



# Congleton Town Council

Historic market town

Town Clerk: **BRIAN HOGAN**



11<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Dear Youth Councillor

## Youth Committee – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Youth Committee, to be held in the Spencer Suite of the Town Hall, High Street, Congleton on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7 p.m.**

Yours sincerely

Linda Minshull  
Civic Administration Officer

## AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of Last Meeting

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016, and the meeting with Fiona Bruce M.P. also on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015 as a correct record. (Copy enclosed).

3. Membership

To discuss membership and recruitment and to Co-Opt any new members.

4. Youth Committee Project - Employment

To discuss progress of this project.

5. Youth Committee Honorary Burgess

To discuss the presentations of Youth Committee Burgess to Joe Hearson and Tom Heyes.



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6. Youth Committee Bank Account

To confirm the activity on the Bank Account.

7. Youth Committee Members Items

Any items that Youth Committee members wish to raise.

8. Date of Next Meeting

To confirm the date of the next meeting.

To: Members of Congleton Town Council Youth Committee, Councillors Barker, Hayes, Mrs. Holland and Mrs. Wardlaw.

# Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015 in the Town Hall, Congleton

PRESENT Youth Councillor Matthew Jones (Chairman)  
Jamie Bernardi  
Sophie Hammond  
Bella Statham  
Arabella Holland  
Tom Heyes  
Thomas Minshull  
Michael Howell  
Zak Roberts

Councillor Glen Williams  
Linda Minshull

## 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Larry Barker, George Hayes, Sally Holland and Liz Wardlaw.

## 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

## 3. MEMBERSHIP

A discussion took place regarding membership and recruitment and it was again noted that there is a shortage of members from Eaton Bank but otherwise membership was strong. It was noted that this would be the last meeting as a formal member for Tom Heyes as he was soon to reach the upper age limit. It was –

**RESOLVED** – to co-opt Michael Howell as a member of the Committee. Michael submitted his signed form to Linda.

## 4. WEBSITE

Nathan was unable to attend the meeting but had provided two detailed reports, Site Development Plan 2015-16 and Project Reboot Action Plan.

A long discussion took place regarding the use of the site and the problems encountered with encouraging organisations to use the facility. It was acknowledged that the Website concept remains an excellent idea to provide information but it was agreed that this project would not be the focus for the Committee at the present time. It was

**RESOLVED** – To use facebook to provide information and promote opportunities at the current time. Not to renew the current subscription of £50 in January but to keep the option open to renew in the future. Matthew would contact Nathan to discuss the information with him.

**5. YOUTH COMMITTEE PROJECT - EMPLOYMENT**

An update was given to members not at the earlier meeting with Fiona Bruce M.P. on employment opportunities in Congleton. It was

RESOLVED – to accept the actions agreed at the meeting with Fiona.

It was also agreed to use the Neighbourhood Plan consultation to give our views and to use facebook to promote information on our projects.

**6. YOUTH FORUM**

Glen gave an update on the Youth Forum Meeting. He reported that two portable basketball hoops had been purchased for a cost of £500. This would enable youth groups in the town to borrow the items from time to time. The hoops will be available for Detached Youth Workers to use for events. There is approximately £700 left for basketball equipment to be purchased and sited around the town. Glen will work with Matthew to identify specific sites. Glen confirmed that he will contact Linda when the £150 is required from the Youth account.

A discussion took place with Glen regarding Anti Social Behaviour and related health problems. It was agreed that the Youth Committee would support the Youth Forum in their projects.

There was a discussion regarding the future Youth Festival and members will work with the Carnival Committee on the event.

**7. YOUTH COMMITTEE HONORARY BURGESS**

At the last meeting it was agreed to award Joseph Hearson a Youth Committee Honorary Burgess. A discussion took place regarding the presentation and it was agreed to purchase an engraved pen. There will also be a certificate and formal letter. It was agreed for Linda to contact Joe to arrange the presentation to be at our next Youth Committee Meeting or Town Council Meeting.

It was acknowledged that Tom Heyes was now at the upper age limit and would be leaving as a formal member. It was acknowledged that Tom has been a committed member of the Committee and also a Mayor's Cadet and it was

RESOLVED – to nominate Tom Heyes as a Youth Committee Burgess. Linda will write to Tom informing him of the decision. It was also agreed that the presentation to Tom would be made at a separate meeting to the presentation to Joe.

**8. YOUTH COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT**

It was reported that the balance is £638.92

9. **YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ITEMS**

There were no other items.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – 7 p.m. – Congleton Town Hall.

Matthew Jones (Chairman)

## **Congleton Town Council**

Minutes of the meeting with Fiona Bruce M.P. and the Youth Committee held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015 in the Town Hall, Congleton

PRESENT Youth Councillor Matthew Jones (Chairman)  
Jamie Bernardi  
Thomas Minshull  
Bella Statham  
Arabella Holland  
Michael Howell  
Councillor Sally Holland  
Linda Minshull  
Fiona Bruce M.P.

### **YOUTH COMMITTEE PROJECT - EMPLOYMENT**

A long discussion took place with Fiona Bruce M.P. and members of the Committee regarding employment opportunities in Congleton. It was agreed that there was a lack of good quality jobs in the Town and therefore many young people found it necessary to move away from the area to further their career.

It was acknowledged that there are good schools in Congleton but often students have insufficient information on career options. It was agreed to contact the schools to discuss working with them to organise a careers event.

The meeting discussed volunteering opportunities for young people. Fiona talked about the programmes offered by the National Citizen Service. It was noted that they do not have a base in Congleton.

Fiona stated that she had a meeting in the New Year with the Prime Minister to discuss Planning Policy in respect of the allocation of land for employment.

The following actions were agreed –

The Youth Committee would formally write to Fiona with their views on employment opportunities in Congleton.

Fiona would make arrangements for the letter to be presented to Government.

To work together with Fiona and the schools to organise a Careers event.

To contact David Watson and members of the Chamber of Commerce for support with a careers event, to include information on apprenticeship opportunities.

To contact the National Citizen Service to explore whether it would be possible for a local base to be provided.

To work with Councillor George Hayes to recruit new members from Eaton Bank Academy.

Matthew Jones (Chairman)