

Minutes

7th October 2026

1. **Register:** Andy, George, Molly, Ollie F, Sophie, Dani, Isabel, Harry, Rafi, Alice, Matilda, Isla, Nia, Kaia, Issy, Ollie, Nellie, Lily, Hannah, William, Audrey, Charlotte
2. **Apologies** Rhys, Leighton, Daisy, Amelie G, Amelie B, Jasmine, Ava.
3. **Welcome and Introductions:** Welcome to Harry, Matilda, Isla, William, Audrey, Charlotte
4. **Update email addresses and membership of WhatsApp Group** Done
5. **Earned a sweatshirt** for Lily, Ollie, and Kaia to be given hoodies at the next meeting.
6. **Minutes and Matters arising from the September Meeting** none.
7. **Dark streets in Keynsham.** Matilda has raised the alleyway next to the Guides/Scout hut.
8. **New Issues from Young People.** Alice brought up issues around a world book day display showing an AI images of Harry Potter which has not been brought down. **ACTION: Sophie to talk to teachers about the display.** Ollie has brought awareness to Southside and suggested we raise money for it. Discussed issues surrounding the new Wellsway Uniform.
9. **Westminster Trip Report** (Amelie) No response from Andy Burnham yet. Ideas about other trip ideas such as the Welsh Parliament and Shepton Mallet Prison. **ACTION: Rafi to research Welsh Parliament trip.**
10. **Links to Chippenham Youth Council** (Caitlin) Difficulty organising time to meet. Caitlin suggests writing letters to them. **ACTION: Izzy to write a physical letter to the youth council and send to Caitlin and Andy for checking.**
11. **Report back on September Town Council Meeting.** Andy discussed pollution of rivers and how local councils have signed a charter protecting rivers. New zebra crossing speed bump outside St Keyna. New roads being built by Queen's Road, names to be decided.
12. **Report back on two Assemblies at Wellsway and one at Broadlands** Feedback: finding more ways to engage students, getting young people from the school to speak at the assembly.
13. **What are our plans for the Winter Festival on November 28th** Ideas such as crafts for different ages, redoing the photo guessing activity (using two sets of photos). **ACTION: Members send photos of Keynsham, both obvious and difficult, to group chat. PORTRAIT VIEW AND RECORD LOCATION OF PHOTO.**
14. **Important Public Meetings in the near future on October 12th and 19th.**
15. **Monarchy Debate:** Sophie and Issy against **Ollie F (sub for Rhys)** and **Lily for.**? Charlotte, Isla, Matilda, Lily subbed in for Rhys. Congratulations to **against** team who won the debate.
16. **Update from the Subcommittee on Teviot Park,** Next meeting 14th October at 4.30pm
17. **October litter pick?** Litter pick at Avon Mill Lane at 10-11am on 18th October. **ACTION: Members to say if they will be attending on the group chat poll.**
18. **Recruitment of New Members:** no action
19. **KeynshamNow Homework and Future Topics** - Preparations for Life, Applying for jobs (interview technique etc), Insurance and Banking. Alternative Voting Systems: Deferred
20. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday 4th November 2026 at 5.30pm, in The Space