

**Youth Town Council Meeting
Thursday, 23rd April 2026
Gryphon School**

Welcome and opening remarks

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and thanked for their attendance.

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Sherborne Boys and Girls School.

Minutes of previous meeting.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Trail Tale project

A proposed interactive route throughout the town is being developed, which can be accessed via mobile devices. One of the objectives is to incorporate a youth and family element into this initiative, which has been discussed with the company.

It is important to note that there will be associated costs, the cost for each page will be £125 plus VAT, and this expenditure would be drawn from the YTC budget.

Various themes suggested were fairies, transformers, and other engaging concepts that can be explored on any given day. Different themes could be explored, such as a park near Sainsbury's, Purlieu Meadow, and Tinneys Lane, each featuring various activities. It could include interactive lights that light up when jumped on, along with geo catchers located on the outskirts of Sherborne Castle, in Pageant Gardens, and in the Paddock. Additionally, we can incorporate interactive elements like a scavenger hunt, with ten points along the trail. STC could collaborate to create interactions with creatures and determine what additional themes to include. Possible themes could be based on sea creatures or Transformers. There could even be a guide, such as a character from the time app, to enhance the experience. Seasonal themes could also be integrated: for example, winter could feature a snowman, while summer might include a talking flower. To improve visibility during winter, LED lights could be used to illuminate the pathways.

Dorset Youth Fund

An application to this fund is being considered. The closing date is the 20th May 2026.

Signage Project

Skate Park - Reverend Jim Edie attended the meeting to discuss the Dream Scheme project. About 20 years ago, students and members of St Paul's Church worked together to create this project. The Youth Council is interested in the Skate Park. Each summer, the church runs a project to support the community. The Youth Town Council is invited to work together to improve and tidy up the skate park. In Summer 2027, the goal is to get young people involved.

Improvements are needed, one of the ideas was to have a graffiti art theme, making the area more bike-friendly with a pump track. Additionally, adding signs which could create a more welcoming environment.
Litter clean up, make it dog friendly.

Any other business

Street bollards project is in progress, and it is hoped the two bollards at the top of Cheap Street will be decorated during the Summer months.

It is hoped that a Community Litter Pick will be arranged for later in the summer involving all located educational settings.