



Epping Forest
Youth Council

MINUTES

Committee: Epping Forest Youth Council **Date:** Tuesday, 17 June 2014

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping **Time:** 7.30 - 9.00 pm

Members Present: G Miller (Chairman), J Turrell (Vice-Chairman), D Atanassov, L Berry, D Bridger, T Bromich, R Compton, F Ekhteyary, E Foster, R Kerr, C McKendrick, J Pascoe, F Skipper, O Storey, M Tinker, H Towns, L Troshupa, Jaymey Mclvor, I Padwick and N Watkis-Popat

Apologies: J Chandler

Officers Present: D Butler (Young Persons Officer), R Perrin (Democratic Services Assistant), G Wallis (Community Development Officer) and L Doherty (Young Person's Assistant)

Guest Present: Ms H Kane (Waltham Abbey South West)

11. CONFIRMATION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

Noted that George would be Chairman for the meeting and Julie was the Vice-Chairman.

12. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

Noted that the previous minutes of the meeting held on 6 May 2014 be taken and read as a correct record.

13. JULIE CHANDLER - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Julie Chandler had sent her apologies and would reschedule for a future meeting.

14. COUNCILLOR KANE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Councillor Kane, the new Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Community Services attended the meeting to introduce herself to the Youth Council and see what happened at the meetings.

15. FEEDBACK FROM EVENTS

- a) Jack Petchey Speak Out Event

Julie advised that she had attended the event as a judge. The Jack Petchey's 'Speak Out Challenge!' was the largest speaking competition for young people in the world. The Champions would now be put forward to the national finals.

b) Radio Project

Doncho advised that a number of Youth Councillors had attended the event, which involved creating a radio advert and promoting the Youth Council.

c) Pamper Event

Leonora advised that she had attended the Pamper Event at Way2000 a Waltham Abbey Youth Club with Chloe and Hazel.

16. ITEMS OF BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Age ID Cards for Young People

Matthew advised that the Sixth Form Oyster cards had 'date of birth information', so TFL could be approached to include young people from the age they attend secondary school. He added that Citizen Cards for educational groups could be obtained for free, although a nominated teacher would need to be responsible for the application forms and distribution of the cards. Members interested in taking this idea to their schools, can get further information from www.citizencard.com

2. Tube Map

Joe advised that he had received comments about additional clubs to be added and that more diversity was required.

ACTION: To discuss improving the tube map at the project meeting on 15 July 2014.

3. Future Projects.

Doncho – To improve relationships between schools in a positive way rather than competitive way.

Leonora – To improve access to help for victim of bullying. Various ideas were discussed including memory sticks, a website and promoting current websites.

G Wallis advised that funding needed to be thought about for any future projects and how the Youth Council could raise funds to support the project groups.

ACTION: The various ideas to be discussed at the project meeting 15 July 2014, to allow Youth Councillors to decide on future projects.

4. School Issues

Leonora advised of older pupils disrespecting younger pupils on public transport to and from school.

ACTION: PC Zoe Walker, Youth Officer to be invited to a future meet with the Youth Council to discuss school issues.

5. Youth Council app

George advised that creating an app for the Youth Council was easy and could be produced for free using the web. The application would be able to promote all of the Youth Councils projects. Matthew advised that not all of the app's sites were free and it would need some consideration.

ACTION: Di to discuss with PR the creation of an app for the Youth Council.

17. SUBMISSION FORMS

There were no submission forms received.

18. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

- (i) The Chairman for the next meeting would be Julie and the Vice-Chairman would be Joe.
- (ii) Business for the next meeting raised by Youth Councillors;
 - Neighbourhood Action Panel (NAP) – Jaymey advised Youth Councillors that he attended his local NAP, which provide information and contact with the local Police. Anyone could join their local NAP, it just required searching on the internet for the local meeting point.
 - School Council – Joe advised that he and Julie were attending their school council and would report back.

ACTION: ALL Members to contact and meet their School Councils.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Notices by Diane;

- 'Be the Change' Essex Police Crime Commissioner Youth Conference on the 1st July. There are 4 places and you must be between 15 and 18 years old to attend.
- Local Democracy Week – Tuesday 14 October 2014. The Question Time type event to be held by the Youth Council involving attendees from secondary schools to celebrate Democracy Week.
- Speed Meeting Event – Wednesday 9 July 2014. Youth Councils to meet senior officers within the Council and Councillors.
- Jack Petchey Awards – Each year Youth Councillors can nominate another to win a Jack Petchey award for their contribution to the Youth Council work and volunteering. Nominations would be required shortly.

(b) Notices by Lexi;

- Youth Strategy Group – Jaymey, Olivia and Fred to attend the meeting on 25 June 2014.
- North Weald Association Anniversary – 5 July 2014, North Weald Methodist Church, attendees must advise Di or Lexi.
- Jack Petchey Speak Out Final – Monday 14 July 2014 in London. Tickets can be obtained through the website.
- Rural Routes - Fyfield – Saturday 9 August 2014. Any volunteers must advise Di or Lexi.
- O2 Bid – George, Julie and Joe volunteered to put together a bid for the O2 funding.
- It's a Knock out - Debden, Loughton – Saturday 12 July 2014. Teams of 10 are required at a cost of £10 each. Funds were being raised for the Haven

House Children's Hospice If Youth Councillors wanted to enter, it had to be funded by themselves.

- Facebook '**EFYC – Epping Forest Youth Council**' – Please use the correct Youth Council page on Facebook.

(c) Youth Councillor Notices

- Town Mead Faye – 28-29 June 2014. Chloe would be attending and would hand out business cards.

20. DATE(S) FOR NEXT MEETING(S)

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 8 July 2014 from 19:30 – 21.00 at the Civic Offices, Epping.

CHAIRMAN