

Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on Wednesday, 12th October 2011 in the Town Hall, Congleton

PRESENT Youth Councillor Jon Foster (Chairman)
Beth Evans
Hannah Booth
Matthew Procter
Alex Rushton
Emma Satchwell

Mrs. Linda Minshull (Congleton Town Council)

Councillor George Hayes
Councillor Larry Barker
Councillor Mrs Sally-Ann Holland
Councillor Mrs. Liz Wardlaw

Ellen Wilkinson
Gabrielle Booth

Lynne Tweats – National Health Service

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Jack Schofield who is working and Lesley Lewis who is away at University.

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

RESOLVED – That the Notes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 13th September 2011 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

RESOLVED – That Emma Satchwell be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Youth Committee.

4. **MEMBERSHIP**

The existing membership of the Committee was discussed in view of some members now moving away from Congleton to attend University. It was agreed that Lesley Lewis now be offered membership as a Youth Advisor and this will then make three spaces available on the Committee for new members.

Ellen Wilkinson and Gabrielle Booth expressed an interest in becoming members of the Committee and it was

RESOLVED – That Ellen Wilkinson and Gabrielle Booth be made members of the Youth Committee.

5. CONSTITUTION

A discussion took place regarding the formal constitution of the Youth Committee. Linda updated members of the background to the original formation of the Youth Committee and that the aim was to provide access for young people to the decision maker's in the Town and represent the views of young people.

It was agreed that the Committee has evolved and changed during the years and it was now necessary to make changes to our constitution to reflect the work of the Committee. It was

RESOLVED – That a sub-group consisting of Jon, Emma, Alex, Larry and Linda would discuss this item in more detail and report back to the Committee. Linda will arrange a convenient date for a meeting.

6. QUESTIONNAIRE

A discussion took place regarding the questionnaire. It was agreed that minor changes be made and then a small pilot study be undertaken. This will be discussed at our next meeting prior to the full survey.

7. YOUTH SERVICES

Lynne Tweats of the National Health Service at Macclesfield Hospital gave a presentation on her work on risk assessments for work experience at the hospital. Lynne provided sample documents. The Committee thanked Lynne for the information. It was

RESOLVED - That George and Linda use this information in the meeting scheduled for 1st November at Congleton High School.

8. CONGLETON CHRONICLE COLUMN

It was reported that the first column had been published in the Congleton Chronicle. Another report will be produced after this meeting.

9. YOUTH COMMITTEE TRIP/SOCIAL ACTION EVENT

No decision on this item was made. It may be reviewed at a future date.

10. YOUTH COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT

Linda confirmed the balance on the account remains at £305.70.

Fund raising events will be stalls at the Bonfire and Christmas Lights Switch-On.

11. CHARITY BALL

It was confirmed that this event was cancelled due to insufficient ticket sales.

12. QUESTION TIME EVENT

It was agreed to postpone this event until February when the results of the Youth Survey will be available.

13. YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ITEMS

U.S. Embassy

Linda informed the meeting of information from the US Embassy. They would be able to arrange for a speaker to attend at meeting in Congleton at no charge. It was agreed that this could be developed into a Youth Committee event inviting the young people in the town and other youth committees.

Remembrance Events

Linda informed members that they are welcome to attend the remembrance events – Saturday 12th November St. Mary's Church – 10.50 a.m. – Sunday 13th November – Parade and Service – meet at the cricket club at 10.15 a.m. Jon will lay the wreath on behalf of the Youth Committee.

December Meeting

It was agreed that a meeting be arranged for Tuesday 20th December in the day when members of the Youth Committee's of other towns could be invited. Linda will make the arrangements.

Radio 4 – Any Questions?

Linda informed the meeting that there is a form to apply to the BBC. Jon and Matthew will action this item.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 16th November 2011 – 7 p.m.

Tuesday 20th December 2011 – in the day – time to be confirmed later

Jon Foster (Chairman)