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Wymondham Youth Council takes shape with first meeting

WYMONDHAM's first ever Youth Council has formed as a year-long trial with eight students from Wymondham High School taking up their roles as councillors.

The Town Council agreed to a proposal from Cllr Nuri-Nixon last September to form a Youth Council who can feed into the main Council. This gives WTC a chance to hear from young people - a section of the community who often struggle to have their opinions heard.

Working with Wymondham High School and head teacher Chris Smith, both Cllr Nuri-Nixon and District Councillor Carmina McConnell set up the initial meetings and spoke to students at their assemblies to encourage them to take part.

The eight students are drawn from Years 10-13 and are just from the High School for this particular trial. If successful, the Youth Council elections will be extended to any young persons between the ages of 13-18 who live or study within the Wymondham area.

Wymondham Youth Council will have regular meetings at the School and also have a budget of £1,000 approved by WTC for youth projects.

Councillors talk politics with Cubs and Girl Guides

A troop of Cub Scouts were hosted by Mayor Cllr Suzanne Nuri-Nixon and Deputy Mayor Cllr Dave Roberts when they paid a visit to the Town Council Offices.

The Cubs had a chance to sit in the Mayor's chair and even took part in debates as to which was better - cats or dogs and which did people prefer - sweets or chocolate?

A week later, Cllrs Annette James, Joy Batley and Suzanne Nuri-Nixon met Wymondham Girl Guides as part of National Parliament Week and took part in activities and a question and answer session revolving around politics.

Christmas lights switch on draws the crowds



LOCAL residents enjoyed some festive cheer and entertainment when the Wymondham Christmas lights were switched on in December by local BBC radio personality Kayleigh Poacher.

The event featured music and entertainment arranged by local youth charity Rebel Arts with young musicians, rock choirs, a steel pan band, puppeteers and even fire-eaters entertaining the crowds.

Despite a soggy start to the day, people braved the rainy conditions to enjoy the event which also featured a mini-funfair by Grays. Selected shops who opened for the day reported brisk business as crowds gathered to enjoy the switch on.

The Town Council would like to thank our Town Coordinator, Rebel Arts, participants and all the volunteers including the Air Cadets who helped make this lovely community event happen.



The Mayor awarded Warners first prize, Ebony and Childrens Society runners up prizes for their Christmas windows.

Letters to Heaven post box installed

A White 'Letters to Heaven' post box has been installed at Wymondham Cemetery after a request from a local resident to have one so those grieving for loved ones can 'post' a letter to their dearly departed.

Lisa King asked Cllr Annette James if the Council could install such a post-box and, by coincidence, Cllr James and Cllr Nuri-Nixon had already contemplated the idea after reading about similar post boxes around the country.

Letters or cards 'posted' in the box next to the little chapel, do not need stamps and will never be opened or read. Town Council staff will periodically empty the contents of the post box which will be eventually composted and used at the cemetery.

Young resident speaks at town council

Leisure, Environment, Enterprise and Tourism Committee (LEET) welcomed a young Wymondham resident to one of their meetings. She's believed to be the youngest to speak at a Council meeting. The nine-year old, accompanied by her mum, spoke in favour of adopting the Council's biodiversity policy after getting in touch with councillors to ask if she could speak at the meeting.

The youngster had already gained a commitment from County Council not to mow the grass verge area outside her home in North Wymondham, where she has planted wild flower seeds instead.

Councillors were delighted to hear from the youngster and applauded her confidence in speaking to the Committee.



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATES

February 4 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
February 4 -	Town Council
February 18 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
February 18 -	Finance & General Purposes
March 4 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
March 4 -	Town Council
March 18 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
March 18 -	Leisure Environment Enterprise & Tourism
April 1 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
April 1 -	Town Council
April 15 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
April 15 -	Finance & General Purposes
April 22 -	Annual Parish Meeting
May 6 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
May 6 -	Town Council
May 20 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
May 20 -	Leisure Environment Enterprise & Tourism
June 3 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
June 3 -	Town Council
June 17 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
June 17 -	Finance & General Purposes
July 1 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
July 1 -	Town Council
July 15 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
July 15 -	Leisure Environment Enterprise & Tourism
August 5 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
August 5 -	Town Council
August 19 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
August 19 -	Finance & General Purposes
September 2 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
September 2 -	Town Council
September 16 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
September 16 -	Leisure Environment Enterprise & Tourism
October 7 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
October 7 -	Town Council
October 21 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
October 21 -	Finance & General Purposes
November 4 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
November 4 -	Town Council
November 18 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
November 18 -	Leisure Environment Enterprise & Tourism
December 2 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
December 2 -	Town Council
December 16 -	Planning Lighting & Highways
December 16 -	Finance & General Purposes

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