



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 July 6th, 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