



**Youth Council Meeting  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

**Minutes**

**Chair:** Martin Prinsloo

**Vice Chair:** Riya Bhargava

**Attended:** Sonny Bazzoni, Riya Bhargava, Matthew Carter, Frank Cullis, Martin Prinsloo, Oscar Prosser, Sydnae Smith, Daniel Turner.

**Apologies:** Zaara Ahmed, Alec Ivanov, Cameron Khadem, Lauren Marks, Natalie Moffat, Bianca Nedelcu, Aliza Zarras. Alison Hodgkinson Davenant Foundation school and Mr Ahmed, Epping St Johns school.

**Officers:** Di Gilson-Butler, Isabella Cray.

**Item 1. Introductions and Welcome by Chairman Martin Prinsloo**

Martin welcomed Youth Councillors and officers to the meeting

**Item 2. Apologies for absence**

The following Youth Councillors had sent apologies. Zaara Ahmed, Alec Ivanov, Cameron Khadem, Lauren Marks, Natalie Moffat, Bianca Nedelcu, Aliza Zarras. It was noted that pupils are preparing for their mock exams.

**Item 3. Climate Action introduction and feedback from schools**

**i) Davenant Foundation school.** Oscar reported that two school councillors are in discussion with the leader of the school garden, Mr Pickhaver, who has been looking into environmental improvements that the school can make, but to date this has not been actioned. In the school garden they have planted and started to grow crops to use in food tech lessons to reduce buying. Also planting fruit trees.

**ii) Debden Park High school.** Daniel reported that the school rents their land and therefore there are many restrictions to what they can do. The school sub-contracts their food suppliers and have little control over the food supplied. There is also a lack of space to recycle waste.

**Action – Daniel to send school email to Di.**

**iii) Epping St Johns School.** Mr Ahmed from Epping St Johns is unable to attend tonight meeting as Epping St Johns have parents evening. Mr Ahmed has kindly sent Epping St John's Green action plan.

Programme	Action
The school now has Meat free Mondays	This is to encourage students to have a Meat free Monday to lower pupils and staff's meat consumption, which is important because meat and dairy consumption account for 14.5% of global greenhouse emissions.
Greening the curriculum	The school have been working hard to Embed the climate emergency in the curriculum, to raise awareness of the critical danger our planet is in. All subjects from Science to Art to English should teach pupils about the climate emergency.
Going Green	This is to Encourage students to be responsible for their planet by switching off lights in the classrooms, when not needed, recycling more and discouraging waste.

**iv) New City College.** Matthew Carter is the Eco & Sustainability representative on the student union. They are offering meat free Mondays, removing plastic bottles in the college shops and phasing out single use plastic. They are using sustainably sourced and locally produced foods. They are introducing aluminium cans to reduce plastic bottle consumption. They are also knocking down one of their campus and rebuilding it to make it more sustainable. This will include electric chargers in every carpark. Also implementing carbon literacy training for teachers and planting 100 trees in the district. They are also promoting the use of public transport.

**Action - Matthew to send EFYC all actions taking place  
Matthew to send ECC grant information to Gerry McDonald CEO**

**v) Roding Valley High school** – Sydnae reported they have fitted Carbon Dioxide Monitors in every classroom and monitoring ventilation.

**vi) West Hatch High School** – awaiting feedback.

#### **Item 4. EFYC Election update**

34 candidates have submitted their nominations. The following 5 schools will have elections.

- Davenant Foundation have 8 candidates.  
Election on Tuesday 8 March
- Roding Valley High school have 10 candidates.  
Election on Thursday 10 March
- Braeside school have 3 candidates.  
Election on Monday 14 March
- King Harold Academy have 3 candidates.  
Election on Wednesday 16 March
- Epping St Johns to confirm their date. They have 4 candidates.

## **Item 5. EFYC Any other business**

i) **Digital Strategy survey.** Youth Councillors to complete the survey before meeting next week. <https://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/digital-strategy-consultation/>

### **ii) Questions for the Leader**

Questions received to date. Deadline for questions is 1 March.

Following suggestions from the youth council, what has changed within the community through the youth council? **Lauren Marks**

How do you think the youth council benefits the council and the whole of the Epping Forest district? **Natalie Moffat**

What are your future plans to reduce the CO2 emissions within the district and to help contribute to slowing down climate change?

**Bianca Nedelcu**

Do you feel the youth council influences the district council on a daily basis? **Daniel Turner**

What has the council learnt from its two years of Covid response, and what will it take away? **Finlay Wallbanks**

**iii) Overview & Scrutiny Committee** EFYC presentation will be by Martin, Daniel, Sonny and Finlay. Rehearsals will be Tuesday 29 March at the civic.

### **Action: Watch previous O & S presentations**

15 April 2021 [https://eppingforestdc.public-tv/core/portal/webcast\\_interactive/561467/start\\_time/399000/tab/timeline](https://eppingforestdc.public-tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/561467/start_time/399000/tab/timeline)

16 July 2020 [https://eppingforestdc.public-tv/core/portal/webcast\\_interactive/495626?fbclid=IwAR2Rz58rSwOI\\_cO\\_K5fDCoNa33C5ILVyl2qdGX1B9hGxoia4g4g8sIU19ew](https://eppingforestdc.public-tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/495626?fbclid=IwAR2Rz58rSwOI_cO_K5fDCoNa33C5ILVyl2qdGX1B9hGxoia4g4g8sIU19ew)

26 February 2018 <https://docplayer.net/204868718-Epping-forest-district-council-overview-and-scrutiny-minutes.html>

### **iv) MiLife Evaluation Filming**

Meeting with Luke from RBF on Tuesday 22 March @ Civic Offices

### **v) Canal clean-up day**

Tues 5 April with Canalability and River and Canal Trust at the Roydon

### **vi) Meet the new Youth Council 2022 – 2024**

Tuesday 12 April there will be a Q & A with the 2020 – 2022 Youth Councillors

### **vii) EFYC cup winners.**

The 8 cup winners are invited to attend the Chairman's Civic awards on Saturday 19 March.

**Action: Please confirm attendance**