



FELIXSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL - YOUTH FORUM

Felixstowe Town Hall

Wednesday 19 November 2025 from 4pm-5pm

MINUTES

1. Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves by name and school. The meeting was chaired by Trimley St Mary Primary School.

The meeting was attended by representatives from Trimley St Mary Primary School, Grange Primary School, Felixstowe School, Level Two Youth Group, and Colneis Junior School.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Bernard Price, Cllr Darren Aitchison, and Cllr Wendy Underwood.

3. Introduction from the Mayor's Cadet

The Mayor's Cadet, Flight Sergeant Frazer Lack, provided an introduction and overview of his time in the role. This included information about his responsibilities, as well as events and meetings he has attended.

4. Reports from Schools

Each attending school provided an overview of recent activities, educational trips, and current curriculum topics.

5. Proposals for the Youth Forum Budget

Each attending school and youth group presented proposals for the use of the Youth Forum budget.

- **Grange Primary School** – Proposed allocating the budget to wildlife projects in Felixstowe and the surrounding area to enhance and protect local environments. Suggested uses included bird houses, wildflower seeds, and hedgehog houses.
- **Level Two Youth Group** – Proposed hosting free public events for young people, supported by fundraising, in a public space such as Felixstowe Triangle or the Beachside Events Area. Suggested activities included a bouncy castle, face painting, and opportunities to showcase the talents of young performers in the town.



- **Trimley St Mary Primary School** – Proposed raising awareness of local natural habitats and protecting wildlife through the production of educational signs and wildlife boards, alongside funding for hedgehog homes, protected wildlife areas, and bug hotels.
- **Colneis Junior School** – Proposed ideas to support the protection of local wildlife species, including bug hotels and hedgehog houses. Representatives also suggested that signage designed to be easily understood by younger residents would help encourage appreciation of local wildlife.
- **Felixstowe School** – No proposal was presented.

6. Discussion

Attendees discussed the strong shared interest in projects focused on protecting wildlife and natural spaces in the town. It was suggested and agreed that ideas presented by Grange Primary School, Trimley St Mary Primary School, and Colneis Junior School be combined to form a single, unified project proposal.

7. Voting

A vote was conducted, and votes were counted. Attendees voted to combine the proposals focused on supporting wildlife and natural spaces in Felixstowe and the surrounding area.

8. Any Other Business

Attendees requested that a professional from an organisation such as the Suffolk Wildlife Trust be invited to a future meeting to discuss ways to combine and optimise the proposals for the Youth Forum budget.

9. Next Meeting Dates

The following dates were agreed for future meetings:

- Wednesday 21 January 2026
- Wednesday 18 March 2026
- Wednesday 20 May 2026
- Wednesday 8 July 2026