

# Congleton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Committee held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in the Town Hall, Congleton

PRESENT Youth Councillor Joseph Hearson (Chairman)  
Catherine Hassell  
Thomas Minshull  
Jamie Bernardi  
Tom Heyes  
Matthew Jones  
Kirby Jennings  
Arabella Holland

Councillor Liz Wardlaw  
Councillor George Hayes

Linda Minshull

Also in attendance Town Councillor Paul Bates and prospective new member Bella Statham

## 1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Jordan Goodwin and Councillor Sally Holland.

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

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

## 3. **YOUNG PEOPLES VIEWS**

Michael Gilson MA, Senior Lecturer in Youth and Community Work at Newman University in Birmingham gave a presentation on a research project he is undertaking to explore with young people in Congleton their thoughts and feelings regarding a sense of place and belonging in the Town.

He would like to work with the Youth Committee, and other groups of young people in Congleton, to conduct an appraisal of their inclusion in local decision making processes with particular reference to the proposed developments under the National Planning Policy Framework. It was agreed that should the Youth Committee resolve to be included in his study they would be credited in the report with their contribution and also be provided with a copy of the report.

**RESOLVED:** That the Youth Committee work with Michael Gilson on his research project and for Linda to contact him thanking him for his presentation and organising a workshop.

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

A meeting was arranged with Larry to discuss the Constitution on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

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

This item will be presented to the Town Council on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014 asking for Councillors to volunteer to participate.

6. **PAST AND FUTURE PROJECTS**

Questionnaire

A discussion took place regarding the final changes to the questionnaire and the additional questions from the Youth Forum. Joe will make the amendments.

Jamie gave information on Survey Monkey and the necessary costs. It was agreed that Linda would discuss with the Town Council regarding which budget would be used to pay for the survey.

7. **YOUTH COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERING WEBSITE**

Cathie gave an update on discussions with Nathan and agreed to contact him for the required passwords.

8. **YOUTH COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT**

It was reported that the balance is £673.92.

9. **YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ITEMS**

Town Council Meeting

Linda reminded members that there is a Town Council Meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January and encouraged members to attend.

Jeanne Whitehurst Award

A discussion took place regarding the promotion of the Award and members will be discussing the initiative in assemblies in their schools.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014 – 7 p.m.

Joseph Hearson (Chairman)

