

# Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014 in the Town Hall, Congleton

PRESENT Youth Councillor Joseph Hearson (Chairman)  
Catherine Hassell  
Thomas Minshull  
Jamie Bernardi  
Kirby Jennings

Councillor Liz Wardlaw  
Councillor Denis Murphy

Linda Minshull

Dominic Rogers, Youth Ambassador to the Police and Crime Commissioner also attended the meeting.

## 1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Jordan Goodwin, Tom Heyes and Matthew Jones and Councillor Larry Barker.

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

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record with the addition of the attendance of Councillor Liz Wardlaw being added to the minutes.

## 3. **YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

Dominic Rogers, Youth Ambassador to the Police and Crime Commissioner gave an update on his role. He explained that he represents the views of young people under the age of 25. He works with young people whether they are perpetrators or victims of crime. Dominic gave information on the types of projects he is involved with and hopes to work with the Youth Committee on a range of issues.

## 4. **YOUTH COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP**

Joe gave an update on a meeting he and Linda had with Larry to discuss various changes to the Constitution. Larry had drafted the changes and members were given a copy to review and bring their comments to next meeting.

## 5. **QUESTIONNAIRE**

Joe and Jamie gave an update on the questionnaire. Linda confirmed that the payment had been sent to Survey Monkey and it should take about a week for them to set up the account.

**6. BRITISH YOUTH COUNCILLOR SHADOWING ADWARDS SCHEME**

Linda confirmed that the scheme had been approved at the previous Town Council Meeting and she was very pleased that so many Councillors offered to participate in the scheme. Linda asked Youth Committee members to confirm to her if they wished to be involved and if they had a preference of a Councillor to Shadow and she would make the necessary arrangements.

**7. PAST AND FUTURE PROJECTS**

The questionnaire is the main current project. Once the results have been collated a report will be produced. It is envisaged that this will be presented to Fiona Bruce M.P. with a view to focusing the work of the Committee.

It is anticipated that the Drugs Intervention Project will continue in the schools. It is also hoped that another hustling style event will be organised towards the end of the year with the focus on the 2015 elections.

**8. YOUTH COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERING WEBSITE**

Cathie gave an update on discussions with Nathan and confirmed that she now has the passwords.

**9. JEANNE WHITEHURST AWARD**

Joe and Cathie confirmed that promotion of the award had taken place in both schools and they were confident that nominations would be received. Linda confirmed that the scheme had also been promoted to Youth Forum members.

**10. YOUTH COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT**

It was reported that the balance is £673.92.

**11. YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ITEMS**

Patient Panel – Readesmoor Medical Group Practice

Joe introduced this item and asked Councillor Denis Murphy to give an update on the Patient Panel. Denis gave an overview and explained that the Panel is looking for a young person who is a patient at the practice to attend their meetings. Jamie expressed an interest and Linda asked him to give it some thought and then confirm to her if he was able to help and she would make the arrangements.

Mayor's Ball

Linda confirmed that the Mayor's Ball takes place on 14<sup>th</sup> March and requested replies from members.

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Jamie expressed concerns regarding the possibility of the new Leisure Trust taking control of Hankinson's Field. Denis gave information on plans for the disposal of open space by Cheshire East and said he would keep the Youth Committee updated on any information he has and forward Youth Committee concerns in meetings he attends.

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014 – 7 p.m.

Joseph Hearson (Chairman)