St. Austell Town Council Youth Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 22nd September 2026 T 3.30PM at The House, Carlyon Road, St. Austell.

Present: ZW, CG, AOD, CC

Apologies for absence
None.

YC/26/27) Minutes of the meeting on 14th July 2026
Alanna's initials are incorrect and CG is incorrect. Alanna's name is also wrong. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to accept the minutes of the last meeting.

YC/26/28) Matters arising not covered in the agenda
None.

YC/26/29) Library Manager presentation
Under 16s need parental consent to join. People can come and join with a parental note and you can borrow 18 items. Homework can be copied free of charge (up to five sheets) and there is an online service including downloading audio services.
Q. How many people of school age attend? There are 300 people a day who come in and teens are harder to reach, so the Library Manager is not sure.
A creative writing group for young people would be popular. A youth group at the library would also be popular. People can have 45 minutes on a computer but this can be easily extended. Not much out of school usage. YC believes that more can be done to make schools aware of the Library and what it can offer. YC would like to start the next meeting at the Library and then walk back to the House. Cllr Preece thanked the Library Manager for coming to see the Council. She will contact a Cornwall Council representative to see if he can attend when the Council is at the Library. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that MM write to the Library Manager to ask her to investigate a creative writing club.

YC/26/30) Update after the summer
MM updated the council:
Wildflowers: These have been purchased and will be planted at the right time.
Goal posts: These have arrived and will be put in Poltair Park in the coming weeks.
Bug hotels: These have arrived and are ready.
Treverbyn: MM has written to the Prish Clerk asking about play equipment.

YC/26/31) Your summer update
There were none.

YC/26/32) Bug hotels
As YC/26/30).

YC/26/33) Feedback from School Parliaments
7/57 **only** attended the last meeting. Charity proposals were discussed.

YC/26/34) Matters for School Parliaments
MM to write and ask for a slot for the Youth Council at the next School Parliament nxt meeting. Youth Councillors agreed.

YC/26/35) Any Other Business
There was none.

YC/26/36) Election of vice-chair for next meeting
This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

YC/26/37) Confirmation of next meeting date
Tuesday 13th October STARTING AT THE LIBRARY.

YC/26/38) Email addresses and communicating with the Council
Each Youth Councilor present has given emails already.