



Banwell Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE (YCC) COMMITTEE HELD AT THE YCC, WEST STREET, BANWELL AT 7:30pm ON MONDAY 11th MAY 2026

Present: Cllrs Andrew Base, Mike Bailey (Chairman), Paul Harding (Vice-Chairman), Kelly Smith & Matthew Thomson.

In attendance: Liz Shayler (Clerk)

15/26 To receive apologies for absence: (agenda Item 1)

Apologies were received from Cllr Wright.

16/26 To receive members' declarations of interest on any agenda item (agenda Item 2).

No interests were declared.

17/26 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Youth and Community Centre Committee minutes from the 2nd of February 2026 (agenda Item 3)

Resolved: To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the YCC Committee meeting from the 2nd of February 2026.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

The minutes of the meeting were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

18/26 To note the YMCA Dulverton report on the current Youth Club (agenda Item 4)

The report was noted.

19/26 To complete the YMCA Dulverton appraisal process (agenda Item 5)

Resolved: That the YMCA Dulverton appraisal process was completed at the meeting, resulting in a satisfactory outcome, with Cllr Smith to undertake an unannounced visit.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous).

20/26 To receive the Officer's report/Exchange of information (agenda Item 6)

i) Boundary Fence

The spikes have now been removed where they could be accessed. This work was completed by the handyman at a cost of just under £300.

ii) YCC Hedges

The hedging whips have now been planted. Ward Tree Surgeons have agreed to provide wood chippings to place around the base of the hedging. This will help suppress weed growth, improve water retention during dry periods, and provide additional protection while the plants establish. It is hoped that the wood chippings will be delivered ready for the spring clean so that volunteers can assist with spreading them.

iii) £1500 Winscombe Parish Council Grant

We received the annual donation of £1500 from Winscombe Parish Council towards the operating costs of the Youth and Community Centre.

21/26 To agree a budget of up to £400 to purchase water butts and watering cans for the Youth and Community Centre (agenda Item 7).

Resolved: To agree a budget of up to £400 to purchase waters butts and watering cans for the Youth and Community Centre.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

22/26 To discuss the 2026 summer provision suggested costs and agree a way forward (agenda Item 8).

Resolved: To agree, in principle, that the proposed summer youth programme should proceed, with external grant funding to be applied for where available. Delegated authority was granted to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair of the Youth & Community Centre Committee, to confirm and implement the final programme arrangements in sufficient time for the summer holiday period.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

23/26 To receive the feasibility report from ARUP and agree a way forward (agenda Item 9).

Resolved: That the Committee receives and notes the ARUP Feasibility Report and agrees that the Clerk be authorised to investigate options and obtain indicative costs for further assessment work relating to heating performance, air leakage, building fabric performance, and acoustic improvements to the main hall at the Youth & Community Centre, and report back to the Committee with recommendations. Also, that the Clerk reopens discussions with Wessex Water regarding restrictions, easements, and permitted uses relating to the external land surrounding the Youth & Community Centre.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous).

24/26 To note the Youth and Community Centre and Youth Club budgets (agenda Item 10).

The Youth and Community Centre and Youth Club budgets were noted.

25/26 Date of Next Meeting (agenda item 11)

Youth & Community Centre (YCC) Committee Meeting at Banwell YCC on August 3rd, 2026.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

YMCA –REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

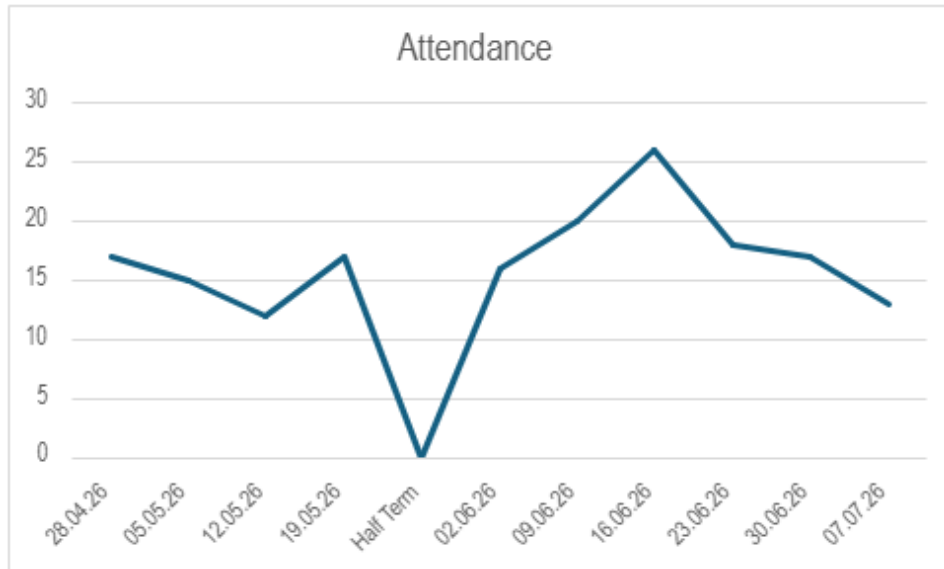
Period under review 1st January to the 30th April 2026

- 1 Are all contracted sessions being held? **Yes** / No where possible
Comments...
- 2 Are the numbers attending increasing? Yes / **No** / NA
Comments ... Currently between 15 and 24 (slightly lower than last term).
- 3 Is a comprehensive range of activities being organised? **Yes** / No / NA
Comments... Yes, see report and summer holiday activities proposed.
- 4 Are YMCA demonstrating a degree of flexibility in the activities provided to meet users' needs (e.g. weekend or holiday activities)? **Yes** / No
Comments.... Summer holidays activities proposed.
- 5 YMCA arranging activities outside of the village? **Yes** / No / NA
Comments... All summer holidays activities proposed outside of the village.
- 6 Are YMCA seeking other sources of funding for Youth Club activities? Yes / **No** / NA
Comments – Suggestion that PC applies for funding for Summer Holiday Activities.
- 7 Is any feedback from users/parents positive? Yes / No / **NA**
Comments – None received.
- 8 Have any complaints been received about the service? Yes / **No**
Comments...
- 9 Have there been any behavioural issues at the Youth Club including damage? Yes / **No** / NA
Comments.... None reported.
10. Have any unannounced visits been made by Committee members since the review? Yes/**No**
Comments...
11. Any other comments: None at this time.
12. Conclusion – **Satisfactory** / Unsatisfactory
13. Action points for YMCA
 - To ensure that Tuck and Subs are being banked correctly at least every half term.
 - To arrange meeting with Clerk to discuss Summer Holiday Provision.
14. Action points for Youth Club Management Committee.
 - Officers to investigate external funding.
 - Cllr Smith to undertake unannounced visit

Banwell Youth Group

April-July '26 Report

Attendance



We've had varied numbers attending in the summer months, this is often the case at this time of year due to various school trips and events that are happening, but we look forward to hearing about these various events from the young people as they return to youth club the following weeks. We have seen 62 individual young people over the course of the year, with about 30 individuals regularly attending throughout the year.

We are excited for the potential growth in September when a new cohort will be old enough to attend which will include some siblings of current members. Whilst we hope to build on this growth, we are also keen to ensure that no one feels like they aren't getting the support they need so will consider how we facilitate the integration of the new members with the old to ensure we don't have youth club of many groups.

What we have been up to the last few months?

We've been able to spend most of this term outside where the young people really thrive. We've enjoyed games of football, basketball and water fights as well as sitting together outside to chat. We continue to have indoor activities available; table tennis and the Xbox are always popular, and we make sure there is a varying craft each week alongside the other resources.

We have done an array of different activities over the months including:

- Football & Basketball
- Mental Health Sessions
- Water fights
- Loom Bands
- Baking

We have also been on our first trip of the summer. We went to Brean Theme Park on the 24th July and the young people had a great time on the rides and games; the trip provided the young people an opportunity to deepen relationships and build confidence as they were given a measure of independence to explore the site in pairs.

We have also seen a young person from the Banwell Youth Club choose to complete their work experience with us. This was really encouraging and showed us that the young people feel comfortable with us and the young person in question saw some of the work that goes into running a youth club and was quick to share with their peers about what we do behind the scenes. This was really encouraging for the team as the whole youth club showed appreciation for what we do.

Behaviour

The young people's behaviour remains consistently good, with pockets of silliness spilling over into unsuitable behaviour in the space. We have seen a few instances of what might be described typical teenage behaviour involving moodiness or grumpiness when not getting their own way often accompanied by a refusal to engage in constructive conversation or activity. This is being managed by maintaining the boundaries and advising young people that they need to engage appropriately with staff and one another or they will be asked to leave. The majority of times the young people then engage meaningfully in finding a solution and we are creating spaces where young people can retreat to calm down and reregulate before being expected to contribute to the team, activity or conversation they were previously part of.

Communication

We continue to make sure we are available to the young people if they need to talk to an adult. As we maintain positive relationships with the young people that have gained the confidence to speak to us at youth club to ask for support or advice, occasionally they may ask to be able to contact us outside of youth club and we continue to be available via our social media or they can speak to a lead youth worker via telephone. We have also made communication easier for parents by ensuring that they know the lead youth worker's mobile number and email address. This has enabled us to stay on top of situations where parent input is needed and has streamlined any questions they have regarding youth club.

We have also recently joined the Banwell village Community New Group on Facebook, so we are able to share news of trips and events directly to the local community and hopefully encourage more young people to attend.

Plans for the Future

We are looking forward to 4 more trips over the summer holidays, to We the Curious and Planetarium, Noah's Ark Zoo Farm, Exmouth Beach and Victoria Park.

We hope that these trips will strengthen the relationships between the young people helping to create a more integrated group and improve upon the relationships they have with staff. Thinking ahead to September, we are excited to be welcoming a new staff member to the Banwell team and are looking forward to plenty of outdoor activities to make the most of the lighter evenings for as long as possible. We will also be continuing the work to support the mental health and wellness of young people and will be bringing some issue-based activities to the youth club to open up conversations around the challenges facing young people and the community today.

YMCA –REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

Period under review April to July 2026

1. Are all contracted sessions being held? **Yes** / No where possible
Comments...
2. Are the numbers attending increasing? **Yes** / No / NA
Comments ...
3. Is a comprehensive range of activities being organised? **Yes** / No / NA
Comments... Yes, Summer Holiday Activities Planned and October residential camp.
4. Are YMCA demonstrating a degree of flexibility in the activities provided to meet users' needs (e.g. weekend or holiday activities)? **Yes** / No
Comments.... Summer Holidays Activities and residential organised for October
5. YMCA arranging activities outside of the village? **Yes** / No / NA
Comments... Summer Holidays Activities and residential organised for October.
6. Are YMCA seeking other sources of funding for Youth Club activities? Yes / **No** / NA
Comments – N/A.
7. Is any feedback from users/parents positive? Yes / No / **NA**
Comments – None received
8. Have any complaints been received about the service? Yes / **No**
Comments...
9. Have there been any behavioural issues at the Youth Club including damage? Yes / **No** / NA
Comments.... See report
10. Have any unannounced visits been made by Committee members since the review? Yes/**No**
Comments... One planned for Autumn.
11. Any other comments:
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12. Conclusion – Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory
13. Action points for YMCA
 - Residential / day trip
14. Action points for Youth Club Management Committee.
 - Surprise visit

8. To receive the Clerk's report/Exchange of information: Please note that the Council is unable to make any formal decisions under this item.

i) Youth Club Summer Holidays Activities

The Youth Club's summer holiday programme began with a trip to Brean Theme Park on 24 July. A small number of spaces remain available on the trips planned for later in August, and the Communications Officer is helping to promote these activities.

ii) Increase in mentoring bookings for the Summer Holidays

North Somerset Council's Social Services Team has booked the Centre for several hours on three days each week during the summer holidays. It is encouraging to see the Centre being used during what is generally its quietest period of the year.

iii) Works to YCC

Various health and safety and cosmetic works have been completed around the building. These have included the installation of the Potigny town-twinning pottery pieces, touch-up painting, replacement toilet seats and renewed signage displaying the correct email address.

The water butts were also installed in mid-July and, despite the limited rainfall, have already begun to collect water.

iv) Update on Feasibility Study Investigations

The Committee previously agreed the following actions:

1. Heating, air leakage and building fabric performance

That the Clerk be authorised to investigate options and indicative costs for further assessment work relating to heating performance, air leakage and building fabric performance at the Youth & Community Centre, and report back to the Committee with recommendations.

The Clerk has spoken to Gregor Heating regarding the heating options identified within the feasibility study. A site visit is being arranged for August, and any Committee members who are interested are welcome to attend.

2. Acoustic improvements to the main hall

That indicative costs be obtained for acoustic improvements to the main hall, in line with the recommendations contained within the report.

One quotation has been received for acoustic treatment. The Clerk has also spoken to the person responsible for the new WiNspace in Winscombe, where a different and very effective noise-reduction system has been installed. He has offered to meet at the YCC to compare the two approaches and establish:

- what system was used at WiNspace and why it was selected;
- whether it can be retrofitted to an existing building;
- how its cost compares with the wall / cloud system proposed for the YCC; and
- which company supplied and installed it

9. To review the current charging schedule for the YCC and Field (page 11).

i) General booking fee.

The current hire charges are:

- YCC Monday-Friday: £12.00 per hour
- YCC Saturday-Sunday: £14.00 per hour.
- YCC Field £5.00 per hour.

Community groups based in Banwell are eligible for a 50% discount on the standard hire charges where the booking directly supports the group's purpose. This concession is limited to one discounted booking in any six-month period per group and is granted at the discretion of the Youth and Community Centre Committee. Where a group, organisation or charity provides a service that directly benefits Banwell residents, the Committee may agree to provide use of the building free of charge. Eligibility is considered on a case-by-case basis.

The Committee is asked to review the current hire charges and concessions and determine whether any changes should be made.

ii) **Forget me not café.**

The Alzheimer's Society launched its Forget Me Not Café at the YCC just over a year ago and was granted free use of the building for an initial period of two lots of six months. This arrangement is due to end in November.

Attendance has been consistently good and includes people living with dementia, carers and other members of the community. Feedback has been very positive, particularly regarding the café-style atmosphere, the accessibility of the building and the suitability of the facilities.

The Committee is asked to determine whether free use of the building should.

- continue for a further fixed period;
- be granted on an ongoing basis, subject to periodic review; or
- be charged at the 50% Community Group Discount rate; or
- be charged the standard hire rate.

iii) **Toddler Group**

The Toddler Group was initially permitted to use the Centre free of charge while it became established. The group now has approximately five to seven families attending regularly, and the arrangement was due to be reviewed in August.

Under the current charging arrangements, the Committee are asked to consider whether to:

- charge the group £6.00 per hour under the Community Group Discount; or
- determine that the group provides a service that directly benefits Banwell residents and permit it to continue using the Centre free of charge, subject to periodic review.

iv) **Mentoring / social services**

The Centre is currently used by North Somerset Council's Social Services Team and by various mentoring organisations. The Council has historically provided the Centre free of charge for these activities because they enable residents to access support services locally that they may otherwise find difficult to attend.

The Committee is asked to confirm.

- whether mentoring and social services bookings should continue to be provided free of charge; and
- whether this concession should apply only where the person receiving the service is a Banwell resident, or whether it should also extend to residents from outside the parish.

Banwell Parish Council
Summary of Receipts and Payments
Cost Centre Group - YCC Committee

28 July 2026 (2026-2027)

Youth & Community Centre

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
		Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
701	YCC upgrade				2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00 (100%)
702	YCC repairs & maintenance				3,000.00	876.19	2,123.81	2,123.81 (70%)
703	YCC CCTV				800.00	375.00	425.00	425.00 (53%)
704	YCC Electricity		146.56	146.56	200.00	39.01	160.99	307.55 (153%)
705	YCC Gas				1,000.00	461.14	538.86	538.86 (53%)
706	YCC water				800.00		800.00	800.00 (100%)
707	YCC waste				350.00	49.43	300.57	300.57 (85%)
708	YCC cleaning & supplies				3,000.00	1,028.99	1,971.01	1,971.01 (65%)
710	YCC phone & wifi				600.00	190.62	409.38	409.38 (68%)
711	YCC Grass cutting				1,125.00	375.00	750.00	750.00 (66%)
712	YCC hedge, fence & tree work				1,000.00	280.00	720.00	720.00 (72%)
713	YCC grants & donations	1,500.00		-1,500.00				-1,500.00 (-100%)
714	YCC income	500.00	1,702.00	1,202.00				1,202.00 (240%)
715	YCC Booking software				430.00		430.00	430.00 (100%)
716	YCC Music Licence				600.00		600.00	600.00 (100%)
717	YCC events refreshments				150.00	4.20	145.80	145.80 (97%)
SUB TOTAL		2,000.00	1,848.56	-151.44	15,055.00	3,679.58	11,375.42	11,223.98 (65%)

Youth Club

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
		Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
801	YC sessions				8,000.00	1,830.00	6,170.00	6,170.00 (77%)
803	YC extraordinary activities				5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00 (100%)
805	YC subscriptions	550.00	189.00	-361.00				-361.00 (-65%)
806	Tuck Shop		94.00	94.00		52.43	-52.43	41.57 (N/A)
807	Youth Forum				200.00		200.00	200.00 (100%)
SUB TOTAL		550.00	283.00	-267.00	13,200.00	1,882.43	11,317.57	11,050.57 (80%)

Summary

NET TOTAL	2,550.00	2,131.56	-418.44	28,255.00	5,562.01	22,692.99	22,274.55
V.A.T.					301.62		
GROSS TOTAL		2,131.56			5,863.63		