KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Notes of the Youth Service Committee meeting held on Thursday 5th November 2026 at 3.00 p.m. in the Town Council Office

PRESENT: Councillor Andy Wait.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dawn Drury (Town Clerk), Ella Bower (Senior Youth Worker) and Cllr Andy Halliday (substitute for Cllr Cooper).

This meeting was not quorate so only notes were taken.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Brennan, Alex Beaumont, Burton and Cooper.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

4. RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday 24th June 2026 were deferred for signature at the next meeting of this Committee which will be in mid-January 2027.

5. UPDATE FROM KEYNSHAMNOW

The following update from KeynshamNow was given:

KeynshamNow have had a good year, and it has been well attended.

The following are the activities that have taken place since the last meeting of this Committee in June: -

- A visit of KeynshamNow members was made to TimeOut Youth Club and it is good to have a connection between the two organisations.
- Elections of KeynshamNow Committee members took place in September. They have 10 officer posts including an Ambassador for both Wellsway and Broadland Schools and they had 21 young people attend.
- They have had a discussion on anti -social behaviour and one member reported that the Wellsway Equalities Group (this Group discussed matters such as bullying and LGBTQ issues) was no longer meeting and they will approach Rob

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Pearsall (Headteacher) and ask if the Group can be reinstated. There was also a similar group at Broadlands (this is no longer functioning). Broadlands will be contacted to reinstate their Committee too.

- Numbers of attendees dropped off recently, but this may be due to Halloween and Fireworks evenings.
- The Youth Council will have a presence at the Winter Festival and will be holding a children's and adult photograph competition (guess the location).
- More litters picks have taken place.

Further reporting can be found in recent Town Council minutes.

6. REVIEW OF KEYNSHAMNOW PRACTICES

This matter will be deferred to the next meeting of the Youth Service Committee.

7. YOUTH SERVICE UPDATE

a) Update on the Centre – facilities and resources.

- The Centre is much busier again now that it's colder.
- TimeOut needs a new oven, and the lift needs fixing but other than that the Centre is all in working order.
- The Centre is still being used to its full extent -table tennis table, pool table, kitchen and music studio.

b) Update on Tuesday evening sessions & any joint working with outside agencies/organisations since 24th June 2026.

- Outreach is going well, we are alternating timings each week as the young people seemed to catch on to the times Youth Staff were out. Youth Staff primarily stay around the High Street, the Park and Tesco car park as this is where the Youth Staff are finding most young people.

  The last few outreach sessions Youth Staff have only come across max. 4 young people, they seem to be staying in now that it's colder.

- The Youth Support Worker has been communicating a lot with the Police Team, BANES Child Exploitation Team and local shops due to the ASB happening in town. The Willow Team are planning on joining us for a few outreach sessions in the coming months.
- The Youth Support Worker attended the Youth Guarantee Roadshow organised by Youth Trailblazer on the 9th July and the Youth Service now have some young people, who are NEET attending sessions.

c) Update on all activities that have been provided at the TimeOut Youth Centre between 24th June and 5 November 2026 including details of any workshops.

- Maggie (volunteer) is still cooking every Wednesday with one cultural evening a month.
- Hosted a stall at Keynsham Music Festival where young people contributed to two big art work canvas' that are now up on the walls in the centre.
- Completed and sold some cookbooks at the Music Festival.
- Visited Broadlands and Wellsway (Wellsway have been putting the TimeOut flyer in their weekly newsletter which has resulted in a lot of new young people joining).
- Worked with Fairshare throughout the summer using our HAF grant to provide young people with fresh food.
- Had three organised visits from researchers at the University of Bath encouraging our young people to take part in research opportunities.
- Had a filmmaker come in and run a filmmaking workshop.
- The Scouts came down and participated in a session.
- Mosaic picture making workshop/activity.
- Nick Olas (Street Artist) came into a Wednesday session and did a new window graffiti display with our young people.
- Laura is now running a dungeons and dragons group with our young people every Wednesday.
- Slime activity.
- Candle making workshop/activity.
- Bracelet and necklace making workshop/activity.
- Burger float making (made lots of different combinations of mini burgers and rating them).
- Airdry clay moulding.
- Table Tennis tournament.
- Baking something new every Friday (Rice Krispie bites, Brownies, Victoria Sponge, Flapjacks, Muffins).
- Four comic book making workshops were held.
- The Centre has a new arcade Pac Man set-up which is being used a lot.
- James (Youth Worker) has been running music workshops in the music studio and the Club has a new band who practice in there on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

d) Update on Centre activities and workshops to be held from 5th November 2026.

- 3 more comic book workshops are to be held.
- Glow in the dark painting workshop.
- Cookie making/decorating competition.

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- Mosaic Canvas making.
- Lantern making workshop.
- Christmas dinners.
- Christmas cracker making.
- French cultural evening.
- Cinema evening.
- Working with Creatopia in the new year to run a series of different workshops (printmaking, felt-making, collage and water marbling).
- Continuation of our D&D group meeting on a Wednesday.
- Clothes personalisation session (run by Ibby – Youth Worker).

e) Update on the sessions:

- Tuesday night – 6 – 8 p.m. – Ella, Megan, Amelie (occasionally Harry our sports coach)
- Wednesday night - 6 – 8 p.m. – Ibby, Andrew, Laura, Tyla and Maggie
- Thursday night - 6 – 8 p.m. – Ella, Kate, Teri, James, Amelie and Laura
- Friday evening – 4 – 6 p.m. – Ella, Teri, Rosie, Megan, James, Amelie, Laura and Tyla

Note: Andrew, Amelie and Laura are regular volunteers

Other volunteers - Ollie has just got his DBS.

Harry is TimeOut's paid Sports Coach

f) Update on any funding applications submitted or to be submitted.

- Currently TimeOut are still using the Quartet Grant for sports coach on outreach sessions and looking into the potential replacement of the table football upstairs with the remainder of the grant. We have until the end of the month to use it.
- TimeOut are waiting for an update on the remainder of the HAF grant

g) Update on financial matters in relation to the running of the Club, including use of petty cash and volunteer cooking sessions.

- TimeOut is remaining within/under our monthly budget.
- Maggie is still being reimbursed for any money spent on cooking items for her volunteer cooking sessions.

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h) Update on staffing, including training undertaken, including an update on the contracted Sports Coach (explaining the need for payment of administration costs and provision of supervision).

- Trainings that have been assigned and either completed or still being undertaken.
- Autism Awareness Course.
- Child Mental Health Training.
- Challenging Behaviour Training.
- LGBTQ+ Awareness Training.
- Sports Coach is still being paid out of the Quartet Grant and has been supporting on outreach recently.
- TimeOut have had two new volunteers start, one is doing their University placement with us.

i) Update on Music Studio, one to one music sessions and gigs.

- Music studio is still used every session.
- Currently, there are no one to one music sessions taking place.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:
To note that a date is to be arranged by Doodle poll for a meeting in mid January 2027.

The meeting finished at 3.30 pm.

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