

Tattenhall and District Parish Council

Proposed Policy for Tattenhall and District Youth Council

Scope / Purpose

Tattenhall and District Youth Parish Council will be set up to support and encourage the active engagement of young people in the decision making within the village. They will represent the views and opinions of their generation whilst influencing and inspiring change. They will work alongside Tattenhall and District Parish Council in making the village a better place.

Aims

To assist Council with the identification of issues affecting young people and provide advice on possible solutions.

To encourage and engage the younger generation to get involved in projects and events in Tattenhall

To fundraise and source grants to finance youth projects in the village

To represent the views of all the residents in Tattenhall and District

To work as a team and find the reasons why we can make things happen, not the reasons why we can't.

To create opportunities and learn from them.

To promote the importance of a youth voice.

To inspire everyone with enthusiasm and determination.

To make local politics accessible to everyone.

To have fun.

Membership

The Youth Parish Council will be made up of a minimum of 10 children between the ages of 10 – 18 years old. They must be residents within the village/parish boundary, be a pupil of one of the schools in the village or be a member of a community group within the parish.

Chairman and Vice Chairman will be elected by the members of the Youth Parish Council at the first formal Youth Parish Council Meeting.

Period in office – 12 months

They will be supported by two Parish Councillors – Cllr Louise Gibson and Cllr Matt Wilson

Frequency of Meetings

The Youth Parish Council will meet once every 2 months. (Venue to be confirmed)

Youth Parish Council Duties

Attend meetings – Send apologies for absence if unable to attend.

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Work cooperatively with other members.

Provide advice and recommendations to the Parish Council on youth needs, issues and initiatives.

Raise awareness of issues affecting young people.

Assist with the formation of groups to support activities and events arranged by the Youth Parish Council.

Assist with projects and issues relating to the Parish Council.

Assist Parish Council with community engagement and presentations at open Parish Council meetings.

Resign from position if unable to attend more than 3 meetings consecutively.

Agendas

It will be the responsibility of the Chairman and Vice Chairman to produce agendas for meeting. (With the support of a Parish Councillor - Matt/Louise)

It will be distributed to all Youth Parish Councillors with 3 clear days prior to meetings.

Decisions should be made through discussion where possible.

All decisions must be voted on.

A quorum of 4 Youth Parish Councillors is needed for any vote to take place

In the result of a tie, the Chairman has the casting vote.

Minutes

Taken by Parish Councillor (Louise/Matt)

Distributed in time for the next meeting to be approved.