



Epping Forest  
Youth Council

## MINUTES

<b>Committee:</b>	Epping Forest Youth Council	<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, 15 June 2010
<b>Place:</b>	Council Chamber, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping	<b>Time:</b>	7.00 - 7.40 pm
<b>Members Present:</b>	D Haslam, H Whitbread, J Harrington, D Morecroft (Vice-Chairman), T Morris, J Patel, C Philip (Chairman), H Sheikh, E Spicer, H Square and S Stock		
<b>Apologies:</b>	A Armitage, A Benbow, K Chilton, H Duherich, A Endean, G Erratt, J Jackson, H Jardine, C Lattimer, Y Levy-Miller and B Valera		
<b>Officers Present:</b>	G Wallis (Community Development Officer), D Butler (Young Persons Officer), Vicky Bale, L Eales (Youth Council Administrator) and P Seager (Chairman's Secretary)		
<b>Guest Present</b>	Councillor B Rolfe		

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### 59. WEBCASTING INTRODUCTION

The Chairman reminded everyone present that the meeting would be broadcast live of the Internet, and that the Council had adopted a protocol for the webcasting of its meetings.

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

Noted that Trini would chair this meeting and Daisy would be Vice Chairman.

### 61. MINUTES

#### RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

### 62. PROJECT GROUP UPDATES

#### a) What's on and Where?

Trini informed Youth Councillors that the group had agreed aims and objectives and an action plan to identify the location of youth centres and youth clubs in the District. Each member of the group had been allocated tasks to complete by 22 June 2010.

#### b) 'Free Time' Vox Pox DVD

Holly advised that the group had discussed youth activities available around the District and filming ideas for the DVD. The group allocated tasks to research the activities around the District for the week commencing 14 June 2010. (Minutes for their first meeting attached).

### 63. NEW SUBMISSION FORMS RECEIVED

a) Kelly Redston - Essex and Southend LINK

**AGREED** that Kelly Redston would be invited to a future meeting to discuss the role of the LINK, youth LINK and getting young people involved in having their say on health and social care issues and concerns in their communities.

### 64. SPEED MEETING

Diane advised Youth Councillors that officers had consulted the Leader and Chief Executive about the idea of a speed meeting between Youth Councillors and a selection of District Councillors. The event would enable adult Councillors and Youth Councillors to get to know each other and find out about their work within the District, for a 2 minute fun and informal question round . The event would be held in the Local Democracy Week in October 2010.

**AGREED** that Youth Councillors would consider questions to ask District Members and that Officers would advise District Councillors about the event.

### 65. YOUTH OPPORTUNITY FUNDING

Trini informed Members that the Youth Opportunity Funding that Annie successfully obtained from Essex County Council for £8439 in April had been suspended awaiting the new Government's emergency budget announcement for the year in June 2010. Trini advised the YOF and YCF budget would no longer be ring fenced, and therefore numerous youth projects across the country, including the Epping Forest Youth Council may not receive any of the funding, previously promised.

Essex County Council had sent EFYC a letter informing the EFYC of an announcement from Government Office Eastern Region (Go East):

*'In light of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's recent announcement of an emergency Budget on 22<sup>nd</sup> June and the need to reduce public expenditure by £6 billion overall in 2010-11 specific grants and programmes, including Youth Opportunity Fund and Youth Capital Fund, are subject to decision by Ministers between now and the June Budget.'*

Essex are therefore unable to proceed further with the distribution of the funding for YOF/YCF projects until they have had confirmation of the budget that would be allocated to Essex.

**AGREED** that Trini would seek advice about the content of YOF letter, as the EFYC had been informed in April that it had been granted the money.

**AGREED** Hibba would write a letter to the Youth Opportunity Funding co-ordinator explaining the disappointment experienced by the effects that the loss of the YOF and YCF funding will have on future youth projects and young people's participation within their communities.

**66. BYC GENERAL ELECTION MANIFESTO 2010**

Connor had sent his apologies and would update Youth Councillors at the next meeting.

**67. ONE TO ONE APPOINTMENTS**

Diane had arranged for 'one to one' appointments listed in the agenda and asked all Youth Councillors to confirm that the time and dates were suitable. The appointments would provide one to one sessions for Youth Councillors to discuss any concerns or queries in private.

**68. EFYC NEWSLETTER**

Lucy asked Youth Councillors to supply articles and photographs for the EFYC Newsletter, advising that the deadline for submission would be the 3 August 2010.

**AGREED** that Duncan, Ellis, James Harrington, Jekin and Daisy would produce articles for the Newsletter.

**69. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING**

(i) **AGREED** that James Harrington would chair the next meeting on 6 July 2010, Trini would be Vice Chairman.

**70. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**a) Notices by Gill**

- Waltham Abbey Town Show – Youth Councillors would not be representing the Youth Council at the event due to unforeseen problem. Alternative arrangements would be made to promote the Youth Council in the Waltham Abbey.
- Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Youth Councillors should start to consider and record information in preparation for a progress report to District Members in October/November 2010.

**ACTION:** Youth Councillors to link their teachers with Pc Shelley at Epping Police Station.

**b) Notices by Diane**

- YEA Members – Justin has resigned from the YEA and Sam was currently completing exams.
- New EFYC Webpage's – The webpage have been redesigned and restructured with profile pages and blog areas for the Youth Councillors to update the District's young people about what they have been working on. Any Youth Councillors that had not completed their profile pages should contact Diane or Lucy.
- Resigning Youth Councillor – Diane inform Members that Naz had now resigned from the Youth Council.
- Open College Network Accreditation (OCN) – Vicky presented Hibba and Trini with their certificates.
- Cyber Bullying – Pc Shelly advised that any Cyber Bullying training could be requested by teachers directly through himself.

**c) Notices by Youth Councillors**

- Essex Connexions Webpage Group – Trini advised that the funding had been reduced and there would be no further meetings for the Connexions group.

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

Noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 6 July 2010 at 19.00 – 21.00 Civic Offices.

**CHAIRMAN**

## Project Groups Actions 'Free time' Vox pox DVD'

### Ideas:

Ask what days are more popular for young people who attend clubs / youth centres  
 Opening times of clubs  
 Is there a room area that the Youth council can film in?  
 Leaflets / posters to promote the filming  
 Costing / Budget  
 Advert on radio (space)  
 Assembly in schools to promote  
 Look at a timetable of events that need to take place  
 Film people doing certain activities in the district  
 Ask a famous person to participate.  
 Do we need a backdrop to film against when interviewing. E.g. green screen  
 Devise a script story board  
 Filming time and dates over the summer holiday or in the September term.

### Actions:

Action	Who	By when	
Design a survey to be handed out to as many young people within the district. All schools, friend,	<b>Beejal and Annette</b>	Week of the 14th June	
Get names and contact details of all youth clubs including disability groups within the district	<b>James Jackson</b>	Week of the 14 <sup>th</sup> June	
Look at finding a celebrity	<b>Holly Whitbread</b>		
Look at getting the survey onto a computer e.g. website / facebook	<b>Beejal Valera</b>	ASAP	
Think about how you want the DVD to look like and presented	<b>ALL</b>	ASAP	
Holiday dates for the summer to Lucy and Vicky.	<b>ALL</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> June	

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