



**Minutes of a meeting of Chilton Town Council Junior Town Council**  
held at Hutton House, Chilton, County Durham, on  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Chairman:** *Junior Mayor*

**Present:** *Junior Town Councillors*

**In attendance:** Chilton Academy staff and Cllr. E. Bruce, Cllr P. Herbert.

Cllr S. Reece (Mayor)

The children were welcomed to the meeting by the Town Council and Ms Gardner and the Junior Town Council candidates provided a speech to their fellow councillors and a vote for the Junior Mayor and Deputy Mayor took place. Ivy was voted to be the Junior Mayor. The vote for Deputy Mayor was tied. A second vote was carried out which was also tied. It was agreed to appoint 2 Deputy Mayors.

**JTC21.11/25 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**JTC22.11/25 - MEMBER DISPENSATION**

None

**JTC23.11/25 - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13th JUNE 2025**

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

**JTC24.11/25 - UPDATE FROM SCHOOL** -The following information was discussed during this agenda item-

- There was a visit to Durham University to attend a Climate Action Conference where some children carried out a presentation to other schools and to Mary Foy MP and they attended workshops/looked at exhibitions.
- Filming by the children took place to promote Poppy merchandise for sale to raise monies for The Royal British Legion.
- There is a donation bin for unused clothing which will raise money for the school which will be put back into the eco club which the children promoted on social media. In one day, the whole clothes bank was filled. There was a suggestion to work with the town council on a joint initiative to install a clothes bank in between the school and Sainsburys. **The Junior Town Council all agreed to ask the Town Council to look into this.**

- Children agreed to discuss what is good and bad for sustainability in Chilton and let the Town Council know what they agree.
- School initiative to recycle items such as bicycles which a child has outgrown. School is looking into the pros and cons of this initiative. JTC suggested that items be categorised into height and age. JTC agreed to ask the school to go ahead with this initiative and agreed a plan of action to include filming a video and putting the information on Facebook/Dojo and make posters to advertise the initiative.

**JC25.11/25 -UPDATE FROM TOWN COUNCIL**- The following information was discussed during this agenda item-

- Fireworks event went well and there were no injuries/issues
- The Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Services were explained to the JTC by Cllr Reece. The Junior Mayor will lay a wreath at the Tuesday service.
- Christmas Events are coming up and those were cascaded to the children.
- The Christmas Parade will this year start at St. Aidan's Church.
- The Christmas Card Competition will be taking place this year and the Town Clerk will cascade the information to the School.
- The Town Council also looks after the cemetery and this year is its 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and work is being carried out on repairs and maintenance at the cemetery.
- The Miners Welfare Trust are looking to fund the painting of the skatepark and set up a skatepark club. Further information will be provided soon.
- Durham Community Action are holding energy audits in Hutton House to help local people. There could be an option to link in with the JTC and the school. Cllr Reece to pass on their information to Ms Gardner.
- Plastic throw away water bottle use has increased and an initiative to provide all children with a personalised water bottle was recommended by the JTC. The costs will be looked into for a personally labelled water bottle that would stay in school but a washing system will be required if kept in school.
- The school has raised beds where the children can do some planting.
- The JTC has from this years' budget £500 to spend and from last year they have £250 which was unused. Funds from selling aluminium cans from the previous Mayor has raised £140.
- Some children make bracelets and it was agreed that after Christmas an afternoon stall will be arranged which can be sold at the gate to raise monies for local charities. Bracelets could also be made during an art class/school break. Funds from the JTC could be used for the materials for this project.

Date of the next meetings were agreed to be the last Friday of the month but next one this time to be the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025 due to school activities this term.

Chair of Junior Council

12<sup>th</sup> December 2025