**Upper School Student Council Meeting Friday 2nd May 2025**. 2.20pm in the sports hall.

**Apologies:** Robinson and Glaramara

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| **Agenda** | **Minutes** | **Action** |
| **Re-cap last meeting and progress towards last actions.** | Before re-capping the last meeting (28th Feb) we welcomed our visitors from Westmorland and Furness Council – Sarah Heywood and Lorna Jones. Each councillor introduced themselves and then told the visitors what we get up to as a council. We went through minutes from 28th Feb and shared other actions from the school year. Excellent recall and explanations from the councillors.  We still need to write back to Tim Farron with more detail about a pedestrian crossing to the community garden.  We held the Stuff Swap successfully, with councillors setting up, collaborating with Eco Club, and helping to take leftovers to a charity shop.  We held a danceathon for World Down Syndrome Day. Great to see Wetherlam Class from the Lower School – their staff commented on how well the Upper School students welcomed and interacted with the younger ones.  Katy has contacted SLT about purchasing a new whiteboard for the KS3 yard. There is a new system for requesting purchases and so Katy will consider how best to proceed. There is an outdoor learning grant which might be available.  Equality and Diversity Display board at top of corridor will need updating for May’s theme – National Walking Month – or at least June’s theme – Pride Month. Thank you to Bowfell who created the Autism Acceptance Month display in April.  Katy hasn’t made any progress with organising a council outing but definitely wants to reward the councillors’ amazing efforts this year. Students were understanding of how tricky it is to organise an adventure activity with lots of different classes and some sensible suggestions were made – ice cream at the beach (Evie), Brockhole, picnic by a lake (Oli). If it is too difficult to get off-site then we will at least have a celebration at school. Aiming for second half of summer term. | Ella (Haystacks) to find the What Three Words for the crossing point to the community garden and take a photo of the crossing area. Katy to write back to Tim Farron and Victoria Upton. Evie (Fells) would like to help.  Katy to check with KS3 teachers how much they want a new whiteboard and whether one of them should apply for purchasing one.  Karen and Katy to check whether Culture Club want to do a display or whether we should produce something.  Katy to consult class teachers about best-fit date, staffing and transport. Approx 18 students including 2 wheelchair users. |
| **Visitors from Westmorland and Furness Council** | Lorna and Sarah want young people’s ideas and views to help shape Council actions. It would be too difficult to bring 19 000 young people together (!) so they are going into schools to attend school council meetings, providing a link between schools and W&F Council. They also hope to organise 2 events a year where students from different schools can get together. Either both Sarah and Lorna, or one of them, will attend all our council meetings from now on.  Sarah and Lorna invited comments about the kind of services students would like to see in the County. Evie suggested a non-contact rugby/sports club for students with SEND. Others agreed. | Students to think of a name for the youth council network. Evie already suggested Neurospicy Network. Other schools will also make suggestions and then there will be a vote.  Sarah and Lorna will take sports club/activities idea back to W&F Council.  Sarah Heywood will attend our next meeting on Friday 6th June. She will bring a topic/question with her. |
| **Cake stall at Community Garden event on Sat 14th June** | Colin will be baking for a cake stall for the Great Big Green Week event, to be held in the Community Garden. He can’t be there on the day but a few staff have volunteered and students are welcome to help man the stall too. Any amount of time welcome between 10am and 3pm.  Alfie and Rosie were interested. | Katy to give Alfie and Rosie a letter to take home with information and contact details (Colin will be the contact). Check letter with SLT first.  Katy to check with teachers and Colin whether any other students might be interested and photocopies can be made of the letter. |
| **Student Suggestion box and any other business** | Slide for the playground (Chloe)  Sports day (Chloe)  Next meeting will be **Friday 6th June** 2025. 2.20pm. |  |