

**Sherborne Youth Town Council Meeting
12.30 to 1.30 on Thursday 6th June 2024
Sherborne Abbey Primary School**

Those Present

All schools were represented at the meeting apart from Sherborne School.

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting dated 07 March 2024 were agreed as correct.

Town of Culture 2025

A bid is currently being prepared by the Town Council to submit to the Arts Development Company later this month. Sherborne has been shortlisted to the final two bids to become Town of Culture for 2025. The Youth Town Council discussed the bid and suggested the potential inclusion of a lighting town trail project for inclusion in the final submission. An Open Public Meeting has been scheduled for later this month to discuss the submission further before it is submitted to the Arts Development Company for consideration. The Town Council have allocated £30,000 towards this initiative, and if successful, Dorset Council would also provide £30,000 match funding. The outcome and decision on the winning town will be announced towards the end of July 2024.

Dorset Council Youth Grant Funding

There is an opportunity to apply for grant funding from Dorset Council. The Town Clerk will submit a grant funding application towards community leadership training for local young people prior to the deadline later this month.

Mayors Reception

An invitation from the Mayor of Sherborne was extended to anyone associated with the Youth Town Council for the forthcoming Mayors Reception which takes place at 7pm on Monday, 10th June at the Digby Hall, Hound Street.

Sherborne Sustainability Award

Sherborne has been named Sustainability Town of the Year 2024 and ideas are currently being sought for local sustainable projects or initiatives for the town. The Town Council have received £15000 spending money towards this project.

Sherborne in Bloom

It is hoped that Sherborne in Bloom will be relaunched later this year and young people may form an important part of the future of this group.

Summary of the Year

A summary of the year was provided, and the young people were thanked for their excellent contributions during their year in office as Youth Town Councillors.