

## MINUTES

<b>Committee:</b>	Epping Forest Youth Council	<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, 12 June 2012
<b>Place:</b>	Council Chamber, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping	<b>Time:</b>	7.00 - 8.50 pm
<b>Members Present:</b>	V Armitage, S Cascarina, S Cockram, J Collins, E Dolan, E Gokmen, G Perry, B Valera and A Williams		
<b>Apologies:</b>	C Barry, O Tinker and E Yamah		
<b>Officers Present:</b>	D Butler (Young Persons Officer), L Eales (Youth Council Administrator) and S G Hill (Senior Democratic Services Officer)		
<b>Guest Present</b>	Laura Palmer (Sexual Health Team) and Councillor Kane.		

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

Noted that Jaymey would be Chairman for the meeting and Grace was Vice-Chairman.

### 12. MINUTES

#### RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2012 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 13. WEST ESSEX COMMUNITY SEXUAL HEALTH TEAM

Louise Palmer gave a short presentation. Louise work with the local NHS for the West Essex area for the Community Sexual Health team, looking after 13-25 year olds. She works across the District providing services in the following areas;

- Waltham Abbey – Healthworks program at the Health centre from 3 – 5 p.m. once a week;
- Loughton – 3 -4:45 p.m. Newton Lane  
5 -7 p.m. Borders Lane Youth Centre

Young people are able to attend these sessions to talk and gain advice on sexual health problems with it all being confidential.

Louise was looking for ideas to promote these facilities to Young people, where the best places to advertise would be and who to talk to, so that these services are known to Young People.

Louise asked Members to think about ideas for posters to advertise these services. All ideas should be emailed to her by August 2012 for the new academic year.

#### **14. YOUTH PROJECT OF YEAR**

Diane advised that 5 projects had been visited and there were 11 more to visit.

Members commented on the places they had visited.

Diane congratulated Members on the visits and feedback they had produced. Further visits would be arranged.

#### **15. CONSTITUTION**

Simon explained that Youth Council Constitution was a document that governs how the Youth Council operates; reviewed annually to make sure that it's appropriate.

Members wanted to discuss their aims and objectives for their term of office at a future meeting.

**AGREED** that no changes are required and that the Constitution be confirmed.

#### **16. TORCH RELAY VOLUNTEERS**

Diane advised that she would like to work out a rota for youth councillors volunteering for the day, putting members into teams.

Sam enquired whether she could sell jewellery to raise funds for the Youth Council.

**AGREED** that Diane to check on the legal protocol for selling.

#### **17. NEW SUBMISSION FORMS RECEIVED**

Robert Halfon and Harlow Youth Council

Members decided to accept the invitation to meet with the Harlow Youth Council and MP Robert Halfon with a meal at Nando's afterwards.

#### **18. JACK PETCHEY AWARD WINNER**

Diane advised that Jaymey had won the Jack Petchey award.

#### **19. YOUTH COUNCIL CUP**

The Youth Council Cup was awarded to Carina.

#### **20. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- (i) Chairman for the next meeting would be Grace and Stacey would be Vice Chairman.
- (ii) Business for consideration at the next meeting:
  - Edward – Would like Members to discuss the aims and objectives of the Youth Council for their term.
  - Tash – To feed back on the mystery visit.

- Evie – Suggested meeting with Eleanor Laing – Evie to draft letter to MP Eleanor Laing and send to Diane.

**21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

(a) Notices by Diane

- Diane Thurrock Youth Council approached Members to join them on an activities day on 1 August 2012.
- Diane wanted Members to promote their Youth Council within schools, producing packs and posters for their school notice boards.
- Diane asked members about their suggestion boxes.
- Diane reported that 900 hits had been on the Youth Council website in the last month. Discussion would be required at the next meeting on the use of the Twitter account for Members as Youth Councillors.
- Lucy asked Members to complete evaluation forms in for the speed meeting.

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

The next meeting would be held on 3 July 2012 at 19:00 – 21:00, Civic Offices.

**CHAIRMAN**