



**Minutes of a meeting of Chilton Town Council Junior Town Council**  
held at Hutton House, Chilton, County Durham, on  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Chairman:** *Junior Mayor*

**Present:** *Junior Town Councillors*

**In attendance:** Chilton Academy staff Ms Y. Gardener Cllr. E. Bruce & Cllr S. Reece  
Mrs J. Dickinson Town Clerk

**Members of the public:** no members of the public present

**JTC1.12/24 APOLOGIES**

Mayor Cllr Stuart Sutherland

**JTC2.12/24 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**JTC3.12/24 MEMBER DISPENSATION**

None

**JTC4.10/24 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Notes were reviewed and found to be a true record of the meeting. **Approved**

**JTC5.12/24 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN INFORMATION-** Cllr Reece introduced herself and provided an overview of the Neighbourhood Plan and the opportunities within school they will have to complete the surveys. The JTC provided feedback to questions asked by Cllr Reece which they were also asked to include when they complete the surveys. Cllr Reece explained that their views were important as they are Change Makers for Chilton. The JTC provided suggestions for prizes to be included in a prize draw for those who complete their surveys.

**JTC6.12/24 UPDATE FROM SCHOOL**

School updated on new projects

- Teddy Bear swap was successful and all children received one even if they weren't in school when the swap took place.
- Letter sent to Town Council asking for more dog waste bins in the town and locations suggested within the letter. County Councillor Julie Cairns has agreed in principle to use funding for bins. The number of bins and locations will be provided by the next meeting.
- Positivity box + messages is being rolled out across each class.
- Each class will be given a seed and prizes will be given to the classes where the plant grows bigger and lives longer.

- Lots of actions carried out by JTS without using much of the budget.

#### **JTC7.10/24 UPDATE FROM TOWN COUNCIL**

Cllr Bruce provided the following update and asked the JTC for feedback on each event

- Fireworks – The children enjoyed the display. Suggestions for next year included silent ones for the dogs, drone display which would be smokeless, light up wristbands similar to Taylor Swift fans, mascots and entertainers.
- Christmas Lights Switch On- Parade could commence at a different location, music and more light up people for the parade, more rides for older children, advertise where Santa is located.
- Christmas Cards Competition- The school to announce the winners during w/c 16.12.24

Chair of Junior Council  
31<sup>st</sup> January 2025