



Epping Forest  
Youth Council

## MINUTES

<b>Committee:</b>	Epping Forest Youth Council	<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, 7 October 2014
<b>Place:</b>	Council Chamber, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping	<b>Time:</b>	7.30 - 9.05 pm
<b>Members Present:</b>	F Ekhteyary (Chairman), R Kerr (Vice-Chairman), D Atanassov, L Berry, T Bromwich, R Compton, M Fontenelle, E Foster, Jaymey McIvor, C McKendrick, G Miller, I Padwick, J Pascoe, F Skipper, O Storey, M Tinker, H Towns, L Troshupa, J Turrell and N Watkis-Popat		
<b>Apologies:</b>	D Bridger		
<b>Officers Present:</b>	D Butler (Young Persons Officer), R Perrin (Democratic Services Assistant) and G Wallis (Community Development Officer)		
<b>Guest Present:</b>	G Winterbourne		

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### 46. CONFIRMATION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

Noted that Fatemeh was the Chairman for the meeting and Rory was the Vice-Chairman.

### 47. MINUTES

#### RESOLVED:

That subject to the following amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2014 were agreed as a correct record.

- (a) Correction to the spelling of Leonora's name in (minute 36(b) It's Knockout) and (minute 36(g) Design Icons: Through the 1960's, 70's and 80's - Harlow);
- (b) Deletion of Fred (minute 36 (e) Police Crime Commissioner Youth Report Conference Report) to replace with Evie;
- (c) Removal of Julie and Leonora from the (minute 40 School Update); and
- (d) Correction of Tom's last name to Bromwich.

### 48. GUEST SPEAKER GLEN WINTERBOURNE - CATCH 22

Glen Winterbourne from Catch22 gave a short presentation. He explained that Catch22 helped people in tough situations for the wider benefit of society. They also worked to rehabilitate offenders by providing support before and after their release from prison, or with their community sentence. Catch22 aimed to deliver social value by turning chaotic lives around.

Glen advised that Catch22 had been commissioned by the Essex Police Crime Commissioner (PCC) to undertake a piece of research on the youth perspective on victimisation, which was an area that PCCs across the country were exploring in line with the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) 'Victim's Code'. The research would involve Catch22 speaking to young people in Essex to find out:

- (a) their experiences of being a victim;
- (b) what help they would need to cope and recover should they become a victim;
- (c) how they would want the support to be accessible to them; and
- (d) what situations might lead to young people becoming a victim?

Catch22 were also exploring the views of parents, carers and professionals working with young people and would use the outcomes of the research to inform the PCC on local commissioning priorities, as the MoJ devolved funding for Victim Services to local PCCs between now and March 2016.

He asked that the Youth Council complete the questionnaire on the website and get as many people as possible to complete it as well, as it would shape the future services.

**ACTION: ALL YOUTH COUNCILLORS to complete the online questionnaire.**

#### **49. EPPING FOREST YOUTH CONFERENCE**

Di advised that the Youth Conference was on Tuesday 14 October 2014. Consent forms were required from guardians for all attendees, including Youth Councillors. Di asked for volunteers for speeches and other public speaking throughout the event and requested that the Youth Councillor interested should stay behind after the meeting.

Di advised that Youth Councillors would be assigned to workshops; to contribute and help run the groups. Each of the six workshops would produce two questions each, to put to the panel in the afternoon. Di stressed the importance of the panel and that they were the people who held the finances, power and knowledge to services. The conference was being held in Local Democracy week and would be photographed by Epping Forest College photography students.

**ACTION: YOUTH COUNCILLORS** interested in speaking at the event to liaise with Di for scripts.

**ACTION: YOUTH COUNCILLORS** requiring Taxi's to advise Di/Louis.

Di informed Youth Councillors that they would be in the Civic Offices on Monday 13 October from 2.30 – 6.00pm, to put together the goody bags for the conference. Any volunteers were welcomed and Tom, Julie, Joe, Leonora and Hazel had already offered.

#### **50. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Di advised that the Youth Council would be reporting to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Monday 11 November 2014. Di required four volunteers for the presentation.

Following this meeting the Full Youth Council meeting would be held instead of the scheduled meeting the following evening.

**ACTION: YOUTH COUNCILLORS** to note the change of date for the next meeting on Monday 11 November 2014.

**ACTION:** Di to liaise with volunteers for the presentation.

## 51. EVENT FEEDBACK

### (a) North Weald Litter Pick

Tom advised that Doncho, Matthew, Joe and himself had attended a litter pick in North Weald. He advised that the organiser had sent her thanks for their contribution.

### (b) Epping Forest Strategy Meeting

Jaymey advised that the meeting consisted of how funding across the District should be allocated, although the meeting was cut short because of attendance levels. Olivia advised that it provided a good example of how meetings could be chaired in a different way.

## 52. EFYC PROJECTS

### (a) Bullying

Joe advised that the group had discussed ideas on how to deal with bullying. They had decided to purchase wrist bands that include memory USB's with information to help with bullying and these would be aimed at year 9 pupils. School assemblies were also going to be held between 17-23 November 2014 for 'Anti Bullying week'.

### (b) ID Cards

Matthew advised that after positive news from Citizenship Card company for free ID cards, they had now come back with unreasonable associated costs. Matthew informed Youth Councillors that he would now pursue TfL to include date of birth details on Oyster cards. He had produced a survey, to collect data to support the need and asked for comments before he hand the survey out to the public.

George advised that some cinema's accepted a photograph of your passport and Jaymey suggested taking the reference to school years out and replacing with ages.

**ACTION:** Matthew to complete alterations and bring it back to the next meeting.

## 53. SCHOOL UPDATE

- (a) Braeside School – Olivia/Rose advised that they still had no display board.
- (b) West Hatch High School – Fred/Malachi advised that they now had a display board.
- (c) Roding Valley – Matthew/Doncho advised that the School Council was being elected shortly.

- (d) Debden Park High School – Lucy/George advised that the display board was in the library along with the suggestion box.
- (e) Home Educated – Hazel advised that she a display board in the local super market and local youth club.
- (f) King Harold Business & Enterprise Academy – Chloe advised that nothing had progressed and they still had no display board.
- (g) Bancroft's School – Evie advised that she would put the information onto a school display board.
- (h) Anglo European School – Jaymey advised that once he had settled into sixth form he would enquire about a display board.
- (i) Davenant Foundation School – Joe/Julie advised that they had no display board although the School Council would be elected shortly and they meet with them.
- (j) Epping St John's C of E School – Rory/Leonora advised that they need to display the information board.
- (k) Chigwell School – Tom/Nathan advised that the display board had been completed.

Louis asked Youth Councillors to take pictures of their school display boards and send them to the Youth Council Facebook and Twitter pages.

**ACTION: ALL YOUTH COUNCILLORS** to take photographs of their display boards and either place them on the Youth Council Facebook, Twitter or send them to Di/Louis.

#### **54. JACK PETCHEY AWARD**

Matthew and Leonora received their certificates and were photographed.

#### **55. EFYC CUP**

Evie was presented and photographed with the EFYC Cup.

#### **56. SUBMISSION FORMS**

Di advised that the following forms had been received;

- (a) Voluntary Action Epping Forest;
- (b) Sports and Health Development; and
- (c) PC Z Walker.

**AGREED** that Di would invite the groups to future meetings from December 2014.

#### **57. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING**

(a) The Chairman for the next meeting would be Rory and the vice-chairman would be Lucy.

(b) School relationships – Doncho advised that he wanted to discuss the idea of positive school relationships and ways of introducing friendly competition. Youth Councillors commented on the recent news of sixth forms for all the secondary schools in the District and the collaborations between King Harold, Debden Park, St John's and Roding Valley to achieve this by 2015/16; and that this could be another way to contribute to Doncho's aim.

(c) Muslim veils (niqab) – Fatemeh wanted the Youth Council to discuss the Prime Ministers recent comments to support the ban of Muslim veils in schools and courts.

**AGREED** that the above items would be placed on the next agenda in November 2014.

**58. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Events

Louis reminded Youth Councillors that they were visiting Big Ben on 30 October 2014, had a Bullying Conference 31 October 2014 and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee was on 10 November 2014.

2. Operation Christmas Child – Samaritans

Louis advised that the Youth Council had been sent a box to fill for Christmas. Anyone wanting to be involved should contact Louis.

3. Theydon News

Di advised that Joe and Lucy had appeared in the 'Theydon News' letter.

4. Remembrance Sunday

Di asked Youth Councillors interested in attending the service to put there names forward.

5. O2 Big Think

Di asked Nathan and Julie to check on the status of their applications and to advise Di.

**59. DATE(S) FOR NEXT MEETING(S)**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 10 November 2014 from 19:30 – 21.00 at the Civic Offices, Epping.

**CHAIRMAN**

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