting sustainable diets. What ideas does the Youth Council have and what action would you like to see on this subject?

Did you know Shaftesbury has its own community farm? The organisers are always looking for new volunteers and are keen for the Youth Council to be involved.

Recommendation: The Youth Council makes recommendations for (1) enhancing the Allotment Holders policy and (2) generate ideas on how to promote sustainable diets. (3) creates ideas for promoting the Great British Green Week (GBGW) and (4) creates ideas for promoting Shaftesbury Wellness. (5) register your interest to volunteer at the community farm.

King's Coronation Community programme of events

Shaftesbury Town Council has recently resolved to celebrate the King's Coronation and will be facilitating a community event as follows:

Coronation Community event – mini festival at Wincombe Rec – actions that are underway – for information

Event organiser – music organisation who will source bands etc...

Stage/ Lighting/ PA/ Marquee

Headline band and 3 x warm up acts

DJ/ MC

Picnic/ BBQ theme

There will be a Crown Hunt in St James Park (like an Easter Egg Hunt but with wooden crowns and prizes)!

Crown Hunt
Order 1000 wooden crowns
Order 250 Commemorative medals (prizes)
Order 250 Fairtrade Commemorative Chocolate Bars – sponsored by the Shaftesbury Fairtrade
Association (prizes)

There will also be a **Byzant Ceremony** on Monday 8th May.

The Byzant Ceremony is an ancient practice dating back to 1364, which has recently been revived and takes its name from the ceremonial mace carried at the event. From its hilltop position, the town experienced problems with a reliable water supply, until an agreement was reached with neighbouring Enmore Green to utilise their well water in return for some tribute including silver pennies, bread and ale.

The Youth Council is being asked to consider how best to promote these three activities linked to the King's Coronation. How do we let everyone in Shaftesbury know these events are happening!

Recommendation: The Youth Council considers the best way to promote these events

Shaftesbury Lido

Did you know we need approximately 12 Lifeguards to support the Pool during the summer season? This is a great way for young people of Shaftesbury to learn a new skill, gain a qualification and learn skills such as giving good Customer Service, Health and Safety and working as part of a team.

If you have friends, family or neighbours that are 16 or over that may be interested then please put them in touch with the team at Shaftesbury Town Council.



Recommendations: The Youth Council helps spread the word with the Pool Attendant recruitment.