



FELIXSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL - YOUTH FORUM

Felixstowe Town Hall

Wednesday 21 January 2025 from 4pm-5pm

MINUTES

1. Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves, stating their name and the school they represented.

2. Apologies for Absence

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

3. Felixstowe Fairtrade Forum – Suffolk Fairtrade Schools Video

The Youth Forum welcomed Alan Muchal of the Felixstowe Fairtrade Forum.

Alan spoke about the importance of supporting Fairtrade and the positive impact that Fairtrade initiatives can have on producers and communities around the world. He highlighted the role that schools and young people can play in raising awareness of Fairtrade principles and encouraging responsible consumer choices.

Members viewed the Suffolk Fairtrade Schools video and discussed the ways in which Fairtrade is promoted within their schools. Attendees shared examples of activities and initiatives that had helped raise awareness of Fairtrade amongst pupils.

4. Allocation of the Youth Forum Budget – The Landguard Trust

The Youth Forum welcomed Leonie Washington of The Landguard Trust.

Leonie delivered an educational session following the Youth Forum's decision at its meeting on 19 November to allocate its budget towards a project supporting wildlife and nature in Felixstowe.

Members learned about a range of approaches to supporting local wildlife and biodiversity, including habitat creation, species monitoring and environmental education. The session also explored how projects could be designed to maximise their environmental impact and provide long-term benefits for local communities.

Attendees discussed examples of wildlife-friendly initiatives and considered how funding could be used effectively to support nature conservation within Felixstowe.

5. Discussion

The Youth Forum considered the information presented during the session and discussed a range of options for allocating the available budget.

Members shared ideas for projects that would support local wildlife and nature, taking into account environmental benefits, educational opportunities and community involvement.

The Communications Officer agreed to review the suggestions and report back to the Forum as appropriate with a list of available items for purchase.

6. Any Other Business

No further business was raised.

7. Next Meeting Dates

The following meeting dates were noted:

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

The meeting closed at 5.00pm.