

# Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 in the Town Hall, Congleton

PRESENT Youth Councillor Matthew Jones (Chairman)  
Sophie Hammond  
Bella Statham  
Arabella Holland  
Tom Heyes

Paris Hamilton  
Michael Howell

Councillor Sally Holland  
Councillor George Hayes  
Linda Minshull

## 1. **APOLOGIES**

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

## 2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

## 3. **YOUTH COMMITTEE HONORARY BURGESS**

A discussion took place regarding the title of Youth Committee Honorary Burgess which was included into the Constitution in 2014. The Committee may award the title Honorary Burgess in recognition of service to the Youth Committee. There is no legal significance to this title nor does it confer any rights or privileges. Burgesses are however, invited to Youth Committee meetings and events. It was

**RESOLVED** – to nominate Joseph Hearson as a Youth Committee Burgess. Linda will write to Joe informing him of the decision.

## 4. **MEMBERSHIP**

A discussion took place regarding membership and recruitment and it was again noted that there is a shortage of members from Eaton Bank. Linda will contact Seb Nixon from Eaton Bank to clarify whether he would like to join. Linda confirmed that Adam Bailey, Head Boy at Congleton High, has confirmed that he has decided not to join the Committee but would be happy to help with promotion. The Chairman welcomed Paris and Michael, potential new members to the meeting.

**5. YOUTH COMMITTEE PROJECT - EMPLOYMENT**

Councillor George Hayes gave an update on a meeting he had attended with Fiona Bruce M.P., Cheshire East Councillors and Business Representatives to discuss economic benefits of the Link Road. Fiona had asked George to consult with the Youth Committee about being involved with a project to gather information from young people on employment aspirations. A discussion took place regarding our involvement and time scale. It was agreed that it may be possible to conduct another survey on Survey Monkey. It was agreed that the Committee would like to discuss the project in more detail with Fiona and Linda will contact her office to arrange.

A discussion took place regarding alternative projects which the Committee may like to consider and these included

- Anti-Social Behavior
- Youth Crime
- Mental Health
- Bullying
- Sport and Activities

**6. WEBSITE**

Matt gave an update on discussions he had with Nathan and informed members that Nathan will attend our next meeting.

**7. YOUTH COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT**

It was reported that the balance is £638.92

**8. YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ITEMS**

Link Councillors

A discussion took place regarding Councillor attendance and it was agreed that Brian would clarify the procedure.

Dates

Linda informed the Committee of the following dates.

Town Council Meeting – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – 7 p.m. followed by Christmas reception.

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015 – 3.30 p.m. – Congleton Town Hall. A Christmas Social event will be arranged for either Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December or Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

Matthew Jones (Chairman)

