

MINUTES

Committee: Epping Forest Youth Council **Date:** Tuesday, 3 May 2022

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, **Time:** 7.00 - 8.30 pm
High Street, Epping

Members Present: S Chu Foon, K Gohil, A Akers Furbank, W Ayrton, H Griffiths, S Hinkely, A S Kabir, P Patel, O Ruthven, E Skingsley, E Ugur, I Harrison, O Ayandare, F Hussain, S Khan, S Marx, L Powell, M Prinsloo, Sydnae Smith, M Carter, N Moffat and O Prosser

Apologies: K Ismailov and A Zarras

Officers Present: K Lucas (Young Person's Assistant), I Cray and D Gilson-Butler (Young Persons Officer)

Guest Present

13. WELCOME

Martin welcomed Youth Councillors and officers to the meeting

14. SETTING THE SCENE

Chairman explained to the youth councillors that meetings are monthly on a Tuesday evening at 19:00- 20:30. Please arrive 10 minutes earlier to sign in and catch up with friends. The meeting will start and finish on time. Please ask parents to arrive at 20:35 to allow you time to sign out. Please be on time.

15. CHAIRPERSON FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Agreeing the Chairperson for future meetings

The 3rd year Youth Councillors will chair the first few meetings so that the new Youth Councillors can observe how it is done.

Action: Email Di if interested in being chairperson.

16. GUEST SPEAKERS

A presentation was given to address equality, equity and the importance of encouraging girls into male dominated jobs. Sydnae and Natalie were inspired by the members observing that there were less girls present at the Youth Council presentation to the Overview & scrutiny committee. Sydnae reported that it is was important to reduce discrimination and to look at ways they can address this concern as a Youth Council. Natalie reported that it was also important that young women and women of colour are involved in local politics. Sarah reported that the language used should accommodate for trans

individuals, as 80% of UK secondary schools have children who do not identify with their gender at birth and often, they can be unintentionally excluded by the language used.

Actions: Sydnae and Natalie would like to lead a equalities sub group. The group members to conduct a survey in schools, targeting girls, identifying their future career ideas.

The subgroup to contact schools to ask if they would like/need equalities workshops delivered in schools.

To raise awareness, the Equalities subgroup to create a logo promoting equality and diversity, that can be added to sign off emails.

17. RIDE LONDON UPDATES

Di reported that Ride London will be held in the Epping Forest district over the bank holiday weekend. Youth Councillors were invited to Volunteer their time on Saturday 28 and/or Sunday 29 May. They will help with the events organised by the community's team during the day.

Action Di to send email with start and finish times for both days. Roads will be closing early, so it will be a long day.

18. EFYC UPDATES

Braeside – Izzy & Sophia. Pupils took part in a litter pick.

Chigwell – William. Biodiversity group at school

Davenant – Olu, Suki, Erika, Martin & Oscar. Councillor Chris Whitbread will be visiting the Youth Councillors in their schools. Head of English is leaving. Planted some trees

Debden Park – Krish. No Updates

Epping St Johns – Henry, Falak, Oscar. Ofsted visited last week. Lots of earth tasks and designing reusable water bottle.

Iford County High – Paarth. No Updates

King Harold – Scarlet, LP, Sarah. Ms Williams has left. When classrooms are locked there are not enough teachers around with keys, so pupils are waiting outside.

New City College – Matthew. Planted over 200 trees, 31 were planted in Epping, asking Eleonor Laing to visit. No plastic bottles sold in the college.

Roding Valley High – House competition for litter picking, collected 21 bags of rubbish from playgrounds. Hate Crime awareness needed in school.

The Ongar Academy – No updates

West Hatch High – No updates

Action: Di to send Hate Crime contact to all schools

19. EFYC AOB

1. Sydnae requested Diversity and Equalities training for the EFYC
2. Youth Councillors to send Di their Jack Petchey nominations, the result will be announced at the June Youth Council meeting.

3. All Youth Councillors to read the EFYC Handbook, to understand their role and responsibilities.
4. Sydnae and Natalie to set up an equality subgroup
5. Subgroup to design a logo to use on emails
6. All Youth Councillors to go on the DevelopMe careers hub to look at training and short courses.
<https://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/community/developme/>
7. All youth councillors to bring a pen to the meeting.

CHAIRMAN