

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on Monday 11th April 2016 in the Town Hall, Congleton

PRESENT Youth Councillor Matthew Jones (Chairman)

Jade Allen
Jamie Bernardi
Bella Statham
Arabella Holland
Thomas Minshull
Sebastian Nixon

Tom Heyes

Councillor Sally Holland
Councillor George Hayes
Councillor Anna Morrison
Linda Minshull

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Sophie Hammond, Michael Howell, Zak Roberts and Councillor Liz Wardlaw

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 22nd February 2015 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. Membership

A discussion took place regarding membership. It was acknowledged that membership of the Committee remains strong. Thomas Minshull will be 20 in May and several other members will be approaching the upper age limit so it will be necessary to recruit a few new members during the coming year. It was agreed that it is best to have a range of ages rather than recruiting just from Year 12 or 13. Sebastian discussed some ideas for recruitment particularly at Eaton Bank. It was agreed for members to provide some information to students at the end of the academic year but to focus a recruitment campaign in September.

4. YOUTH COMMITTEE VISIT TO LONDON

Linda provided members with a copy of the letter received on 8th April from Brandon Lewis M.P. in reply to the Youth Committee letter presented to Downing Street.

Members were informed of the thank you letter from Fiona Bruce M.P.

The Committee then discussed the remaining actions from the meeting with Fiona in December. Careers events were either planned or had taken place at the High Schools and Matt agreed to gather information from the events to see if any more work needed to be actioned. George agreed to work with Sebastian on recruitment of new members from Eaton Bank.

5. READESMORE MEDICAL CENTRE

Jamie provided information on his role on the Patient Panel at the Medical Centre. He will continue to attend when he is able to but asked members if they could contact him if they know of anyone who is a patient at the surgery who would like to join the panel.

6. JEANNE WHITEHURST FELLOWSHIP AWARD

A discussion took place regarding the four applications for the Jeanne Whitehurst Award. It was agreed that Linda would copy the forms with the names and address of the person removed and members would meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday 14th April to assess the nominations.

7. YOUTH COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT

It was reported that the balance is £548.92 as at 11th April 2016.

8. YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ITEMS

Linda informed members of the following items -

Town Council - Thursday 14th April – 7 p.m.

Annual Town Meeting – Thursday 28th April – 7 p.m.

Mayor Making – Thursday 12th May – 7 p.m.

Civic Service – Sunday 19th June – Service at St Peter's 3 p.m.

Letter received at the Town Council from Madeline Summerfield. This is being actioned by Congleton Partnership but Linda would inform members if any support is requested from the Youth Committee.

Matt provided information on the Youth Forum meeting he had attended.

Matt said he would see if any support is required for the Carnival.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 31st May – 12 noon.

Matthew Jones (Chairman)