

LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING – 2016/06/13 – 16

MINUTES OF THE LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING held in the Council Chamber, Claremont House, Lydney on Monday 13 June 2016 at 6.55 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs B Berryman (Chairman), D Biddle, R Christodoulides, C Harris, H Ives, C Legg, B Pearman, A Preest and D Street

Two members of the public
2 x Mayor's Cadets – Presentation only
Mrs K Frost, Chair of Local Governing Body, The Dean Academy – Presentation only
Mr K Toombs, Kevin J Toombs – Agenda item 19 only
PS S Sleeman, Gloucestershire Constabulary – Agenda item 4 only
Mrs J Smailes – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Miss C Wheeler – Executive Officer (EO)

Cllr Berryman informed all present that no practice fire evacuation had been scheduled for the duration of the meeting. All attendees were then informed of the locations of the nearest fire exits.

Cllr Berryman formally presented Sgt Natalie Insall, 614 (Lydney) ATC with a token of appreciation for her assistance during the 2015-2016 Civic Year. Members then welcomed Ordinary Cadet Scott Ross, Forest of Dean Sea Cadets (Mayor's Cadet for 2016-2017) and Cllr Berryman duly presented Ordinary Cadet Ross with his Mayor's Cadet Badge. Both Mayors' Cadets then excused themselves from the meeting.

Cllr Berryman welcomed Mrs K Frost, Chair of Local Governing Body, The Dean Academy to the meeting. Mrs Frost proceeded to provide Members with a presentation on the work which had been undertaken to date at "The Dean" and the timeframe which had been proposed to implement improvements. It was noted that as a result of a recent Ofsted monitoring visit the school had been informed that it was making good progress, which was welcomed by Members.

During a "question and answer" session Cllr Berryman expressed concern that parents of Primary School children elected to send their children to other secondary schools, rather than The Dean Academy. Cllr Preest spoke on the information which he had gained from Gloucestershire County Council which illustrated that intake for secondary schools in the Forest of Dean had decreased by 22% and that the Forest of Dean held the lowest percentage of pupils achieving 5+ A-C grades including English and Maths. Cllr Preest gave a commitment to arrange for the information to be circulated to his fellow Councillors.

Cllr Biddle highlighted that historically the School had been more involved with the local community and parents. It was noted that the school had organised carnivals in the past and Mrs Frost advised that steps were being put in place to build relationships with primary schools and parents alike.

Cllr Ives highlighted that Bradon Forest School had improved their Ofsted report in one term and Mrs Frost explained that this had been due to the leadership within the school and the support given to its Head. Mrs Frost emphasised that it had been necessary at "The Dean" to re-organise the whole leadership and she stressed the work which lay ahead to ensure that standards were upheld.

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Cllr Berryman expressed thanks to Mrs Frost for attending the meeting; Mrs Frost then excused herself from the chamber.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Cllrs Beddis and Greenwood.

Cllr Berryman proposed that consideration be given under Local Government Act 1972 s85(1) and (2) to extending the six month rule in respect to Cllr Beddis for a further three month period, given that he is a retained Fire Fighter and therefore performing a community service which has inhibited his attendance. Unanimous.

Cllr Street informed Members that it would be necessary for his apologies to be given for a period of time due to on-going treatment in respect of ill health. However, Cllr Street expressed a desire to continue to undertake his Councillor duties to the best of his ability for which the Council expressed their appreciation.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr A Preest – Agenda Item 19

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Approval of the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9 May 2016 was **proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Street.** Vote carried with one abstention.

4. **POLICE MATTERS**

Members were provided with a copy of the report which had been received from the Police.

Cllr Berryman welcomed PS Sleeman to the meeting who had attended at the Council's request. Responding to a question posed regarding a spate of vehicle break-ins, PS Sleeman advised that all vehicles which had been affected had been left unlocked by their owners ; that a number of the crimes had been committed by the same person and that investigations were currently on going.

Cllr Preest expressed thanks to PS Sleeman for the assistance of her PCSOs in addressing parking issues experienced in Church Road and also congratulated the Police for their successful Community event in Bathurst Park.

Cllr Christodoulides expressed concern that motorbikes were being ridden on undeveloped land in the ownership of MMC and that such vehicles were also being ridden along Lakeside and Mount Pleasant. PS Sleeman advised that Officers would be able to issue a Section 59 Notice which provided them with the power to seize vehicles on land other than a road.

Cllr Legg reported that on 9 June 2016 an attempted break in had been carried out on a garage and PS Sleeman stressed the need for such issues to be reported.

Cllr Ives expressed appreciation that Operation Tom Tom was on-going in Bathurst Park and Members were informed by PS Sleeman that the Lydney Police Station would close on Saturday 18 June 2016.

PS Sleeman then excused herself from the meeting.



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At 7.25 pm **Cllr Berryman proposed** that Standing Orders would be suspended in order that Council would continue in “Closed Session”. Members of the public were excluded from the Chamber whilst the Council considered agenda items 19 and 20, however, the minutes reflect the order as shown on the agenda.

At 8.57 pm Standing Orders were re-instated and Council resumed the meeting with agenda item 5.

5. **OPEN FORUM**

No requests to speak were received.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR**

Cllr Berryman reported that since the last meeting he had attended the following events:

- Forest of Dean District Council’s Chairman’s Charity Dinner

Cllr Berryman advised that Cllr Pearman, on his behalf, had attended a meeting with the Friends of Lydney Hospital and the Care Commissioning Group.

Cllr Berryman advised that numerous compliments had been received in respect of the improvement work undertaken at Lydney Lake from participants at the Lydney Park Run. Cllr Legg also commented that he had also received positive comments from his personal guests and the CEO was asked to convey Council’s thanks and appreciation to members of Groundstaff.

Action by – the CEO

17. **CEO’S REPORT**

A copy of the CEO’s report had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, the contents of which were duly noted (Appendix A). A report was then given on the following matters:-

Forest of Dean District Council (FODDC)

Members were informed that the CEO had attended a Clerks meeting on 12 May 2016 during which she had been advised that no work would be undertaken on the implementation of the Community Infrastructure Levy until such time as the Allocations Plan had passed inspection. It was noted that under the 20/20 initiative a number of smaller companies would be formed as a result of partnership working. The CEO also reported that Mr Peter Hibberd had left FODDC’s employ and that the Senior Management structure now consisted of Ms Sue Pangbourne, Mr Peter Williams and Mr Andy Barge.

Insurance

Members were informed of the requirement for Councillors over the age of 80 to complete and return a health declaration.

Health & Safety

Members were provided with a copy of the quarterly Summary of Accidents. Noted.

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8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT -

JUNE 2016

Opening Bank Balances as 1st April 2016

LLOYDS BANK - Current account	99,847.90	<u>2015/16 Commitments Brought Forward</u>
LLOYDS BANK - Lydney In Bloom - Current	560.74	£59,927.15
LLOYDS BANK - LGPS - Current	10.00	
LLOYDS BANK - NDP - Current	0.00	No longer in use
LLOYDS BANK - CED - Current	0.00	No longer in use
LLOYDS BANK - Youth Council - Current	0.00	Balance moved to Youth Council Earmarked Reserve

LLOYDS BANK - Earmarked Reserves:

S106	29,191.50	
Lydney War Memorial	1,597.00	
Play Areas (General)	8,000.00	
Cemetery	13,842.14	
Cemetery: Memorial Testing	5,000.00	
Cemetery: Additional Burial Space	5,000.00	
Election Costs	7,500.00	
The Tack	1,760.00	
Machinery	8,500.00	
Town Events	5,000.00	
NDP Earmarked	4,296.62	
EA Earmarked	5,000.00	
LGPS Provision	10,000.00	
	104,687.26	
LLOYDS BANK - General Reserve	158,483.74	263,171.00
		363,589.64

RECEIPTS

Receipts APRIL	287,564.88	<i>Includes LCTS + Precept 1 of 2</i>
Receipts MAY	12,916.68	See attached
Receipts JUNE		
Receipts JULY		
Receipts AUGUST		
Receipts SEPTEMBER		<i>due Precept 2 of 2</i>
Receipts OCTOBER		
Receipts NOVEMBER		
Receipts DECEMBER		
Receipts JANUARY		
Receipts FEBRUARY		
Receipts MARCH		
<i>Lydney In Bloom: Income banked to LIB current a/c</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>No recent transactions</i>
	Total Receipts YTD	300,481.56

PAYMENTS

Payments APRIL	5,513.74	
Payments MAY	99,455.67	
Payments JUNE	44,223.09	Detailed below
Payments JULY		
Payments AUGUST		
Payments SEPTEMBER		
Payments OCTOBER		
Payments NOVEMBER		
Payments DECEMBER		
Payments JANUARY		
Payments FEBRUARY		
Payments MARCH		
Payments PRIOR TO YEAR END		
<i>Lydney In Bloom: Cheque Payments to date from LIB a/c</i>	<i>440.00</i>	<i>Detailed below</i>
	Total Payments YTD	149,632.50
		514,438.70

Reconciled Bank Statements as at end

MAY 2016

Bank statements attached

LLOYDS BANK - Current account	211,090.75	
LLOYDS BANK - Lydney In Bloom - Current	120.74	
LLOYDS BANK - LGPS - Current	10.00	
LLOYDS BANK - NDP - Current	-	
LLOYDS BANK - CED - Current	-	
LLOYDS BANK - Youth Council - Current	-	Balance moved to Youth Council Earmarked Reserve
LLOYDS BANK - Earmarked Reserves:		
S106	29,191.50	
Lydney War Memorial	1,747.00	£150 added May-16
Play Areas (General)	12,000.00	£4,000 added May-16



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Cemetery	13,842.14		
Cemetery: St Mary's Churchyard/Wall	2,500.00		<i>£2,500 added May-16</i>
Cemetery: Memorial Testing	12,800.00		<i>£5,000 added 14.4.16 / £2,800 added May-16</i>
Cemetery: Additional Burial Space	12,500.00		<i>£5,000 added 14.4.16 / £2,500 added May-16</i>
Election Costs	12,500.00		<i>£5,000 added May-16</i>
The Tack	1,760.00		
Machinery	14,741.22		<i>£2,500 added 14.4.16 & £3,741.22 added May-16</i>
Town Events	5,000.00		
Corporate Earmarked	4,296.62		
EA Earmarked	0.00		<i>Prepayment transferred to Current a/c 14.4.16</i>
Youth Council Reserve	885.96		<i>Balance from Youth Council Current a/c</i>
LGPS Provision	10,000.00		
LCTS	5,286.00		<i>£5,286 added May-16</i>
The Tack	1,950.23		<i>£1,950.23 added May-16</i>
Young Person's Award	250.00		<i>£250 added May-16</i>
Christmas	2,376.00		<i>£2,376 added May-16</i>
Building Maintenance	720.00	144,346.67	<i>£720 added May-16</i>
LLOYDS BANK - General Reserve		158,870.54	303,217.21
Bank Balances as at: 31-May-16		514,438.70	£0.00 check

JUNE PAYMENTS

<u>Payments made by Direct Debit/Standing Order</u>	<u>Chq. No</u>	<u>Description/Spending Power:</u>
Npower (CCTV) H3200002	11.05.16 236.81 Annual DD	CCTV
ATOS Fuel Genie	13.05.16 319.69 Mthly DD	Fuel
Forest Equipment Services: Gen/Docks	20.05.16 769.18 Mthly STO	Litterpicking: General & Docks
Forest Equipment Services: Cemetery	20.05.16 80.98 Mthly STO	Litterpicking: Cemetery
Forest Equipment Services: Dog Bins	20.05.16 46.68 Mthly STO	Litterpicking: Dog bins
EE & T-Mobile	13.05.16 13.20 Mthly DD	Telephone
FoDDC Business Rates: Cemetery & Premises	23.05.16 63.00 Mthly DD	FoDDC Rates
BNP Paribas (Fr Mach: V0011523) - 23.5.16 - 22.8.16	23.05.16 126.00 Qtrly DD	Establishment Charges
Cablestream Ltd	23.05.16 157.39 Mthly DD	Telephone
Dean Truck Repairs	31.05.16 234.00 Mthly STO	Van Hire
Direct Debits: Sub total	2,046.93	

Interim Payments made in advance of meeting:

Expenses	28.60	8312	Ad hoc	Civic Expenses
Expenses	223.75	8313	Ad hoc	2015/16 B'fwd
K J Toombs	480.00	8314	Ad hoc	Legal Fees
National Housing Federation	50.00	8315	Ad hoc	Councillor Training
Interim Payments: Sub total	782.35			

Payments for approval at meeting held on: 13th June 2016

Corporate: Payroll	13,218.55	BACS	Monthly	June
Corporate: HMRC	4,221.55	BACS	Monthly	June
Corporate: Glos LGPS	5,406.92	BACS	Monthly	June
Avoncrop Amenity Products Limited	74.40	8316	Ad hoc	Weeds
Columbaria Company	84.00	8317	Ad hoc	Cemetery
Dean Mowers Ltd	119.60	8318	Ad hoc	Machinery
Furniture at Work	162.00	8319	Ad hoc	Stationery
Light Fantastic DIY Ltd	539.50	8320	Monthly	Allotments
Neil Garner (Your Website2)	400.00	8321	Annual	Website Maintenance
Oakey & Son Electrical Services	240.00	8322	Ad hoc	2015/16 B'fwd / IT Equipment
PB Safety	61.68	8323	Ad hoc	PPE
Petty Cash	66.44	8324	Monthly	Estab Chgs, Mtg Costs, Telephone, PPE
Bathurst Park & Recreation Trust	1,466.32	8325	Quarterly	VAT repaid re Jan-Mar
Lydney Recreation Trust	2,896.13	8326	Quarterly	VAT repaid re Jan-Mar
Expenses	16.29	8327	Ad hoc	Training
Tate Computer Technology Ltd	787.20	8327	Annual	2015/16 B'fwd / IT Maintenance / Equipment
Coinros Park Nurseries	714.60	8329	Annual	Floral
Network Connections Ltd	3,986.64	8330	Ad hoc	2015/16 B'fwd
PB Safety	58.55	8331	Ad hoc	PPE
TrunkArb Tree Surgery Ltd	150.00	8332	Annual	Trees



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WPS Insurance	5,458.07	8333	Annual	Insurance
WPS Insurance	545.11	8334	Annual	Vehicle Insurance
WPS Insurance	720.26	8335	Annual	Insurance
Payments for approval: Sub total	41,393.81			
TOTAL PAYMENTS JUNE	44,223.09			

LYDNEY IN BLOOM:

Interim Payments made in advance of meeting:

none

Total LIB Payments	0.00
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A list of unpresented Cheques (For Information only)

LTHT	33.00	8298
Expenses	- 28.60	8312
Expenses	- 223.75	8313
K J Toombs	- 480.00	8314
Total	- 699.35	

A list of Lydney In Bloom Unpresented Cheques (For Information only)

Mr T Cackett	84.50	LIB 012
Total	84.50	

Members were reminded that any budget residue left at the end of the 2015-2016 financial year had been transferred into earmarked reserves and were shown as such on the payment schedule. Members were advised that further transfers which may be undertaken would be tabled at the next Full Council meeting.

Monthly Payment Schedule

Receipt of the monthly payment schedule (Month 3) was **proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Biddle**. Unanimous.

Approval of the payments therefrom **proposed by Cllr Preest, seconded by Cllr Harris**. Unanimous.

Lydney Town Council Debit Card

Members were provided with a list of payments which had been made utilising the Council's debit card (shown below). Members were informed that they would be presented with an updated sheet each time the Council's debit card was used.

<u>Date of Transaction</u>	<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Details of Purchase</u>	<u>Amount of Expenditure</u>	<u>Name of LTC Employee placing order</u>
1.6.16	The Original Factory Shop	2 x Salisbury Gazebos 2 x 6' Folding Tables (BPRT mins of 31 May 2016 refer)	£184.99 (inc delivery)	Carol Wheeler
13.6.16	Tesco	2 x £25.00 itunes vouchers for retiring Mayor's Cadet, Sgt Natalie Insall	£40.00 (vouchers had 20% off)	Jayne Smailes

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Young Persons Award

It was **proposed by Cllr Ives, seconded by Cllr Legg**, that the Young Persons Award would be reduced to £200.00 thereby allowing a gift of £50.00 to be awarded to the retiring Mayor's Cadet. Unanimous.

9. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Members were asked to appoint representatives to the following organisations:

Gloucestershire Chartered Parish Group

After a short discussion it was unanimously agreed that as Cllr Ives was required to attend such meetings through his employment, he would report any items of interest back to the Town Council.

Gloucestershire Market Towns Forum

It was **proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Ives**, that Cllr Pearman would represent the Council on the Board. Unanimous.

10. THE TACK

Cllr Street advised that a proof of the information board had been forwarded to Lydney Park Estate which was now awaiting approval. Cllr Street reported that the Estate had also asked him to waymark FAY42 which he had undertaken.

11. CYCLE PATH

Lydney Revolutions

Cllr Street advised that the Amey Project Manager had confirmed that an environmental assessment had been completed which had not identified any issues. The project would now be considered by Gloucestershire Highways for funding in October.

Parkend to Lydney Cycle Route

Prior to the meeting Members were provided with copies of the project notes which had been supplied by Forest of Dean District Council, together with a draft job description for which contributions would be sought from a number of Parish and Town Councils as Forest of Dean District Council did not possess Officer resource in order to progress the project. Cllr Pearman drew attention to the fact that the project notes claimed that Lydney Revolutions required the project to succeed, which was incorrect as Lydney Revolutions was a stand-alone project.

Cllr Pearman felt that the effectiveness of the appointed Project Manager was a crucial element of the role and highlighted the work which had been undertaken by the Town Council's Community Project Administrator, however, it was stressed that a commitment to fund the post would need to be forthcoming from other Parish and Town Councils. Cllr Street spoke in support of Cllr Pearman's comments. Responding to a question raised by Cllr Preest, the CEO advised that the £55,000 capital revenue which had been identified by Forest of Dean District Council had been imparted during the Clerk's meeting, during which the Head of Paid Service had stressed that the only way the project would progress would be to secure funding.

During discussion Cllr Preest stated that he would contact the Leader of Forest of Dean District Council to establish who had made the decision regarding manpower/funding. Cllr Preest also reminded Members that Gloucestershire County Council had formed a cross-party cycling group, of which he was a member, and gave a commitment to draw attention to the

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project within the Group.

Cllr Pearman highlighted a discrepancy in the Forest of Dean District Council's report whereby it said that Officer resource for the project would be funded by Forest of Dean District Council and the Forestry Commission, and he called for clarification to be provided on the matter as it now appeared that this was incorrect.

After a short further discussion it was **proposed by Cllr Pearman, seconded by Cllr Harris**, that the Council would invite interested Parish and Town Council's and representatives from Forest of Dean District Council to attend a meeting in order that investigations could commence as to how the project could be facilitated. Vote carried with one abstention.

Action by – the CEO

12. FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Forest Routes – E-mail from Anna-Marie Daniels, Community Transport Partnership Co-ordinator providing a copy of the latest edition of the Forest Routes Newsletter
- Forest of Dean District Council – E-mail from Wendy Jackson, advising that on 17 May 2016 the Lydney Harbour Swing Bridge was lifted out of position and transferred to Mabey Bridge yard for initial inspection.
- Fields in Trust – Letter outlining the introduction of “The Centenary Fields Programme”.
- Newland Parish Council – E-mail from Richard S Crighton, Clerk advising that a report had been jointly commissioned by Newland and St Briavels Parish Councils to assess the validity of the assertions made by Breedon Aggregates England Ltd relating to noise and dust in their planning application.
- Oakdale Resident – Letter complaining about the lack of access to high speed Fibre Broadband. **Cllr Greenwood to be requested to formulate a reply on behalf of the Council.**
- Severnbanks Primary School – Five letters from pupils voicing concerns over issues in the Town which they feel require addressing. **CEO to contact the School to ascertain if they would be agreeable for designated representatives from the Council and Gloucestershire Constabulary to attend an assembly.**
- Forest of Dean District Council – E-mail from Tess Tremlett, Community Engagement Manager, Environmental Services, providing an electronic version of the County Resilience Forum – Are You Ready booklet.
- Gloucestershire Market Towns Forum – Invitation received to attend the Forum Networking Event and AGM on 7 July 2016 in The Watson Hal, 65 Barton Street, Tewkesbury, Glos, GL20 5PX from 4.30 pm. **Cllr Pearman to attend on behalf of the Council.**
- Gloucestershire County Council – E-mail advising that said Authority were planning to re-invest an additional £1m into the road network.
- BMJ International Ltd – E-mail from Kevan Spencer, Managing Director, inviting the Council to appoint a representative to the charitable company (Yorkley Court Farm Community Fund Ltd (or similar)) which was being formed to allocate funds to worthy community causes in the area around Yorkley Court Farm. **Proposed by Cllr Preest, seconded by Cllr Ives, that Cllr Pearman would be appointed as the Council's representative. Unanimous.**

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13. COMMITTEE & OTHER REPORTS

Amenities Committee

Members noted that the draft minutes of the last meeting were available from the Town Council's website/hard copy in Public Minute Books.

Burial Committee

Members noted that the draft minutes of the last meeting were available from the Town Council's website/hard copy in Public Minute Books.

Planning & Highway Committee

Members noted that the draft minutes of the last meeting were available from the Town Council's website/hard copy in Public Minute Books.

Finance & Scrutiny Committee

Members noted that the draft minutes of the last meeting were available from the Town Council's website/hard copy in Public Minute Books.

Members were advised of the intention to hold a Working Party meeting in order to review/specifically "tailor" Lydney Town Council's Governing Documents/Code of Conduct etc. It was agreed that an invitation would be e-mailed to all Councillors to attend.

Action by – the CEO

Personnel Committee

Members noted that the approved minutes of the last meeting were available from the Town Council's website/hard copy in Public Minute Books.

Members were informed that it had been necessary to re-advertise the Finance Assistant's vacancy.

CED Steering Group

Cllr Pearman advised that a further meeting would take place on 14 June 2016 at J D Norman in order to consider the reports submitted by each Working Party and to also determine the structure of the Group going forward.

Members were also informed that investigatory work had been undertaken on the provision of a Real Towns Tour App, but it had been felt to be too expensive. However, the Council had received an offer for the App to be provided free of charge for the first year (due to the work which had been undertaken on the Heritage Walk), with a £500 per year charge being levied for upgrades. It was also noted that the App could attract business advertising and may provide an income stream; the App could also be linked to Lydney Town Council's website.

After a short discussion it was **proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Ives**, that the Council would accept the offer and that Delegated Powers would be bestowed on the CEO to progress the matter. Unanimous.

Action by – the CEO

Education

Following the presentation which had been received earlier in the meeting, Cllr Ives reminded Members that historically the Council had facilitated a Youth Council and highlighted that difficulties had been experienced in gaining and retaining youth membership/lack of attendance/control of social media, etc.



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Cllr Ives suggested that the Council should engage with youths via a different process (a Youth Engagement Forum) and gave a commitment to e-mail representatives in order to ascertain if they wished to raise any issues; if issues were raised the representative would be duly invited to attend a Council meeting. It was noted that The Dean Academy were supportive of the initiative.

During a short discussion Members felt that Cllr Ives's suggestion provided a better way to engage with youths. Accordingly, it was **proposed by Cllr Berryman** that a Youth Engagement Forum would be operated, as per Cllr Ives's suggestion. Unanimous.

Action by – Cllr Ives

Community Safety Partnership

Prior to the meeting Members were provided with a copy of the Information Sharing Agreement which had been provided by Forest of Dean District Council and Members were asked to consider if they wished to instruct the CEO to forward the Agreement to the Council's representative for signature. It was **proposed by Cllr Ives, seconded by Cllr Pearman**, that Delegated Powers would be bestowed on the CEO to address. Unanimous.

Action by – the CEO

Chartered Parishes Group

No meeting had taken place since the last meeting

Forest of Dean Health Forum

No report due to Cllr Pugh's absence.

14. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

No report was received despite the CEO's requests.

15. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Members were provided with a copy of the report submitted by County Cllr Preest.

County Cllr Preest advised that during the Leaders Group meeting a strong appetite had been shown for re-invigorating Gloucestershire's devolution bid and that work had commenced accordingly.

County Cllr Preest also advised that applications from the Children's Activity Fund had been awarded to Lydney Hockey Club (£750), Lydney Cricket Club (£750), Taekwondo (£1,000) and Lydney Rugby Club (£1,500). County Cllr Preest also advised that he had secured £3,500 for the provision of a bus shelter in Bream Road.

16. **COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Ives reminded all present that a Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust Working Party would take place in the Council Chamber on 20 June 2016 in order to formulate a Five Year Plan and discuss future events in 2017. Cllr Ives also invited his fellow Councillors to join him in the Park on the weekend to conduct public questionnaires on the use of the Park. Cllr Ives also expressed disappointment over the lack of attendance at Town Council meetings by the Town's District Councillors (excluding District Cllrs Harris and Preest) and questioned if Lydney Town Council could encourage/report on their attendance. It was noted that District Councillors were invited to attend meetings on a monthly basis. Following a request by Cllr Ives, the Mayor agreed to issue a Press Statement regarding District Councillors attendance rates and their involvement in local issues.

Action by – Cllr Berryman

