



**Minutes of Ilfracombe Youth Council Meeting
4th March 2019, The Ilfracombe Centre**

Present:	Sean O’Callaghan (Chair); Austin Armstrong; Hannah Burge; Guy Lindley-Dore; Noah McNamara; Shelbie Prater (IYC minute taker); Jules Taylor; Ben Richardson; Jasper Shobbrook; Callum Ford;
Also Present:	IYC support team: Cllr Netti Pearson ; Cllr George Squires; Council officer Neil Ingram
Apologies	Katie Ruane; Ruby Hopkins;

IYC Minutes

Sean proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting were correct and Shelbie seconded. All agreed.

Debating Exercises

Tongue twisters and then agreeing and disagreeing:

The first debate votes were 5 for and 5 against

The second debate votes were 4 for and 3 against with 2 abstentions.

We discussed the school strikes inspired by Greta Thunberg

Support team Minutes

		Action
1	Attunement	
	Netti explained the purpose of attunement, a minute in silent contemplation, as a means to help the council members to focus on the meeting.	
2	Minutes and Matters Arising	
	(At this point the IYC support team left the room) The council members reviewed the previous minutes. Sean proposed and Shelbie seconded that the minutes were correct. All agreed. Neil has been researching for better forum software but has not found any that are better and at no cost.	

3	Debating Exercises	
	<p>Sean led a short session on warming up the voice with tongue-twisters.</p> <p>He then led a debate on the following statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There should be equal representation of men and women MPs - The working week/school week should switch so that there is a 5 day weekend and 2 day working week <p>The members of the council then voted for or against and gave reasons for their vote.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All those aged under 16 should play a maximum 5 hours of video games or watching TV per week. <p>No-one agreed! 3 disagreed and the rest abstained. Once again they gave reasons for their position.</p> <p>(There were some very interesting, thoughtful, reasons given.)</p>	
4	Debate on School Strikes	
	<p>Sean was keen to debate the climate change school strikes which took place at schools around the country on 15th February.</p> <p>There were mixed views about whether school strikes were a good idea (I did not record the numbers for and against but there was some movement between the sides). Austin made a particularly interesting observation about the timing of the last strike: it was the last day of term before the half-term break, so surely going on school strike for the climate was more important than watching movies!</p>	
5	Breakout Groups	
	<p>There was a short time available for the two projects under development. Sean and Austin will take photos of Oxford Grove play area to bring to the next meeting for the community project group. The plastic-free/climate group are still brainstorming ideas.</p>	
6	Next IYC meeting	
	Monday 18th March at 15.30 in The Ilfracombe Centre	

Note: There was a launch of the first UK "Waste Shark" at Ilfracombe Aquarium. We have arranged for the Youth Council to see a demonstration of this at the harbour on 1st April: details to follow.