

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on Monday 19th October 2015 in the Town Hall, Congleton

PRESENT Youth Councillor Joseph Hearson (Chairman)
Sophie Hammond
Bella Statham
Arabella Holland
Matthew Jones

Sebastian Nixon
Alastair Kennington
Edward Akers Smith
Adam Bailey
Tom Wright

Mr David Hermitt
Councillor Sally Holland
Councillor Suzi Akers Smith
Linda Minshull

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Jamie Bernardi, Thomas Minshull, Zac Roberts and Councillors Larry Barker, George Hayes and Liz Wardlaw.

2. **WELCOME**

Joe introduced and welcomed the guests to the meeting and stated that he hoped that they would find it interesting and informative.

3. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 21st September 2015 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. **COUNTRY PARK AND CYCLING CIRCUIT**

Councillor Suzie Akers Smith gave a presentation on a country park and cycling circuit. The Committee agreed that this initiative would be of great benefit to the area and

RESOLVED – to write to Councillor Akers Smith formally giving support to the initiative.

5. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED – (i) That Matthew Jones be elected as Chairman of the Youth Committee for the forthcoming year.

(i i) That Bella Statham be elected as Vice Chairman of the Youth Committee for the forthcoming year.

The new Chairman took over the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

6. **UPDATE BY JOSEPH HEARSON**

Joe read out a letter resigning from the Committee and reflecting his views during his two years as Chairman. It was agreed that Joe's letter would be read out at the next Town Council meeting. The Committee wished to note their thanks to him for all his hard work, commitment and enthusiasm during his three years as a member and particularly his time as Chairman. Linda will send a formal letter of thanks.

7. **MEMBERSHIP**

A discussion took place regarding membership and recruitment. It was noted that there is a shortage of members from Eaton Bank. It was agreed that a recruitment exercise would be carried out at both schools. Other means of promotion would be used including social media, Bear Necessities and the Chronicle.

Several of the young people attending the Committee for the first time indicated that they would like to join and Linda agreed to contact them with information on Co-Option.

Mr Hermitt suggested that if the Youth Committee had a budget allocated by the Town Council they would be able to be in control of the delivery of some initiatives.

8. **YOUTH COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT**

It was reported that the balance is £638.92

9. **YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ITEMS**

Website

Matt reported on updates he had with Nathan regarding the Website. It was acknowledged that, although the Website was a great initiative, there was little support from organisations to use the site. It was agreed to invite Nathan to a future meeting, possibly around Christmas, to discuss the future of the project.

Dates

Linda informed the Committee of the following dates.

Town Council Meeting – Thursday 29th October – 7 p.m.

Remembrance Sunday – 8th November – Assemble at Booth Street
(Cricket Club) 10.15 a.m.

Carnival Meeting

Matt gave an update on a Carnival meeting he had attended.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 23rd November 2015 – 7 p.m. – Congleton Town Hall

Matthew Jones (Chairman)